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The end of another academic year is already upon us, and our community has achieved much in the past year. We would like to thank all of you for your support, contributions and ideas in getting this newsletter started again. We would like to devote this issue of the newsletter to recognizing the accomplishments and awards of individuals within our community. As we graduate, go to the field, leave to follow other paths, or move on in other ways, it's a good time to mark the awards members of the Department of Anthropology have received and the contributions they have made, as well as to show our support for each other. Please join us in offering congratulations to our many award winners!

Margaret, John & Donna

We need your help for the coming academic year. Please see page 6 for details.

TRANSITIONS

The department wishes Bill Kelleher the best as he begins a new job at Syracuse University in the fall. Bill joined our institution as a postdoctoral fellow with the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory in 1989, becoming a visiting assistant professor in Anthropology in 1990, then an assistant professor in 1992. Bill has held the rank of associate professor since 2000.

Bill's contributions to our department are many, but perhaps the most important came via his tireless and unselfish efforts to aid our graduate student community. During his tenure as director of graduate studies, between 2000 and 2003, he developed recommendations for "milestones," providing faculty and graduate students with a clear set of programmatic objectives. His insight and careful attention to detail in this position substantially enhanced student opportunities in a wide range of funding competitions, ultimately translating into many successful Ph.D. degrees across the subfields. This complemented his diligent work as an adviser and committee member for numerous students. In all, our graduate students benefited from Bill's efforts in countless ways throughout his time here at Illinois.

We also appreciate Bill's research interests in the University of Illinois, marked by his efforts, in association with Dr. Nancy Abelmann, to bring an ethnographic analytical lens to the University through the Ethnography of the University project. Ideally, his involvement with the project will mean frequent visits back to the department. We enjoyed the intellectual stimulation gained from learning about Bill's research in Ireland, and on the ethnography of Europe more broadly. Lastly, Bill has been a wonderful colleague, bringing his insights, integrity, sensitivity, and knowledge to help solve many of the problems, both large and small, that we've faced over the last 16 years.

-Steve Leigh

ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

The **DEMITRI B. SHIMKIN AWARD** is given to the author of the most outstanding research paper written by an Anthropology graduate student.

This year's winner was **Andrew Asher** for his paper titled "*Bridging the Divide? Ethnic Identity and Transnational Consumption in a 'European City'*"

Honorable Mention goes to **Melissa Raquet-Schofield** for her paper titled, "*A Preliminary Study of the Ontogeny of Feeding Behaviors in Mantled Howler Monkeys (Alouatta palliata)*"

The Dimitri Shimkin award was set up by Patricia O'Brien in honor and memory of Demitri B. Shimkin (additional money was donated by Tauby Shimkin and an anonymous donor).

The **EDWARD M. BRUNER AWARD** is given to a graduate student for their academic excellence and promise in Anthropology.

This year the award was given to two students, **Andrew Asher** and **Junjie Chen** for their individual and collaborative efforts. Andrew won a national paper prize from the Society for the Anthropology of Europe, and Junjie was awarded a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation to conduct his fieldwork. In innumerable other ways, both have shown indisputable energy in forging professional careers from the first day they joined our program. Together, their collaboration has been strikingly fruitful. They co-organized a wide-ranging AAA panel comparing post-socialist regimes and daily practices from Cuba through Eastern Europe to China. The panel was a great hit precisely because of its refreshingly broad comparative focus.

This award was started by **Edward M. Bruner & family** upon his retirement.

The **PATRICIA O'BRIEN AWARD** is given to an undergraduate for their outstanding paper in anthropology.

This year's winner was Susanne Garrett for her paper "*Where are My Genes? Addressing the Question of Where Native American Populations Originated.*"

The **CHARLES J. BAREIS AWARD IN ILLINOIS ARCHAEOLOGY** is given to a student studying Illinois Archaeology.

This year's winner was Phil Millhouse.

The **JOSEPH CASAGRANDE AWARD** was given to a Graduate Student for Best Anthropological Research Proposal in Socio-Cultural Anthropology, and to assist them in conducting field work in Cultural Anthropology.

