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KAS Anniversary Party at AAA

The Kroeber Anthropological Society 50th anniversary party in November was a huge success! Up above the city on the 41st floor of the Hilton, with a smashing view of the East Bay, more than 60 people gathered to reminisce about Berkeley and the KAS.

Agustin Fuentes (now at Central Washington U) was an excellent Master of Ceremonies, and several people told the assembled revelers about their memories of the KAS, including Carolyn Nordstrom (U Notre Dame), Lamont Lindstrom (U of Tulsa), Len Plotnicov (U Pittsburgh), Jack Glazier (Oberlin), and Fred Gamst (U Mass Boston). Other past KAS editorial board members in attendance included Hal Conklin and Pat Lyon, who spoke fondly of the KAS picnics of their day, Uli Linke (Rutgers) and Michael Kearney (UC Riverside). Other party-goers included current and past UCB faculty members Kent Lightfoot, Elizabeth Colson, Roger Green, Jonathan Marks, and KAS Faculty Advisors Laura Nader and Junko Habu, as well as UCSF faculty member Gay Becker. Numerous current UCB students, as well as Hans Baer, and alumni Danny Maltz, Nerissa Russell (Cornell U), Kathie Zaretsky (SJSU), and Michael Nunley (U Oklahoma) were also there.

After the speeches, the party kicked into high gear, fueled by a salsa CD that Jelani Mahiri had been thoughtfully carrying around in his pants. KAS co-editor Adrian McIntyre was seen dancing with Professor Nader for a full 15 seconds before she covered her eyes and accused him of “bellydancing”—a claim he does not deny.



photo by Jelani Mahiri

The party, which finally broke up about 1:30 a.m., was arranged by the entire current KAS crew, coordinated by party-planners (and provisioners) Mitzi Carter, Nell Gabiam, and Cheryl Smith. A special exhibit of past issues of the KAS Papers was developed by Adrian MacIntyre and Tatyana Mamut, while KAS President Katie MacKinnon arranged for our speakers and VP Liza Grandia led a crew to get out the invitations.

Thanks are due to Jelani Mahiri for taking photos and to Jay Ou, who tended bar. Kevin Karpiak and Dar Rudnyckyj saved the day by making a liquor run during the party, since it turns out that Berkeley folk drink more than anyone thought they would, and Laura Bathurst worked magic with her cell phone to make sure the party workers were coordinated. Lisa Bourgeault, Angela Jenks, Pam Stern, Linda Coco, Fouzieyha Towghi, and Maya Ponte also all pitched in to make the party a success.

Memorial Service for James Fanto Deetz Emeritus Professor, Anthropology —February 8

A memorial and celebration of his life will be held for Dr. James F. Deetz, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, on his birthday, February 8, in the Faculty Club's Great Hall at 4 p.m. Some of the speakers include: Meg Conkey, Eric Engstrom, Dave Frederickson, Kent Lightfoot, Jim Allan, Dell Upton, and Adrian Praetzellis. A reception will follow in the atrium of the Archaeological Research Facility, where, with food, drink, music, and reminiscences, those assembled will celebrate Dr. Deetz's relentlessly giving spirit and his “catankerousness and generally enthusiastic grumpiness.” *



James F. Deetz

All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to forward the news of the event to any of Jim's former students and friends. If you have any questions about the day, contact Sandy Jones at 642.3616 or sandy@sscl.berkeley.edu.

* quote from Eric Engstrom

Berkeley at Society for Historical Archaeology Conference

Berkeley was well represented at the Society for Historical Archaeology's 2001 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology entitled “Teach the Mind, Touch the Spirit.” Aboard the 1930's-era cruise liner Queen Mary in Long Beach, California, recent graduates, graduate students, and faculty members presented their research. Other people came to catch up with colleagues and friends, appreciate the beautiful facilities, and find out what's new in the field. UC Berkeley presenters included Kendra Carlisle, Bonnie Clark, Rosemary Joyce, David Palmer, Amy Ramsay, and Barbara Voss.

The January 9-13 meetings included paper presentations, panel discussions, workshops, luncheon roundtables, awards presentations, receptions, and other events. Perhaps the most popular was Friday night's Banquet/Dance, held in the Queen Mary's Exhibition Hall. The balloon-festooned extravaganza, complete with a blues band and dance floor, brought nearly all conference attendees to the “archaeology prom.” Who was the rug-cutting belle-of-the-ball? None other than our own Sandy Jones! Be sure to ask her where she learned all her moves.

The Society's 2002 conference will be held during January in Mobile, Alabama. For more information go to SHA's web site, <http://www.sha.org>. *submitted by Amy Ramsay*

Anthropology Fund on its Way

Gifts are beginning to come in for the Anthropology Fund, Anthropology's new development effort begun with the hope of being able to offer more financial support to students. The Anthropology Fund was kicked off in December by the first newsletter to go out to Anthropology's 5400 alumni. The response to the newsletter (prepared by Holly Halligan) has been positive. Several alumni have contributed for a total of \$1,000. One 1966 alumni is mentioning Anthropology in her living will. And last week a sizable donation was made to be shared by the departments of Anthropology and Education, to establish endowments to help women students in the field. We hope to have more details on this endowment in a future issue of *BAM!*

This is exciting news for Anthropology. As the department has had to rely increasingly on private resources to supplement its support to students, it is gratifying that Anthropology alumni have responded with such generosity.

