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Laura Nader Gives Distinguished Lecture at AAA

Laura Nader will deliver the Distinguished Lecture "Anthropology!" at the American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 18 (7:30-9:00pm) in the Continental Ballroom 5 & 6.

In her lecture, Dr. Nader's optimism will convey what she sees when she looks at the discipline of anthropology today amidst new challenges. She said 20th century anthropology was marked by increased specialization and movement away from its vision as an integrated discipline, but 21st century anthropology is characterized by new mixes that are taking anthropology from the periphery to centers of modernity and back, connecting the particular with the universal, the local and the global, biology and culture.

Laura Nader will talk about how she sees the venerable specialities in kinship and the renewed interest in diffusion as being reconstituted as anthropologists work on histories, trade regimes, new international bureaucracies, science, technology, intellectual property, environment, the changing nature of nature—a more contemporary anthropology that challenges those who have headlined anthropology as sex, savagery and cannibalism. She believes new bridging phenomena is consistent with a restless anthropology—the first of the "new" sciences rather than the last of the "old"—ready to face a brave new globalized world.

Berkeley at AAA

Originally *BAM!* intended to list everyone at Berkeley who was presenting at AAA, but the list grew too long for this publication (basically Berkeley will be everywhere all the time). (Thank you to everyone who responded!) Instead we refer you to the American Anthropological Association's web site: <http://www.ameranthassn.org/index.htm> where you can find the presenting times and paper topics of everyone you know.

New Features to Anthro's Web Site

Added to Anthropology's web site is a listing of job and grant opportunities for faculty and graduate students. This feature is updated almost weekly, so it is worthwhile to keep checking it. See: <http://anthropology.berkeley.edu/anthjobs.html>

Also on Anthropology's web site is the *Letters of Recommendation Request Form*. Please use this form when requesting a letter of recommendation from an Anthropology faculty member. See: <http://anthropology.berkeley.edu/lor.html>

The Trivia Contest Lives

Yes, it's back, the *BAM!* Trivia Contest (formerly known as Ned's Trivia Corner). This year the trivia questions will focus on the upcoming Berkeley Anthropology Centennial, each month asking a question about some aspect of the departmental history.

Please email your answer to hollyh@uclink.berkeley.edu. The first response with the correct answer will win a gift certificate to one of our fine dining establishments around Kroeber Hall.

The first question:

What is the date the Department was established by the U.C. Regents?

Good-bye Judith Grant!

Judith Grant, Anthropology's Accounting and Purchasing Assistant will be leaving the department to be Program Manager for the College Writing Program.

Judith will be missed for her skill in maneuvering through the Berkeley Financial System (BFS) labyrinth. Judith delved right into learning the new accounting system and quickly became the department resource. Without Judith, many of us will be forced to call the BFS help desk, something we try really hard to avoid. Judith was also instrumental in purchasing just about everything in Anthropology, inventorying it and slapping a sticker on it. She signed up many a GSR this year, sent out those familiar phone charge slips that seemed to appear way more than once a month, and had her own stash of knowledge of where jams occurred in the copier. Judith was the essential 'see that this happens' person and her intelligence and her can-do quality were appreciated by all.

Those who got to know her better will miss Judith's humor and again, her intelligence that came out through her humor. We'll miss being entertained by Judith's varied life interests. We'd watch her whip up Green Drink (don't ask), we took her up on her offer to lie on her new magnetic table, and said yes, we'd love for her to make us a rock fountain for our office. The front office also got to know Judith's alter-ego, DJ Chad. Assuming this persona, Judith would spin CD's from her computer, working hard to create precisely the right mood for a Friday afternoon.

When asked what the highlights of working in Anthro were for her, Judith said she will always remember the huge bouquet of flowers she got on her birthday, the call from the donor wanting to give a million dollars to Prof. Dundes, and the constant supply of quality cookies in the Faculty Lounge. Judith said she is also grateful to Anthropology for teaching her many of the skills required by her new position.

Stop by and say good-bye to Judith!

Book Orders are Due Now

Everyone should note that book orders are now due for Spring 2001. Submit your order to Juliet Vogt, 232 Kroeber Hall, jmvogt@uclink.berkeley.edu.

Please try to get your orders in soon as it helps Juliet not go completely crazy juggling publishers, faculty changing their minds, out-of-print books, faculty changing their minds, and bookstore mix-ups. The task of book ordering can be daunting—every semester we lose Juliet for a while beneath a sea of faxes and cardboard boxes. Help Juliet out here, so she can come out again.

