I am pleased to introduce this issue of the Anthropology Department Newsletter. As we look forward to the new academic calendar, the newsletter affords us an opportunity to review the many individual and collective accomplishments of the past year. The department finalized a major revision of the undergraduate curriculum that allows students greater freedom in tailoring their individual programs. The revision, while increasing flexibility, allows the department to insure continuing rigor in its major requirements. The department welcomes a new faculty member in Dr. Margaret Streeter, who completed her doctoral studies at the University of Missouri. Dr. Streeter is a physical anthropologist specializing in the study of bone growth. Her work has received much attention as she is involved with projects in Europe and Latin America. Our research activity and receipt of external funding continues to rank high in the college and we look forward to increasing external support by expanding the activities of the Archaeological Research Facility (ARF). The ARF will be enhanced by a newly acquired GIS station located within the Archaeology Laboratory, and will provide important teaching and research opportunities for faculty and students as the department continues its planning for two new masters degrees. In keeping with the mission of a metropolitan university, the department has partnered with Canyon County to build and equip a new Transportation Museum at Celebration Archaeological Park near Melba, Idaho. When completed the facility, which will house classrooms, labs, and a dormitory, will serve as a field station for the Desert Studies Institute, the Archaeological Field School, and other university departments at Boise State and around the country. The addition of a physical anthropologist brings the number of tenured-tenure-track faculty to five, with one professor emerita, five adjunct faculty, and five affiliated research faculty. The department’s faculty and research staff allow us to continue our mission of providing outstanding undergraduate preparation, conducting basic and applied research in diverse geographic and topical areas, and informing students across the university and within our community about the diversity of the human experience.
Dr. Margaret Streeter has joined the faculty as the first physical anthropologist in the department. Dr. Streeter’s research is in bone biology, specifically the analysis of cortical bone microstructure applied to questions of age changes, nonspecific stress, and the effects of physical activity in modern as well as past populations. She received her bachelor’s degree in General Studies: Biology, Geology and Anthropology and her masters and doctorate degrees in anthropology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her masters’ research involved age at death estimation and the histological analysis of bone turnover rates in the bones of Pleistocene hominids from the sites of Boxgrove, England, Shani- dar, Iraq, and Tabun and Skhul in Israel. Supported by a Sigma Xi dissertation improvement grant, she analyzed the rib cortical bone of modern subadults and developed an aging method for application in both an archaeological and forensic context. In addition to her histological research, Margaret has been actively involved in forensic anthropology, working with Missouri state and local law enforcement as well as federal agencies. As supervisor of the Human Skeletal Identification Laboratory at the University of Missouri, she analyzed over two hundred forensic cases. Dr. Streeter has collaborated with colleagues working in Mexico, Italy, and Peru examining the bone microstructure of ancient Maya, 3rd Century Romans, and ancient pre Columbian Peruvians. Dr. Streeter is the author of a number of papers published in peer reviewed journals and chapters in several books on bone histological analysis published in both English and Spanish.

A Note from Michael Blankenship, Dean CSSPA

This past year marks a significant milestone for the College, as we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. Each year the College achieves greater success – this year we set new levels of majors (over 3,000), degrees awarded, credit hour production (24% of the university total), number of alums (almost 9,000), externally funded research ($2.3 million), and contributions to support scholarships. We have created a new scholarship for students who are the first in their family to attend college and a new program to support faculty – the Dean’s Distinguished Professor Program – that is supported by donor contributions. This coming year, we are planning several new graduate programs, including anthropology, urban and regional planning, and a doctorate in public policy and administration. These programs will help us meet the need of a growing metropolitan region, enhance our research capacities, while adding to the distinctive mission of Boise State University. We are also working to improve alumni relations. Departments such as Anthropology already have a strong alumni base. We need your support if we are to continue to grow and to support faculty and students. Our goal this year is to raise $25,000 from our alumni to support students and faculty. This amount can fund an extraordinary number of activities, including support for research by faculty and students, and equipment, such as the new GIS system for the Department of Anthropology. As the College embarks on its third decade of existence, we believe that Boise State University is ascending to a greater role in the Treasure Valley, in Idaho, and beyond. The College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs is poised to leverage our state-wide mission in public policy, administration, and urban studies to greater levels of success. I hope that you will visit our redesigned Web site at sspa.boisestate.edu to follow our progress and to find ways to be involved in our future.
Robert McCarl

