

ANTHRO CLUB NEWS

March 2007

Welcome to the March 2007 edition of the Anthro Club News. The searches for the two Tenure-Track Assistant Professors in Archeology have now been concluded. Dr. Jeffery Glover and Dr. Despina Margomenou will be joining us as permanent faculty next academic year. Thank you for providing your input during the searches. It was much appreciated!

Opportunities of the Moment

NSF - ANTHROPOLOGY SUMMER TRAINING IN RESEARCH DESIGN AND FIELD METHODS

With this note we would like to bring to your attention four training initiatives in research design and methods for 2007. The Cultural Anthropology Program at NSF funds these initiatives, which are for Ph.D. students and holders of the Ph.D. in cultural anthropology. More information and application forms are available on the Methods Mall site, www.qualquant.net/training/. We would appreciate it if you could circulate this announcement among your Ph.D. students.

Field methods in Bolivia (for Ph.D. students). Now in its fourth year, this training program takes place among the Tsimane', a native Amazonian society of farmers and foragers in Bolivia and is directed by R. Godoy (Brandeis). Training focuses on methods to collect ecological, demographic, economic, cognitive, anthropometric, and health data. The training builds on and is informed by a panel study in progress since 1999, and lasts 6-7 weeks. Faculty include W. Leonard and T. McDade (Northwestern), L. Gravlee and J.R. Stepp (Florida), and V. Reyes-García (Barcelona). Tentative dates are June 11-July 27.

Research design (for Ph.D. students). Now in its 12th year, the Summer Institute on Research Design will be held during July 16-August 3, on the campus of the Duke University Marine Laboratory, North Carolina. J. C. Johnson (East Carolina), S. Weller (Texas - Medical Branch), and H. R. Bernard (Florida) co-direct the course. Topics include research design, measurement and statistics, ethnographic decision modeling, and text, network, and cultural domain analysis. The main focus is on helping students prepare proposals for NSF's Dissertation Strengthening Grant program.

Short courses on research methods (for holders of a Ph.D.). Now in its third year, the Short Courses on Research Methods program is for cultural anthropologists with a Ph.D. Training will take place on the campus of the Duke University Marine Laboratory in Beaufort, North Carolina. Three courses, each lasting five days, will be offered: (a) Methods of Behavioral Observation (July 16-20) by R. Hames (Nebraska) and M. Paolisso (Maryland); (b) Survey Research Methods (July 23-27) by W. Dressler (Alabama) and K. Oths (Alabama); and (c) Methods in Ethnoecology (July 30-August 3) by G. Martin (Global Diversity Foundation) and J. R. Stepp (Florida). Applicants may apply for one, two, or three courses.

Workshops in Research Methods in Anthropology (for all cultural anthropologists). Beginning in 2007, a series of one-day workshops will be offered in conjunction with national meetings of cultural anthropologists. The first workshops will be offered at the meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Tampa, Florida, March 2007.

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF HAZARDS AND NATURAL DISASTERS

The Society for Economic Anthropology will host its 2007 annual meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, **April 13-14, 2007**. For more information and registration, visit <http://sea.org.Ohio-State.edu/2007meeting.htm>.

SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The University of Notre Dame and National Science Foundation will once again host a summer research experience for undergraduates in biocultural anthropology. This is a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in an experiential learning environment that immerses them in anthropological method and theory. More information can be found at www.nd.edu/~nsfreu. The field school will be held from June 4 - July 27, 2007 in the Laboratory for Biocultural Anthropology on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The program provides a \$400/week stipend, as well as funds for housing and travel to and from the University of Notre Dame. **The application is due April 18, 2007.** For further information, please contact Jaime Ullinger (ullinger.1@osu.edu).

