
New Faculty Hires in Anthropology

Cori Hayden, Charles Hirschkind, and Saba Mahmood have all accepted Berkeley's offer of employment and will become new Anthropology faculty. They will begin teaching Fall 2004, Fall 2004, and Spring 2004, respectively. They will be an excellent addition to the department and campus!

Sharon Lilly Wins Excellence in Management Award

Sharon Lilly has been selected to receive a Berkeley Staff Assembly's Excellence in Management Award. The theme for the 2002-2003 Award is "Let there be light: Keeping it light in the workplace." It is dedicated to the memory of Chang-Lin Tien, former Chancellor of UC Berkeley. The award was designed to recognize those managers who even in times of stress bring light to their units.

A nomination for this award must be generated and supported by a minimum of one-half of those supervised. It is the tradition of being nominated by one's staff that has garnered the Award its reputation as a genuine expression of a manager's success.

All recipients will be honored at a May 12 luncheon at the International House, at which Chancellor Berdahl will speak.

A line from her nomination letter reads: "Sharon's door is always open, and she has the welcoming presence, the warmth, the ability to listen, and the humor, that draws people in to *want* to talk to her. Many seek her out for advice, always wise, always astutely aware of every situation, or for her commiseration and resourcefulness. Sometimes Sharon should shut her door so that she could get tasks done that are stressing her, but she always puts herself after the person who appears at her door with a need to talk." Congratulations, Sharon!

Anthro Undergrads Take Part in Model Arab League

— *Belinda Steyer, anthropology undergraduate*

An interesting find was made this spring by four anthropology majors seeking a few units to meet the L&S "outside the major" requirement. Through serendipity we discovered the Model Arab League (MES198) offered by Professor Laurence Michalak. It turns out that this course is an annual event and that UCB has been a participant since 1997.

The Model Arab League is much like the Model United Nations. Several universities come together for a three-day summit at San Francisco State University and each school represents an Arab League country in one of five committees. (One university had to drop out, which gave Berkeley the opportunity to represent not one but two countries, Jordan and Tunisia.) All the anthros wanted to be on the Social Affairs Committee, but as there were not enough spaces, we drew bones to determine who would get to be on that committee. In the end I decided that the Environmental Committee was every bit as good.

The idea was to research our country so that we could be well-informed and represent our country's position in the most accurate manner possible. Although there was a lot of parliamentary procedure (the poli sci folks were in debate heaven), they didn't quite know what to make of the anthro crowd. Anthropologists—never shy with a good social argument—managed to get a few resolutions passed.

At the conclusion of the summit, awards were announced for the best delegates, and Scott Harris, one of the anthropology delegates from Berkeley, received a Distinguished Delegate Award. Congratulations, Scott!

So, next spring when you find the L&S requirement looming large and you are seeking a place that rewards and awards a good argument, give serious consideration to the Model Arab League—you won't be sorry!

Ruth Tringham Part of Team Winning an HP Grant Initiative

UC Berkeley has won the HP Applied Mobile Technology Solutions in Learning Environments Grant Initiative to provide wireless access to the entire campus community, including most lecture halls, open meeting places, libraries and cafes. Principal Investigator Philip Stark, Professor of Statistics and Faculty Assistant for Educational Technology, teamed with Ruth Tringham, Professor of Anthropology, and Yehuda Kalay from Architecture to develop a successful proposal addressing a chronic problem in large lectures: impersonality, inflexibility, and difficulty engaging students.

Wireless networking will be exploited in "hybrid" redesigns of Anthropology 2, Chemistry 1A, and Statistics 21, which enroll over 5,000 students annually in humanities, life, physical and social sciences, business, and engineering. For example, the focus of MACTiA-based Anthro 2 is team-authored multimedia presentations as the culmination of a semester of research; the proposed project will help the teams collaborate more easily and effectively and improve their access to library resources.

The initiative provides \$180,000 in hardware plus two undergraduate stipends of \$10,000 each. These funds have been enhanced by generous support from the university and Campus Network Services, bringing the funding to \$400,000. 140 wireless access points will be added to the existing Airbears network. While the project extends wireless Internet access to most of the campus, the emphasis is on providing access in key classrooms and areas where students congregate. 160 wireless cards will be available to students to borrow each semester free of charge, administered through an existing library checkout system. Anyone in the UC community with a CalNet ID and a wireless card will be able to log on to the system and access the Internet, electronic reserves and other online resources.

Hardware has been delivered by Hewlett-Packard and is already being installed. Installation is scheduled for completion this summer in anticipation of the Fall 2003 semester. The MACTiA and Anthropology library should be wireless by the end of the Spring term.

More information about the initiative will be available soon on the MACTiA website. Please feel free to contact Michael Ashley Lopez with any questions at mashley@uclink.berkeley.edu.

May Happenings in Anthropology

All Brown Bags Lectures: noon, rm. 101, ARF, 2547 Channing
All 290 Lectures: 4pm, 160 Kroeber, unless otherwise noted.

5/5 Ex Comm mtg., 10-12am.

5/5 Faculty mtg., 3-5pm, Gifford Room.

5/7 ARF Brown Bag Lecture Series—Roberta Gilchrist, University of Reading
Archaeology and the Life Course: Linking Age, Gender, Time and Space in Medieval England.

5/9 Social Cultural Year-End Faculty Review of Students, 9-12, Gifford Room.

5/12 Archaeology first year exams.