Competiton for 2001-2002 Researcher-in-Residence Program

The Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego invites applications for Visiting Research Fellowships and for non-stipend Guest Scholar affiliations for the 2001-2002 academic year. The Center's Researchers-in-Residence Program is the largest residential fellowship program in the United States for Mexico specialists. Each year the program brings together about 30 researchers in the social sciences, history, and various interdisciplinary fields. Research fellows and Guest Scholars at both the predoctoral and postdoctoral levels will be selected.

Application forms can be requested from the Center directly, or they can be downloaded from the Center's web page: <http://www.usmex.ucsd.edu>. The deadline for receipt of applications is January 12, 2001. For additional information contact the Center at 858.534.4503 or usmex@ucsd.edu.

Institute of Andean Studies Registration and Call for Papers

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Institute for Andean Studies will be held January 5-6, 2001. The Meeting will be held in the Anderson Auditorium, Room F295, Haas School of Business, UC-Berkeley.

Titles and descriptions of papers must reach the Institute by November 22, 2000 in order to be considered. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by November 27. Paper titles must be sent by mail; fax or e-mail will not be considered.

Only 23 papers will be selected. Topics are confined to Andean archaeology or closely related subjects. To submit a paper, send title, brief description of contents, and estimate of time required for presentation (max. 30 minutes, including discussion). Participants need not be members of the Institute; students are welcomed. Those who need a formal letter of invitation to solicit travel funds from their institution should request it along with their title.

For further information, write to the Institute (Institute of Andean Studies, P.O. Box 9307, Berkeley, CA 94709) or telephone 510.525.7816 (between 9-5:30 PST. Please do not call the Museum or the University.) Juliet Vogt in 232 Kroeber has also been provided with some applications.

Patrick Kirch Organizes Polynesian Archaeology Conference

With support provided by a \$10,000 grant from the France-Berkeley Fund, Patrick Kirch and Eric Conte of the Universite de Polynesie Francaise and the Sorbonne are co-organizing an international conference on Polynesian archaeology. The conference will bring together francophone and anglophone archaeologists from France, New Zealand, Chile, and the United States for discussions on the current state and future of Polynesian archaeology. Also invited are a number of Tahitian and Polynesian students studying archaeology in Tahiti and France. The conference will be held at UC Berkeley's Gump Research Station on the island of Mo'orea during the first week of December.

The Ear

Aihwa Ong has had her article "Graduated Sovereignty in Southeast Asia" published in the latest issue of *Theory, Culture, and Society*. Also, in her capacity as chair of the Center of Southeast Asian Studies, she has helped secure Title 6 funds to increase language offerings (advanced Vietnamese and introductory Khmer) as well as expand Southeast Asia-related lectures and events on campus . . .

Tarel Elhaik has one more film showing in his program at the Pacific Film Archive. "Program of shorts by directors from the Arab Diaspora" will be shown on November 13, at 7:30 p.m., 2575 Bancroft. . . . This year's American Folklore Society's Folk Belief and Religious Folklife Section awarded honorable mention for best student paper to **Maria Agozzino** for her paper, "First Come, First Served: Investigating Sir John Rhys's 'Essential Connection' Between Celtic New Year Customs." . . . **Dan Gurrola**, staff computer support person, will be singing in The Young Inspiration Gospel Choir's concert on November 4 at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley. See Dan in 232 Kroeber for tickets. . . .

Misha Klein has been invited to present at a November conference sponsored by Jewish Studies, Literature, Latin American Studies, Cultural Studies, and Institute for Humanities on the topic: "Thinking About Diaspora: Latin American Jewish Writers & Filmmakers." . . . **Liza Grandia** and **Krisjon Olson** gave a talk in October on the impact of the Guatemalan Peace Accords to a high school class on human rights at the Branson School in Marin County. While giving the talk, Lisa and Krisjon conducted a parallel ethnography in which they marveled at the facilities at this very nice private school in comparison to many public schools they are familiar with. They said it was definitely another world. . . .

Sharon Lilly was recently elected to serve as the Coordinator Elect on the ABOG (Academic Business Officers Group). The members of this committee are instrumental in a variety of ways on campus including performing on hiring committees of various university officials, providing analysis on proposals from the administration as to their effectiveness and taking positions on issues that affect the business operations of the University. This is a position which puts one of Anthro's staff (Sharon!) in a strategic spot during a transitional time here at the University. Yes. We are taking over.

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