

ANTHRO CLUB NEWS

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Welcome to the first edition in 2007 of the Anthro Club News. This is a tremendously exciting month as the Department is hosting six candidates for two tenure-track positions in archeology. Please make every effort to attend the research talks. Any comments on the candidates will be welcomed by the faculty.

C A N D I D A T E V I S I T S

The first candidate to arrive is Dr. Rhonda Quinn from Rutgers University. Dr. Quinn is a bioarcheologist who has participated in excavations in East Africa, Java, Florida and other locations. Her research talk, titled, "Understanding Resource Use and Mobility of Past Human Populations: Bioarchaeological & Stable Isotopic Approaches" will take place on Tuesday January 16th at noon in Sparks 343. She will be available for an informal lunch with graduate students (interested anthropology majors are also very welcome to attend), sponsored by the Department (free food) immediately after her research talk from 1:00-2:00 in Sparks 345.

Our next guest is Jeffery Glover, currently a Visiting Lecturer in Archeology at Georgia State. Jeffery is an expert on settlement patterns in the Mayan lowlands using GIS and other computer-based applications. His research talk, titled "Studying Ancient Maya Social Organization: The Yalahau Regional Settlement Pattern Survey and Beyond" is scheduled for Friday January 19th at 11:00 in Sparks 343. The Department will be hosting a lunch for graduate students (interested anthropology majors may of course attend) to talk informally with Dr. Glover on January 18th at 12:15 in Sparks 345. You may want to ask him about his new summer field school opportunity in El Salvador (see Announcements below).

Dr. Thomas Cuddy, author of Political Identity and Archaeology in Northeast Honduras (University of Colorado Press) will be giving a research talk at Georgia State on Mayan and Central American archeology (title TBA) on Monday January 22nd at 9:45 in Sparks 343. He will be available to speak with graduate students (and interested anthropology majors) for coffee at 11:30 in Sparks 345. Dr. Cuddy is currently a senior researcher at a CRM firm and has previously worked at the Smithsonian

Institution and the American Museum of Natural History.

On Wednesday January 24, Dr. Despina Margomenou will be discussing her research at 1:00 (title TBA) in Sparks 343. Dr. Margomenou specializes in museum anthropology and recently graduated from the University of Michigan's unique Museum of Anthropology program. She has participated extensively in excavations of early Neolithic sites in Greece, Bulgaria and Romania. She will be available to speak with graduate students (and anthropology majors) for a coffee, provided by the Department, from 3:00 to 3:30 in Sparks 345.

Dr. Brigitte Kovacevich will be visiting the Department on Monday January 29th and Tuesday January 30th. On the 29th, Dr. Kovacevich will present a research talk, titled "Jade Plaques and Pyrite Mirrors: Ritual, Crafting, and Identity at Cancuen, Guatemala" at 10:00 in Sparks 343. Dr. Kovacevich has found the first jade workshop in the New World and is an expert in Mayan and Caribbean archeology. She will be available to talk with graduate students (and undergraduate majors) during a lunch, hosted by the Department, on Tuesday the 30th at noon.

The final candidate for the month, Dr. Sarah "Stacy" Barber, will be speaking on February 1 at 12:15. The title of her talk is "Negotiating the Early Polity: Community Identity and Political Centralization in Ancient Oaxaca." The Department will sponsor a lunch for graduate students and interested anthropology majors at 1:15 in Sparks 345 immediately following her presentation. Dr. Barber, currently at Queens College CUNY, is a specialist on political identity in the formative period of Oaxaca, Mexico. She has also conducted excavations in the Southwest US.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dr. Rhonda Quinn
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH
12:00 to 1:00 Lecture, Sp 343
1:00 to 2:00 Luncheon, Sp 345

Dr. Thomas Cuddy
MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND
9:45 Lecture, Sp 343
11:30 Coffee, Sp 345

Dr. Brigitte Kovacevich
MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH
10:00 Lecture, Sp 343
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH
12:00 Luncheon, Sp 345

Dr. Jeffrey Glover
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH
11:00 to 12:00 Lecture, Sp 343
12:15 Luncheon, Sp 345

Dr. Despina Margomenou
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH
1:00 Lecture, Sp 343
13:00 to 3:30 Coffee, Sp 345

Dr. Sarah Barber
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
12:15 Lecture, Sp 343
1:15 Luncheon, Sp 345

FIELD SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY IN EL SALVADOR, SUMMER 2007

Please direct inquiries to Dr. Jeffery Glover, Department of Anthropology at Georgia State University.

This program provides students with a unique study abroad opportunity that will expose them to archaeological field methods. Hands-on experience in the field is critical for students who are interested in pursuing a career in archaeology. The students will be participating in the Archaeological Atlas Project of Eastern El Salvador. The project is under the direction of Dr. Fabio E. Amador Berdugo, a close colleague of the program director. Over the four weeks in the field, the students will be mapping, excavating, and surveying at the sites of Asanyamba, Los Llanitos, and Quelepa, which are located in eastern El Salvador. Students will be living in San Miguel, a city located close to the sites, and working with students from the National University of El Salvador. Along with

the physical experience of conducting archaeological fieldwork, there will be a series of lectures over the month in the field. These lectures will discuss specific methodological issues, such as Geographic Information System applications to archaeological data or ceramic classification, and will position the students' daily work in its broader archaeological context. In addition to the lectures and the fieldwork, there will be a few organized fieldtrips to famous archaeological sites in El Salvador, such as the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Joya de Cerén (the Pompeii of the New World). The overall benefits for the students will be a holistic introduction to archaeological field practices and a valuable life experience associated with living and working in a foreign country.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, SUMMER RESEARCH INITIATIVE
The Summer Research Initiative provides opportunities for talented juniors and seniors to work with faculty mentors during this coming summer. The program is intended to encourage the increased participation of underrepresented minorities in graduate programs in the social and behavioral sciences. This is an eight week program that provides round-trip air fare, room and board on campus, and a stipend of \$2,700. More information is available at: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/dean/summer.html>.

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications for Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarships for graduate/professional school are now being accepted. These are very generous (up to \$50,000 per year) and very competitive scholarships based on both need and academic record. Requirements: (1) must be a senior or a recent graduate (since May 2002) of an accredited US college or university; (2) have a

bachelor's degree by the start of the fall 2007 semester; (3) a minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent); (5) be nominated by his or her undergraduate institution; (6) not previously have been nominated for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation graduate scholarship; (7) plan to attend a full-time graduate or professional degree program at an accredited university in fall 2007. This must be the first graduate degree the candidate has ever pursued.

Consult their website, www.jackkentcookefoundation.org, for more information and application forms. Note that you need to be nominated by GSU; applications need to be submitted to me, as campus representative, and will be judged by a committee of faculty members. The Campus Deadline is February 16, 2007. Contact Robert Sattelmeyer, Director, A & S Honors Program engrds@gsu.edu if you have any questions about eligibility or the application process.