5/13 Deadline for all graduate students to add, drop, or change grading option for Spring.

5/23 Grad Division deadline for filing M.A. theses and Ph.D. dissertations.

5/23 Commencement 2003, 2pm, Zellerbach Hall, reception following.

Meg Conkey Recognized for Teaching and Achievement

Meg Conkey was chosen to receive a Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association Award for Teaching Excellence this year. The award consists of a certificate and a cash award, to be presented at Berkeley's faculty club on May 4.

Meg was also chosen as a recipient of the Golden Plate Award by the Academy of Achievement. She will receive this award in Washington DC on May 1-3. Simultaneously with the presentation of the award, Meg will be inducted into the Achievement Museum, the purpose of which is to preserve the life stories of the most extraordinary achievers of our time and bring to life the pages of history for thousands of students around the world.

Published: "At Play in Belfast" by Donna Lanclos

Donna Lanclos' book, *At Play in Belfast*, has been published as part of the Rutgers Series in Childhood Studies, edited by Myra Bluebond-Langer.

Donna writes about children on the school playgrounds of working-class Belfast, Northern Ireland, using their own words to understand how they shape their social identities. Donna explores children's folklore from five Belfast primary schools (two Protestant, two Catholic, and one mixed), listening for what she can learn about gender, family, adult-child interactions, and Protestant/Catholic tensions. She frequently notes violent themes in the folklore and conversations that indicate children are aware of the reality in which they live. But at the same time, she sees that children resist being marginalized by adults who try to shield them from this reality.

Good-bye, Sharmila!

Sharmila Shinde, anthropology's curriculum coordinator, is leaving the department for a Student Affairs Officer position in Optometry. Sharmila was only in the department for a short while, but during her time here she made a big difference in anthropology's room scheduling, book ordering, and curriculum planning. These areas hummed along quietly, efficiently, and professionally because Sharmila was behind them. Sharmila's position and way of working is of the type where one will really understand all that she did once she is gone. In this case, she'll be able to hear our wails from over in Minor Hall. We wish Sharmila the very best, but we will miss her!

Recent Publications from Berkeley Anthropologists

Aihwa Ong

"Cyberpublics and Diaspora Politics among Transnational Chinese," in *Interventions*, vol. 5, no. 1, 2003.

The Ear

The March 2003 issue of *American Anthropologist* contains an obituary of Mickie Foster, written by **Stanley Brandes**. Also included in this issue is an obituary of Anthropology Emeritus Professor Jim Deetz. . . . **John Ogbu's** publisher is telling **him** that his new book, *Black Students in an Affluent Suburb: A Study of Academic Disengagement*, is selling like the proverbial "hot cake." The book went into its second printing in less than three months. His perspective on *Collective Identity and Schooling* was the subject of two organized sessions at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association held in Chicago, in April, and in May, he will be addressing the Advisory Committee of the California Academic Partnership Program in Sacramento. . . . **Nancy Scheper-Hughes** has received a few prizes these past months. She was the runner-up for *The Lancet's* Wakley Prize for an essay on "a clinical topic of international health importance." Nancy's submission was "Keeping an Eye on the Global Traffic in Organs," forthcoming, April 2003. Nancy also won the HF Guggenheim Prize for her essay, "Death Squads and Democracy in Northeast Brazil: Mobilizing Human Rights Discourses in the Defense of Children." (The subject was: "What Do we Know to Do About War?") Her article will appear in the *HFG Review* this spring. And last, Nancy was a finalist for the Harry Chapin Media Award, World Hunger Year (New York City) for the three-part series in the *National Post*, Canada (co-authored with Marina Jimenez) on the traffic in human organs: 1) "Europe's Poor Sell Their Kidneys"; 2) "The Unholy Business of the Kidney Trade"; 3) "Organ Theft Spreads its Tentacles" published in March-April 2002. The final award will be announced in May 2003. . . . **Seth Novogrodsky**, anthropology's favorite L&S computer support person, won Third Place in the "Animals in Nature" category in the Second Annual Sierra Club Yodeler Photo Contest. His winning photograph was a close-up of a ladybug. Seth says that close-up photography allows him to present aspects of nature that people may otherwise miss. To see a photo of the ladybug go to: <<http://www.berkeleycameraclub.org/bcc/VirtGall/24.htm>>. She's sassy. . . . More photography news: anthro undergrad **Kasper Koczab** is exhibiting some of his work in the esteemed Second Floor Kroeber Gallery. He writes that his portraits are an exploration of the human mood. Stop by and check them out. You can send comments to him at kasperek79@yahoo.com. (Kasper's exhibit was curated by **Sandy Jones** and the Ear in ever-rising hisses in the hallway: *That's too symmetrical*. Is not. *Is too*. Is not.) . . . Did you hear the original head of Plato may have turned up in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum's basement? The museum had this head in its basement for years—it had been picked up by Phoebe one day while out shopping in Rome. For years everyone thought the head was a fake, and that Phoebe had been taken in. But it turns out that Phoebe knew her Plato heads. Recent research indicates that it indeed may be *the* Plato head. The key to thinking it might be *the* is the puffy left ear. Intrigued? Read the article on <<http://www.berkeley.edu/news/multimedia/2003/04/plato/plato.html>>. Makes you wonder what else is down there, doesn't it? They could have a killer of a yard sale.

SEE YOU AT COMMENCEMENT!
MAY 23, 2PM, ZELLERBACH HALL