This year's award went to Alison Goebel for her proposal "*Working at Whiteness: Negotiations of*

Race and Class among White Community Members of Mansfield, Ohio.”

Honorable Mentions go to **Batamaka Some** for his proposal “*Women’s Share in Cotton Production in Burkina Faso*”, and **Alyssa Garcia** for her proposal “*Conceptualizations of the Body: An Ethnographic Analysis of Gender in Cuba.*”

ANTHROPOLOGY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. This award is given by the Head to a particular individual for their distinguished service through a commitment to teamwork and leadership and dedication.

This year’s recipient is **Alma Gottlieb.**

UGASA presented their award for **OUTSTANDING STUDENT CHOICE FOR ANTHROPOLOGICAL RECOGNITION (OSCAR)** to our new archaeologist **Chris Fennell.**

FACULTY/ALUMNI AWARDS

Gene Giles received the **Charles Darwin Award** for outstanding lifetime achievement award at the AAPA meetings in Milwaukee this past week.

Martin Manalansan’s book “*Global Divas: Filipino Gay Men in the Diaspora*” was awarded honorable mention for the **Cultural Studies Book Prize** by the Association for Asian American Studies for 2005. It was awarded the **Ruth Benedict Prize** in 2003.

Mahir Saul received the **Distinguished Africanist Award** given by the Association for Africanist Anthropology, and was invited to present the distinguished Africanist lecture at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Atlanta in November, 2004.

Arlene Torres was featured in the February 2005 issue of **The Hispanic Outlook for Higher Education Magazine** as one of the leading Latina Women in Education Nation Wide.

In 2003, **Tom Zuidema** received the **Doctorate Honoris Causa** of the University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru, the oldest University of the Americas). In August 2004, he received the medal “**Garcilaso de la Vega**” of the Instituto Nacional de Cultura in Cuzco, Peru. And in November 2004, he was nominated a permanent member of the **Institute of Advanced Studies** at the University of Bologna in Italy, the oldest University in Europe.

Alumna **Virginia Kerns’** (UofI, PhD 1977) recent book “*Scenes From the High Desert, Life and Theory of Julian Steward.*” was the winner of the 2004 Evans Biography Award given by the Mountain West Center for Regional Studies of Utah State University and winner of the William P. Clements Prize for the best non-fiction book on the American Southwest. **Virginia Kerns** is a professor of anthropology at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia,

GRADUATE DEGREES AND MILESTONES

Congratulations to our new PhD recipients, MAs and ABDs!

New Doctors of Philosophy in Anthropology:

Angelina Cotler, Ph.D.; her dissertation is entitled “Investing in Women: Myths and Realities of Micro-Credit Programs in Peru”

Eric Hollinger, Ph.D.; defended his dissertation titled “Conflict and Culture Change in the Late Prehistoric and Early Historic American Midcontinent”

New Masters of Arts

Andrew Asher, M.A. Bridging the divide? Ethnic identity and transnational consumption in a European city.

Alyssa Garcia, M.A. Discourses of culture “American” vs. “Cuban: Understanding the phenomena of Cuban hip-hop.

Steve Maas, M.A. Nationalizing classrooms in North-West Wales: Teachers’ strategies for teaching Welsh history and national identity.

Brian Montes, M.A. Remembering the Caste War: Intersections of race and class among the Maya of East-Central Quintana Roo.

Sarah Rowe, M.A. Variation and continuity in Manteno ceramics: issues of social/ethnic identity.

Jennifer Shoaff Schroder, M.A. Borders within borders: the racial topography of mobility and containment among Hatians in the Dominican Republic.

Donna White, M.A. Urban negotiations of races and sexuality.

New A.B.D.s

Andrew Asher, Jodi Blumenfeld, Alyssa Garcia, and Jennifer Shoaff Schroder all completed their preliminary exams.

STAFF AWARDS

Our staff are also excellent (in case you didn’t know this already)!

