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The Kroeber Anthropological Society Needs You!

The Kroeber Anthropological Society (K.A.S.) is a graduate student organization founded here at Berkeley in 1950. The group is committed to the advancement of anthropological research, publishing a semi-annual volume with an international circulation of approximately 130 and providing seminars and symposia. Members, publications, and events represent all anthropological subdisciplines. Current projects and activities include:

- Publication of the K.A.S. Papers, the oldest graduate journal of anthropology in the United States.
- The K.A.S. Noontime Talks, a series of presentations and roundtable discussions by the anthropology faculty on central issues/debates in the discipline.
- A 50th anniversary celebration to be held at the American Anthropological Association meetings in San Francisco this November.
- A digital archive project, in cooperation with Anthropology Librarian Suzanne Calpestri, to digitize the 84 preceding volumes of the K.A.S. Papers.

K.A.S. needs you! The organization is a friendly, collaborative venture, which discusses and implements its projects through the shared efforts of its members. There is also a formal structure (officers, editorial staff) in order to delegate responsibilities and keep projects on track. We are looking for more members and for people to fill a variety of leadership positions. Contact Lisa Bourgeault at 650.357.7448 / lisabour@uclink.berkeley.edu for information.

Graburn Attends Inuit Conference

Nelson Graburn attended the 12th Inuit Studies Conference at the University of Aberdeen in August. The University, founded in 1474 and flush with North Sea oil money, is seeking recognition as a major circumpolar institution. Over 150 participants came from North America, Scandinavia and Russia, as well as Britain and the rest of Europe. Many speakers were Greenlandic, Canadian and Alaskan Inuit. Among them were Jose Kusugak, president of the Inuit Brotherhood, who with Sheila Watt, Canadian delegate to the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, spoke of an Inuit-Mayan alliance to cut world pollution; Peter Irniq, Commissioner for the new Nunavut Territory; and Greenlander Karla Jessen, newly appointed director of the influential research organization, the Arctic Institute of North America. Relations between scholars and Native leaders were professional rather than confrontational, and the local single malts were enjoyed by all.

Elhaik Curates Film Series

The Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Pacific Film Archive present "Rehearsing Arab Identity," a film series curated by Tarek Elhaik, Anthropology graduate student. All films will be screened on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the PFA theater on 2575 Bancroft. See the PFA catalog for program description.

- 10/2-Man of Ashes (Nouri Bouzid, Tunisia, 109min. '86)
- 10/16-Leyla and the Wolves (Heiny Srour, Lebanon, 90min. '84)
- 10/30-Adieu Forain (D. Aoulad Syad, Morocco, 90min. '98)

Scheper-Hughes Wins Staley Prize

Nancy Scheper-Hughes is the winner of the 2000 J. I. Staley Prize of the School of American Research for her book *Death Without Weeping: The Violence of Everyday Life in Brazil*. The J. I. Staley Prize was established during the School of American Research's 80th anniversary year. The prize is bestowed annually by the School to a living author for a book that exemplifies outstanding scholarship and writing in anthropology. The award acknowledges innovative works that transcend the traditional frontiers to increase understanding of the human species.

Nancy Scheper-Hughes will receive the award at a ceremony at the American Anthropological Association in November.



Nancy Scheper-Hughes

Voss and Schmidt Co-edit *Archaeologies of Sexuality*

On September 29 Routledge UK will publish a volume entitled *Archaeologies of Sexuality*, edited by UCB anthropology graduate students Robert Schmidt and Barbara Voss. (The book will be published in the US about three months after the UK publication.)

Expanding upon a 1998 Society for American Archaeology session with the same title, this volume will be the first book-length examination of sexuality as an object of knowledge within anthropological archaeology. Deliberately casting a wide net to investigate sexuality in as broad a range of archaeological contexts as possible, the book includes both prehistoric and historical case-studies from North America, Eurasia, Africa, and Australia.

In addition to the editors, who authored their own case studies as well as a jointly written introduction, several of the contributors are associated with the department, including faculty members Margaret Conkey, Rosemary Joyce, and Laurie Wilkie, and recent Ph.D. recipients Eleanor Casella and Elizabeth Prine.

DeVos Lectures at Japanese American Citizen's League

Last spring George DeVos spoke at the Japanese American Citizen's League in Chicago. Dr. DeVos, a graduate of the University of Chicago, had initiated his work with several others on the adaptation of Japanese Americans after the relocation experience during WWII. Participating with Dr. DeVos was Dr. Takuyuki Tsuda, who did his dissertation on the Japanese for UCB Anthropology under the direction of Dr. DeVos.