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies at the University of South Carolina is pleased to extend a call for paper and/or panel proposals around the theme "Latino Immigration to New Settlement Areas: Trends and Implications." The conference will be held at the University of South Carolina from October 11-13, 2007. Researchers in all disciplines are invited to submit proposals related to the phenomenon of Latino migration and settlement, specifically in relation to five core themes: Health, Education, Immigration Legislation/Policy Issues, Economic Issues, and Settlement & Incorporation. We welcome submission of proposals for individual papers or panel presentations. Written papers will be considered for publication in conference proceedings. Co-sponsors and collaborators for the conference include the University of Georgia, Kennesaw State University, and The Center for Global Initiatives at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. To submit a paper or panel proposal, please send one-page abstracts to Dr. Myriam Torres (torresme@gwm.sc.edu) or Dr. Elaine Lacy (lacy@sc.edu), or via mail to The Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies, USC, 730 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29208 by **March 15, 2007**. Conference details appear on the Consortium website (www.sph.sc.edu/cli).

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE AT GSU

On April 11, 2007, the first annual Georgia State University Undergraduate Research Conference (GSURC) will take place on our campus. Information for students and faculty regarding registration, proposal submission, and a schedule for the day is available at www.gsu.edu/gsurc. **Proposal submission date is March 16, 2007.**

The conference is designed to increase awareness of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activities on campus, as well as recognize the importance of faculty-student collaboration. All departments are invited to participate and showcase the excellent work of their undergraduate students. The program includes research posters and papers, artistic displays and performances, oral presentations, a key note speaker, and an awards ceremony.

SUNTA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

The Society for Urban, National and Transnational/Global Anthropology is pleased to announce its first annual undergraduate student paper prize competition. We are seeking submissions from faculty on behalf of their undergraduate students for papers that address issues pertaining to urban, national, and transnational anthropology, and/or any of the topical areas of interest to SUNTA, including space and place, poverty and homelessness, and refugees and immigrants. The deadline for submitting papers for the 2007 SUNTA Undergraduate Student Paper Prize (\$100 award) is **July 15, 2007**. Students (and their nominators) need not be SUNTA members, but submissions will only be accepted from faculty. Students may not submit papers on their own behalf. Page limit should be no more than 25 pages, and there are no rules about formatting, though authors should be consistent throughout. The winner will be announced at the 2007 AAA meetings. We would prefer all submissions by email: RSharman@brooklyn.cuny.edu. Other arrangements may be made by contacting Russell Sharman at the above email address.



IN THE NEWS: "Chimps Make Weapons to Hunt, Scientists Say"

By Maggie Fox

WASHINGTON (Feb. 22) - Chimpanzees have been seen using spears to hunt bush babies, U.S. researchers said on Thursday in a study that demonstrates a whole new level of tool use and planning by our closest living relatives. Perhaps even more intriguing, it was only the females who fashioned and used the wooden spears, Jill Pruetz and Paco Bertolani of Iowa State University reported. Bertolani saw an adolescent female chimp use a spear to stab a bush baby as it slept in a tree hollow, pull it out and eat it. Pruetz and Bertolani, now at Cambridge University in Britain, had been watching the Fongoli community of savanna-dwelling chimpanzees in southeastern Senegal. The chimps apparently had to invent new ways to gather food because they live in an unusual area for their species, the researchers report in the journal Current Biology. "This is just an innovative way of having to make up for a pretty harsh environment," Pruetz said in a telephone interview. The chimps must come down from trees to gather food and rest in dry caves during the

hot season. "It is similar to what we say about early hominids that lived maybe 6 million years ago and were basically the precursors to humans." Chimpanzees are genetically the closest living relatives to human beings, sharing more than 98 percent of our DNA. Scientists believe the precursors to chimps and humans split off from a common ancestor about 7 million years ago. Chimps are known to use tools to crack open nuts and fish for termites. Some birds use tools, as do other animals such as gorillas, orangutans and even naked mole rats. But the sophisticated use of a tool to hunt with had never been seen. Pruetz thought it was a fluke when Bertolani saw the adolescent female hunt and kill the bush baby, a tiny nocturnal primate. But then she saw almost the same thing. "I saw the behavior over the course of 19 days almost daily," she said.