Robert McCarl continued his research on Shoshone-Paiute ranching in Duck Valley. Dr. McCarl represents the department on the Cultural & Ethnic Diversity Board and served as its chair during the past academic year. He was the department representative on the SSPA Curriculum Committee, as well as the departmental Internship Coordinator. He also served as co-editor of the Boise State University Occasional Papers and Monographs in Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics. He published two articles on fire fighting: “The Tail of the Running Coat: Traditions and Change in Fire Fighting Culture,” in Jan Abramson, ed., 24/7: Portrait of a Contemporary Fire Department Through 37 Voices; and “Black Butte Jump,” in Mary Clearman Blew and Phil Druker, eds., Forged in Fire. Essays by Idaho Writers. McCarl spent two weeks at the Smithsonian Institution representing smokejumpers as a part of the US Forest Service’s Centennial Celebration at the Festival of American Folklife. He participated in an intensive Spanish language program in Costa Rica during the summer.

Mark Plew

Mark Plew continued his research in Idaho and in Guyana, South America, where he conducted a number of archaeological projects during the year including the “Archaeological Survey of the Region of Shea, Rupununi Savannah, Guyana”. Dr. Plew authored one book, two articles, six monographs, six technical reports, two abstracts, and one book review. He gave a number of scholarly presentations and was a research consultant for 16 different organizations. He published a major article on the archaeology of the Iwokrama rain forest reserve in Iwokrama published by the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. And The Archaeology of Guyana by Archaeopress, British Archaeological Record, International Series.

Christopher Hill

Christopher Hill had seven peer-reviewed publications, one non-referred publication, and one technical note in 2004. The research topics included the Ice Age geomorphology, stratigraphy, and paleoecology of the northern Plains and Great Lakes regions in North America, the Ice Age environments and geology of the Middle East, and studies connected with the search for archaeological evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. In 2004 papers and abstracts were published in: Current Research in the Pleistocene, The Late Paleo-Indian Great Lakes: Geological and Archaeological Investigations of Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene Environments, Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, American Quaternary Association Program and Abstracts, and The Society for American Archaeology Abstracts with Programs. In 2004 Dr. Hill was also busy serving on the Joint Technical Committee and Pardee Committee for the Geological Society of America ( GSA), and the Kellogg Geoarchaeology Research Committee for the Society for American Archaeology (SAA). He also completed serving on the management board of the GSA’s Archaeology Geology Division, and as co-organizer/chair of the SAA’s Geoarchaeology Interest Group. Highlights for 2005 include the online publication of “Stratigraphic and geochronologic contexts of mammoth…” in Quaternary International and “Geoarchaeology” in the Handbook of Archaeological Methods. Dr. Hill also gave a paper on glaciation and paleoecology at a symposium on Ice Age Dynamics and Climate for the International Earth Systems Processes conference held this summer in Calgary.

John Ziker

John Ziker continued to pursue research in the anthropology of Siberia and human behavioral ecology during 2004 and 2005. He gave papers at five professional meetings and was an invited lecturer at the Anthropology Department at the University of California, Davis in January, 2005. His lecture was titled “Property, Hunting and Food Sharing among the Dolgan and the Nganasan in the Russian Far North.” Another paper titled, “The Social Context of Fairness and Rational Choice in Siberia” was presented to the Roots of Human Sociality Group, funded by the National Science Foundation, in Pasadena, CA on April 16. This paper reported the results of experimental games Dr. Ziker conducted in an indigenous Siberian community in 2003. This paper has been worked into a chapter for an edited book on the Roots of Human Sociality. A paper analyzing food sharing at meals was given at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society in Austin, TX on June 4, as part of a series of