Symposium on Impact of Globalization on Post-Socialist Cultures

Soyuz, the research network for Post-Socialist Cultures, and UC Berkeley's Institute for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES) will host the symposium, "From the Internationale to the Transnationale: Repositioning Post-Socialist Cultures" on February 16th and 17th, in the Wells Fargo Room at the Haas School of Business. Over forty scholars will come from the former Soviet Union, Europe and across the US to discuss and demonstrate the ways in which ethnography and theory may be combined to assess and understand the impact of globalization on post-Socialist cultures. Panel topics include: new patterns in border, community and identity formation; transnationalism; migration; popular culture; development and civil society; the making of business culture; and new trends in production, consumption and exchange in the former Soviet Union.

For further information, as well as the symposium program and abstracts, visit the Soyuz website at: www.swarthmore.edu/SocSci/soyuz/index.html or e-mail Rachael Stryker at: stryker@sscl.berkeley.edu.

Whitehead Exhibit in Kroeber Gallery

During the month of February, William T. Whitehead, Ph.D. candidate in archaeology, will be exhibiting "Images from the Field: Chiripa, Boliva," photographs of the people and conditions in the town supporting an archaeological dig, in the Second Floor Gallery of Kroeber Hall.

Bill says of his project, "Archaeological projects do not happen in a vacuum. The people, landscape, and events around an excavation can be just as important to the members of the dig team as the academic work. Over the last five years the Taraco Archaeological Project (Professor Christine Hastorf, Director) has been working in the same location. In that time span, the crew and the town have worked, played, fought, and lived together. On exhibit are some of the things seen in the summer of 2000."

This exhibit will move on at the end of February, so catch it while you can.

If you are interested in exhibiting photographs or other artwork in the gallery contact Holly Halligan, 643.4445 or hollyh@uclink.berkeley.edu.

Tarek Elhaik Curates Film Series —February 5

The Distress of the Damned (Yasmina Kassari, Morocco, 1999, 57 min) will be shown on February 5, 8 p.m., at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 340 Stephens Hall.

MACTiA Noontime Multimedia Seminars

Every Thursday from 12-1 at the MACTiA (Multimedia Authoring Center for Teaching in Anthropology), graduate student Michael Ashley López is offering a hands-on learning seminar on multimedia production techniques. The seminars begin February 1. For a list of topics, see the MACTiA web site, <http://www.mactia.berkeley.edu>

Anthropology Centennial Trivia Contest

Congratulations to Sandy Jones, undergraduate student affairs officer, for winning the Anthropology Centennial Trivia Contest for the second time in a row! The question was:

How many pages long was Alfred Kroeber's dissertation for his Ph.D. in anthropology?

Answer: 28 pages.

February's trivia question:

What does the "W" in Edward W. Gifford stand for?



Two-time Trivia Winner!

The Ear

A big welcome to **Lisa Hua**, who has joined Anthropology as the new Purchasing Assistant, replacing Judith Grant, who left in November. Please stop by and introduce yourself to Lisa. An interview with Lisa will appear in the March issue of *BAM!* . . . The Anthropology Department, the Museum, and the ARF joined forces again this year to pull off another successful holiday party. Thank you to everyone who made this possible: to **Sharon Lilly** who galvanized the staff into action, and who has the Catering Friend, Trish Dobson; to the museum staff, especially **Joan Knudsen**, **Martha Muhs** and **Ben Peters**, for their skill at decorating the Worth Ryder Gallery (museum staff was way better than Anthropology staff at hanging tinsel; we suspect it is because they spend more time arranging stuff in their jobs; Joan had even *ironed* the red and green ribbons that went up on the wall); to **Ned Garrett**, who held down the bartender job and attended to the rumless eggnog emergency; and to **Phuong** and **Huy Chau**, Anthropology work study student and her brother, for their perseverance and diligence in the clean-up effort. Clean up is the most dreaded part, and Phuong and Huy stayed until the end. For the first time, many anthropology undergraduates showed up at the party, thanks to **David Kojan's** bold marketing strategy of requiring his section to turn in their 114 papers at the party. . . . Thanks to **Patrick Kirch** and **Meg Conkey**, who recently gave presentations on their research as part of an ongoing series of faculty presentations to staff. The staff learned from Pat not to be in the Berkeley Art Museum during an earthquake and from Meg that the best part of an archaeological dig in France is the bakery. . . . After the acclaim received from his showing in the Second Floor Gallery of Kroeber Hall, **Jelani Mahiri** has mounted another exhibit (his "salsa stuff") at Lynn & Lou's Escapade Cafe, 3353 Grand Avenue. The usual trajectory is Kroeber Hall, Lynn & Lou's, then NYC, so check out this exhibit while it is still in the area.