PLANNING AND FORESIGHT

The chimps choose a branch, strip it of leaves and twigs, trim it down to a stable size and then chew the ends to a point.

Announcements

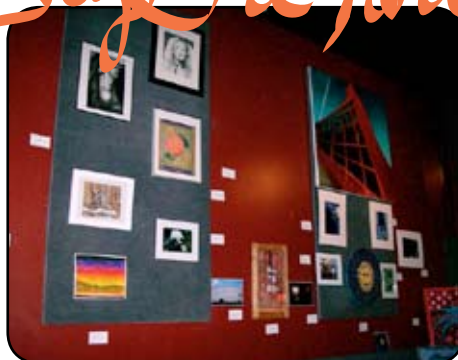
THE ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB
The Anthro Club will have a meeting on February 28th at 1:30 in Sparks 345 to discuss possibilities for upcoming events. At the last meeting, elections were held for President, Vice President and Secretary of the Anthropology Club.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY COLLOQUIUM SERIES
Dr. Wendy Simonds, Associate Professor of Sociology, GSU with present "Laboring on: Birth in the transition in the United States" on March 1, 2007, 12:15-1:15 in 343 Sparks Hall.

Then they use it to stab into holes where bush babies might be sleeping. It is not a highly successful method of hunting. They only ever saw one chimpanzee succeed in getting a bush baby once. The apes mostly eat fruit, bark and legumes. Part of the problem is this group of chimps is shy of humans, and the females, who seem to do most of this type of hunting, are especially wary. "I am willing to bet the females do it even more than we have seen," she said. Pruetz noted that male chimps never used the spears. She believes the males use their greater strength and size to grab food and kill prey more easily, so the females must come up with other methods. "That to me was just as intriguing if not even more so," Pruetz said. The spear-

hunting occurred when the group was foraging together, again unchimplike behavior that might produce more competition between males and females, she said. Maybe females invented weapons for hunting, Pruetz said. "The observation that individuals hunting with tools include females and immature chimpanzees suggests that we should rethink traditional explanations for the evolution of such behavior in our own lineage," she concluded in her paper. "The multiple steps taken by Fongoli chimpanzees in making tools to dispatch mammalian prey involve the kind of foresight and intellectual complexity that most likely typified early human relatives."

Beije a Noite



Donated art for auction at Beije a Noite

The second annual Beije a Noite ("Kiss the Night") fundraiser for the Two Brothers Foundation in Brazil was held on Saturday, February 10, at the Five Spot club in Little Five Points. The co-organizers of the event were Vicky Erickson, one of our Anthropology majors, and McCalla Orso, who minored in Anthropology at Georgia State and received her B.A. in Sociology in 2006. Both came into contact with the Two Brothers NGO through visits to Rio de Janeiro as part of the summer anthropology field school directed by Dr. Cassandra White.



Dr. Jeffrey Glover enjoys the event



Anthropology graduate student Yolanda Chapman peruses silent auction items

Two Brothers, founded by Dr. Paul Sneed of San Diego State University, provides educational opportunities for adults and children in the shantytown, or favela, community of Rocinha in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Students on Dr. White's 2006 Field School in Medical Anthropology had a chance to interact extensively with volunteers and students at Two Brothers and to participate in and observe English classes taught by volunteers in Rocinha. The first Beije a Noite event, held in 2006, raised over \$2000 for Two Brothers, which went towards the building of a new classroom in the favela. This year's event, which included an art auction and raffle for fundraising, raised close to \$2000, and monetary donations are still coming in. It was very well-attended, and the audience enjoyed live performances by Earthshaking Samba, singer Adron, the International Capoeira Angola Foundation-Atlanta troupe, and the band Tiza and the Stonehouse Posse. Thanks to the many Georgia State students and faculty members who came out to show your support for a great cause!!



McCalla Orso and Anthropology major Vicky Erickson announce raffle winners



Chris DeFrancisco and Anthropology major Dinah Peña collect raffle tickets



Anthropology graduate students Kyle Peplinski, Emily Gaskin, and Calli Ensor at Beije a Noite