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sessions honoring the life and work of Napoleon A. Chagnon. Dr. Ziker, along with Michael Schnegg (U. Cologne, Germany), published a full-length peer-reviewed paper on “Food Sharing at Meals” for Human Nature. This paper’s analysis of meals in a Siberian village utilizes social network observations, demographic data, and multivariate statistics to test a number of alternative hypotheses on food sharing being debated in Anthropology. Dr. Ziker also wrote a comment in Behavior and Brain Science on Michael Gurven’s article titled, “To Give or Not to Give: The Behavioral Ecology of Human Food Transfers.” Dr. Ziker published an essay in Reviews in Anthropology titled, “Anthropology of Eurasia, Postsocialism and Beyond,” providing reviews of four books within the genre of the Anthropology of Eurasia and traces topical developments in the wider literature in the years after the fall of the USSR. Ziker also contributed four entries to the Encyclopedia of Anthropology, edited by H. James Birx, a four-volume reference book to be published in 2005 by Sage Publications, Inc. The entries include essays on Siberia, Evolution and Russia, Evolutionary Humanism, and Work and Skills. In March 2005, Dr. Ziker took on the mantle of Reviews Editor for the journal Sibirica, an interdisciplinary journal of Siberian studies published by Berghahn Press. This accompanies a changing of the guard at Sibirica which was founded by James Forsyth and David Collins, two veteran historians. As Reviews Editor, he will identify new books on Siberia and match them with scholars for review. Sibirica specializes in scholarship on Siberia from a variety of fields including history, anthropology, economics, and geology.

Scholarly Activity and External Funding

During the past year the department received some $78,000.00 in external funding and saw the publication of twenty books, articles, book chapters, monographs, and abstracts. Projects were funded by a number of organizations including the Bureau of Land Management, the Idaho Army National Guard, the United States Air Force, Prewitt and Associates, and Powers Engineering. The department regularly seeks external funding in support of faculty research. During the past year Dr. John Ziker has completed proposals that will be submitted to NSF.

OTHER NEWS

- For the second year, the department co-sponsored with the United States Air Force, Mountain Home Air Force Base, a Native American Field School on the Saylor Creek Range.
- The department completed a cultural resource management plan (CRMP) for the Idaho Air Guard.
- Christopher Hill received the 2004 Annual Award for Tenure Track Faculty from the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.
- Dr. Ziker was invited to participate in the analysis of the 1926-27 Polar Census for the Central Taimyr Lowlands. The data are being coded into an electronic database as part of the Baikal Archaeology Project, headed by David Anderson at the University of Aberdeen. The next stage of the research has been proposed to the European Science Foundation.
- The department will co-host the Idaho Archaeological Society Conference on October 22, 2005 in the Engineering Technology Bldg. Room 110 on the Boise State University campus.
Adjunct Faculty and Research Affiliate Staff Activities

Teaching Faculty: The department had five adjunct faculty under contract during 2004. They were Kendall House, Cultural Anthropologist, Leonard Klikunas, Cultural Anthropologist, T. Virginia Cox, Emerita, Cultural Anthropologist, Jake Fruhlinger, Archaeologist, and Pei-Lin Yu, Archaeologist. Kendall House teaches regularly scheduled classes mainly on campus and Leonard Klikunas teaches workshops and classes at the Canyon County campus and on the main campus. Virginia Cox taught an online Cultural Anthropology course and Pei-Lin Yu (Ph.C), Archaeologist with the Bureau of Reclamation, taught two workshops. Jake Fruhlinger taught sections of introductory physical anthropology and is organizing a national CRM session the meeting of the Society of American Archaeology in April 2006. Pei-Lin Yu is editing a volume entitled The Archaeology and Ethnoarchaeology of Mobility to be published by the University of Florida Press in September 2006. Her dissertation on pit-oven cooking and the rise of hunter-gatherer subsistence in the American Southwest is due to be completed in December, 2005. Leonard Klikunas joined 1,000 professional colleagues this summer at the National Institute of Justice's Conference on Research and Evaluation July 18-20 in Washington D.C. While there he exchanged information regarding logic models of rape in prison culture with presenter Mark Fleisher, anthropologist and Director at Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western; and regarding Cutting Point Regression Modeling with presenter Mark Lipsey, Director of the Center for Evaluation Research Methodology at Vanderbilt. He will spend the balance of this year focusing on some of his ongoing research and analysis projects including and not limited to: evidence-based policies and practices, systems research applications to assist policymakers to make their work more productive, and fieldwork both in urban native country and in a religious community in the Bay Area.

