2007 Archaeology Field School
May 21st – June 28th
Application Deadline – May 4th

Students contemplating enrollment in the summer 2007 field school should consider the following facts. Those wishing to pursue an archaeological career track and possibly attend a graduate program must train in a formal field school. Furthermore, field school participation not only provides additional fieldwork opportunities during your undergraduate career, but also serves as a requirement for employment in most federal and private agencies.

The Boise State University Archaeological Field School enjoys a reputation of providing quality training and serves as one of the least expensive programs in the nation. Over 80% of field school participants have continued on to graduate programs or work in the field for various state and federal agencies, as well as private consulting firms.

- Brett Chapman

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BSU Anthropology department was proud to be represented at the forensics conference in San Antonio, Texas last month by Dr. Margaret Streeter.

Dr. Streeter is one of the latest proud additions to the Anthropology dept. here at BSU. She is a physical anthropologist that specializes in forensic anthropology and bone histology. Pioneering a technique in age estimation from rib growth in humans she brings a lot of knowledge and research to our department.

The conference was six days long and covered a broad range of modern forensic topics as well as new research that is being done in the field today. “The main purpose of these conferences,” she said, “was the continuing of education through participation in the workshops and symposiums, the sharing of information and ideas plus the exposure to the new research and research methods is just incredible.”

Some of the topics covered were: Age at Death Determination (there were 8 different speakers for this one), Ancestry, the Fourth Era of Forensic Anthropology: Examining The Future of the Discipline, Current Issues in Forensic Anthropology, just to name a few. “There is no way you could see every one.” Professor Streeter said, “Even if you tried, there just isn’t enough time.”

Students, both graduate and undergraduate, are encouraged to come and participate by either presenting a paper, presenting a poster, or even just attending the lectures and other presentations. “There are even incentives for students to participate, from monetary prizes to financial help from the university for students who would like to put together a poster or a presentation.”

When asked if she thought that the new anthropology grad programs would help increase the opportunities for students from BSU to participate she replied, “For sure, it would definitely help increase the likelihood for funding for students to participate and attend these conferences. This helps the students’ gain more exposure to research and the people doing it, and by participating in these events it helps get Boise State’s name recognized as well.”

The next conference coming up is the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, which will be held in Philadelphia, March 28th to the 31st. Two grad students will get to accompany her to this conference and we look forward to talking to them about their experience when they get back.

-Bill Knowlden