Shari French recently received the **Liberal Arts and Sciences Staff Award**.

Liz Spears was recently nominated for the **Chancellor’s Distinguished Staff Award**.

EVEN MORE GRADUATE AWARDS

In addition to departmental awards, several students have received awards, honors, or grants for their upcoming research:

Andrew Asher was awarded a **Summer 2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)** fellowship from the European Union Center.

Alyssa Garcia received a **Nelle M. Signore Fellowship in International Relations** for her research on “Changing Conceptualizations for the Body: An Ethnographic Analysis of Gender Relations in Cuba”. She also received the **Kathleen Cloud International Research Grant** from Women in Gender and Global Perspectives to conduct doctoral level research.

Angela Shand Glaros received a **2005-2006 FLAS** from the Russian & East European Studies Center.

Tzu-Kai Liu received an **Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH) Graduate Student Fellowship** for 2005-2006.

Isabel Scarborough was awarded a **2005-2006 FLAS** from the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Elizabeth Spreng was awarded a **2005-2006 FLAS** from the European Union Center.

Bjorn Westgard was accepted at his first choice for a medical residency in emergency medicine next year in Minneapolis.

Julie Williams received a **2005-2006 FLAS** from the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Jennifer Young has received a **2005-2006 FLAS** from the Russian and East European Center.

Graduate College Conference Travel Award Recipients were *Ethel Hazard, Noriko Muraki, and Jill Wightman*.

Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grants were awarded to *Greg Blomquist, Jennifer Hardin, ShanShan Lan, and Jennifer Shoaff Schroder*.

Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Grants were awarded to *Andrew Asher, Margaret Enrile, Jennifer Shoaff Schroder, and Jennifer Hardin (Alternate)*.

Wenner-Gren Dissertation Research Grants (2005-2006) were awarded to *Margaret Enrile* for research in Peru, and to *Jennifer Shoaff Schroder* for research in the Dominican Republic.

Tinker Grants for Summer Research from the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies were awarded to *Ethel Hazard, Sarah Rowe, Isabel Scarborough, and Julie Williams*.

HELP!

Our editorial staff is leaving! Neither Margaret nor Donna will be on campus next year.

So, if you've always wanted to **help!** with a newsletter now's your chance!

The aim of AnthroNews is to provide a forum for communication about the many and diverse activities, awards and personalities within our department.

Please contact John Polk (jdpolk@uiuc.edu) with suggestions/submissions/**help!** for future issues.



Undergraduates **Thomas Duggan, Dann McKeegan,** and **Michael Donovan** in ANTH 443 get practical lessons in optimal foraging and observational data collection (left). **Beth Gienko** from ANTH 243 demonstrates the nut-cracking behavior common among West African chimpanzees (right). It's harder than it looks!

Photos by R. Stumpf and J. Polk



MEMORIAL

Muriel (Miki) Crespi, an alumna of our department (PhD, 1968) passed away in April 2003. Miki was a strong proponent and practitioner of applied ethnography both in her initial work on the social, economic and ecological organization of the hacienda system in Ecuador, and in her pioneering efforts with the National Park Service (NPS). At the NPS she developed and implemented the NPS Applied Ethnography Program that aimed to “help humanize and democratize decision-making by addressing the concerns of contemporary peoples with traditional associations to park cultural and natural resources.” She was a strong advocate for the importance of cultural anthropologists in non-traditional roles and her work within the NPS allowed her to train many park and regional ethnographers, influence NPS management systems and provide voices to people that otherwise would not have been heard within the NPS. Miki was very active in the AAA, the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) and other professional societies. She served as president of the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists, and served on the executive board of the SfAA. She received many awards throughout her career including the Omer C. Steward Award from the High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology, and the AAA's Solon T. Kimball Award for Public and Applied Anthropology. As her obituary in Anthropology News states, “She leaves an indelible footprint for generations to follow.”

J.D.P.

P.S. Thank you to Clark Cunningham for bringing Muriel's passing to our attention.