Research Affiliates: Chris Willson, University of Idaho, received grants of $3,000 and $1,000 respectively from the University of Idaho and the Northwest Obsidian Laboratory to cover costs of XRF analysis of Late Archaic obsidian artifacts from archaeological sites in Southwestern Idaho and Southeastern Oregon. Janette Bulkan, Yale University, is conducting research in Suriname as part of a study examining impacts of logging upon indigenous groups in the Guiana Shield.

Transportation Museum a Cooperative Effort Between Canyon County and the Department of Anthropology

In conjunction with Boise State University, Canyon County Parks, Recreation and Waterways will announce in November a grant for $485,000 for the construction of a new Canyon Crossroads Transportation Museum at Celebration Archaeological Park near Melba, Idaho. The museum, which will thematically focus on prehistoric and historic use of the Snake River corridor, will house classrooms, laboratories, and a 20-bed dormitory. Boise State will assist in securing funding to provide for the facilities infrastructure. When completed the facility will house functions of the Desert Studies Institute, the department Archaeology Field School, and serve other departments within the institution and around the country. It is also designed to facilitate investigations into our local cultural and natural history while promoting Idaho tourism.

Department Assists with the Organization of the Idaho Archaeology Working Group

The Idaho Archaeology Working Group (IAWG) seeks to foster the growth of an academic culture that facilitates scholarly activity and enhances the professionalism of the Idaho archaeological community through increased communication among state, federal, private, amateur, and academic sector archaeologists. The working group is committed to finding ways to increase scholarly activity resulting in academic publications, scholarly and public presentations in support of public education, a service commitment to the academic professional and practice and to students and the public generally. IAWG seeks to provide and support forums which permit scholarly exchange regarding issues in Idaho archaeology, organize and facilitate organization of events and programs disseminating knowledge about Idaho archaeology, and serve in an advisory capacity upon request to state and local agencies, archaeologists, and Idaho tribes. IAWG is committed to reinvigorating the community by identifying ways in which we can better meet the challenges to Idaho’s archaeological future and strategically plan implementation of programs that will enhance the professional practice in Idaho.
New GIS Station

The department, with the assistance of the SSPA Dean’s Office, has created a new GIS station located in the Archaeology Laboratory. As the first departmental GIS station in the college, the system will provide faculty and students opportunities to conduct GIS-based research and facilitate the preparation of publishable graphics. This station uses ArcGIS 9.1, ESRI’s most powerful geographic analysis program, which has the ability to explore the spatial relationships from data recovered during archaeological investigations, and can be easily interpolated with the existing landscape. The new station will prove particularly important to the department’s plans for developing graduate programs and expanding the capacities of the Archaeological Research Facility.

2005-2006 Anthropology Lectures

LECTURE SERIES:


FRIENDS OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Dr. Leslie Martin, Department of Sociology, will speak on “The Politics of Neighborhood Change,” Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at 3:00 PM in the Hatch B, SUB.

Dr. Jennifer Pierce, Department of Geosciences, will speak on “Holocene Records of Fire and Erosion in Central Idaho,” Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 3:00 PM in the Forum Room, SUB.

2004-2005 Lecture Series in Review

Invited lectures for 2004-2005 were:

- Janette Bulkan, Yale University School of Forestry, “Producing People and Nature and Commodities—An Examination of the Result of Structural Adjustment Policies in the Guiana Shield Forest”

- Kerrie Ann Shannon, Grand Valley State University, “Understanding Subsistence and Distribution in an Inuit Community: When Games are More than Just Games”

- Benedict Columbi, Washington State University, “The Nez Perce Tribe vs. Elite-Directed Development on the Lower Snake River: The Struggle to Breach the Dams and Save the Salmon”

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- Dr. Huei-Hsia Wu, Department of Sociology, “Cultural and Social Experience of Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups”

- Dr. Lisa Brady, Department of History, “The Nature of War and Peace: An Environmental History”

Boise State University Campaign for Students

In June 2003, Boise State University kicked off the Campaign for Students with a $1.5 M gift from the Boise Industrial Foundation (BIF). The Campaign for Students was designed to strengthen scholarship support for Boise State students, better enabling us to recruit and retain excellent students. The BIF understood and valued this goal so they designated $500,000 of their gift as matching funds for new gifts to scholarship endowment. The remaining $1M created the Boise Industrial Foundation endowed scholarship.

Alumni, faculty, and friends have responded generously to the challenge of the BIF matching money by creating new endowed scholarships and contributing to existing endowed scholarships. The BIF stipulated that the matching money be awarded as follows: $2,500 matching funds for gifts or pledges of $5,000 - $9,999 and $5,000 matching funds for gifts or pledges of $10,000+. This is the last year for the Boise Industrial Foundation matching gift program - in fact only $60,000 in matching money remains.

If you are interested in honoring or memorializing a special person in your life, creating a permanent endowed scholarship that will benefit generations of future students will provide a lasting tribute. By investing or pledging now, you can leverage your funds significantly and grow a new or existing endowed scholarship into a fund that will truly enable Boise State to attract and retain outstanding students.

Donors help set the criteria by which the scholarship will be spent. If you would like to help current and future deserving anthropology students, this is a great time to create an endowed scholarship fund. For more information, please contact Rika Clement, Development Director in the Boise State University Foundation at (208) 426-1326 or at rikaclement@boisestate.edu.
Donations Needed for Scholarships

If you are interested in making a donation, please make your inquiries to:

Dr. Mark Plew, Chair
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Boise State University
Boise, ID  83725-1950

You may designate your gift to the Anthropology Department Scholarship fund (#SR026), the Cultural Learning Project (#SR035), the Canadian Studies Scholarship (#SR042), the Wesley Hurt Undergraduate Research Fellowship (#SR044), or the Native American Scholarship (#SR050). Your donation is tax deductible and will be used to build principal in scholarship accounts so that the interest may be used for student awards. In this way your gift will form the basis of financial aid for many years. No amount is too small; please do not hesitate to participate.

OUR THANKS

to the following individuals who made donations to the department’s scholarship account in 2005:


Alumni In Action

Elisa Carlson, ’05 was named a Top Ten Scholar.

Michael Novotny, ’05 is attending graduate school at Northern Arizona University.

Lindsay Wyatt, ’05 matriculated in the Masters of Library Science program at the University of Arizona.

Recent graduates Jillian Martin and Julie Peterson were employed by the Idaho Army National Guard which is conducting archaeological surveys on the Orchard Training Area.

We Want to Hear From You!

What have you done since graduation? Do you have any news or an event you would like to contribute to the Department of Anthropology newsletter? Please fill in the information coupon and attach it to your news story. Send it to: Department of Anthropology, 1910 University Drive, Boise State University, Boise, ID  83725-1950.

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Student News

Anthropology Club
The officers for 2005-2006 are:
Brett Ritz, President
Elara Smith, Vice-President
Skyler Sweat, Treasurer
Kim Ritz, Secretary
Meetings and events for the Anthropology Club are posted on their web site:
http://anthro.boisestate.edu/anthroclub/index.shtml

Archaeological Student Association
The officers for 2005-2006 are:
Susan Hawkins and Drew Asbury, Co-Directors
Rebecca Baird, Events Coordinator
Elara Smith, Secretary/Treasurer
Meetings and events for the ASA are posted on their web site:
http://anthro.boisestate.edu/asaclub/index.shtml

2005 Anthropology Graduates
Leif Andersen, Jody Ault, Elisa Carlsen, Joleen Crystal, Michael Figueredo, Hayley Fitzsimons, Kara Harden, Cherry Hunsaker, Jillian Martin, Michael Novotny, Julie Peterson, David Seng, Lesley Spencer, Steven Sutherland, Lindsay Wyatt

Dean’s List Spring 2005
Highest Honors: Jody Ault, Alicia Cowger, Kersti Harter, Jessica Hood, Michael Novotny, Elara Smith, Maria Venegas.
High Honors: Karl Knight. Honors: Leif Anderson, Kim Ritz, Michael Stadther, Betsy Venard

2005-2006 Scholarship Recipients
Elara Smith, Maria Venegas, Jessica Hood, Jackson Irish, and Sabina Bauman received Anthropology Department scholarships. Jan Dodge received the Native American Student Scholarship.