After the lecture Dr. DeVos met with graduate students and others in the interdisciplinary program of the Committee on Human Development at the University of Chicago. Dr. DeVos was one of the first students in this field some fifty-five years ago, working with his mentor Lloyd Warner, one of the founders of the program in 1947-48.

Join the Med Heads!

The Med Heads, formally known as the "Townsend Center Working Group in History and Social Studies of Medicine and the Body," is an interdisciplinary group of students and faculty who meet once a month over a potluck dinner for a lively discussion of a pre-circulated work-in-progress written by one of the attendees. Here's how it works: each month, a member of the group submits a paper to the whole group, and an invitation to the potluck dinner is issued. The dinners are sometimes in Berkeley, sometimes in San Francisco. Everyone who plans to attend the meeting reads the paper beforehand. We meet and eat from about 6-7:30 p.m., and then discuss the paper and provide suggestions and critique to the author until 9 p.m. Members of the group come from anthropology, history, public health, sociology, rhetoric, and medicine. This is a fabulous forum for getting feedback from an interdisciplinary group, and it is a great way to meet colleagues who are interested in the study of medicine and the body. Past sessions have covered visiting professor Leslie Reagan's "Bodily Integrity and the Right to Privacy: Rochin v. California (1952)" and medical anthropology student Lisa Bourgeault's "Walking the Edge: Nurse-Midwifery in the Domain of Biomedicine." This year, Lisa is coordinating the group, and she plans to solicit papers from as many anthropologists as possible. To be added to the Med Heads e-mail list so that you will be notified of future meetings, please send your name and e-mail address to Lisa Bourgeault at lisabour@uclink.berkeley.edu

ARF Outreach Program in Demand

The Archaeological Research Facility's Outreach Program, which serves the local community by providing classroom visits to K-12 schools, lab tours of our campus facilities, K-12 teacher training, and a variety of Cal Day hands-on activities, is off to a busy semester. We have already planned 15 classroom visits and 2 lab tours for Fall 2000, and there are many more requests for visits, which we are trying to fulfill. Teachers from a variety of Bay Area schools have heard about our program and have called to request visits from one of our graduate students.

This year's visits will include a series of talks at Richmond High School. Recently 900 students at Richmond High signed a petition demanding that an ethnic studies course become part of the curriculum. The administration at the high school is very sympathetic to the students' demands and they are, in fact, planning to add relevant courses to the curriculum. However, this is a slow process and such courses cannot begin until Fall 2002.

The principal of Richmond High felt that presentations by graduate students in the Anthropology Department would add a tremendous amount to their efforts to include ethnic studies as part of the curriculum. It is clear that our participation would help to fill a gap in the current education of these high school students (many of whom will have graduated by the time the ethnic studies courses are added).

To help: contact Sonya Atalay at the ARF Outreach Program (643.2271 / outreach@sscl.berkeley.edu) and offer to give a lecture. Currently we are organizing a series of one-hour presentations which will be given in November and December at Richmond High. Presentations should be on issues related to African, Asian, Latino, Native American and Pacific Islander peoples. Talks related to multiculturalism and multi-ethnic communities are also welcome. Presentations do not need

ARF Outreach Program continued.

to be formal—students would love to hear about your research and what it is that you do as an anthropologist. Slides would be very useful.

The student community at Richmond High is a community in need and this is an opportunity to help (while at the same time to enrich your résumé or teaching portfolio).

Hearst Museum Program on George Foster's Photography—October 22

On Sunday, October 22 at 2p.m., the Hearst Museum of Anthropology will offer a public program in conjunction with the exhibit of "Tzintzuntzan, Mexico: Photographs by George Foster."

The program features a screening of an ethnographic film shot in 1945-1946 by Emeritus Professor George Foster. The footage documents the ceremonial life and principal work—pottery, fishing, agriculture—of the community. It also includes interviews with Prof. Foster and linguist, Mary LeCron Foster, detailing their fifty-five years of research in Tzintzuntzan. After the film, graduate student Peter Cahn will present a brief slide show on the community today and talk about his recent fieldwork there.

The Ear

Berkeley folklorists will be well represented at the national folklore gathering at the American Folklore Society meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 25-29. Papers will be presented by **Maria Agazzino**, **Merrill Kaplan**, **Karen Miller**, **Janferie Stone**, **Michelle Sullivan**, and **Tok Thompson**. . . . *Beyond Kinship, Social and Material Reproduction in House Societies*, co-edited by **Rosemary Joyce** and Susan Gillespie, has recently been published. *Beyond Kinship* brings together ethnohistorians, archaeologists, and cultural anthropologists for the first time in a common discussion of the social model of house societies proposed by Claude Lévi-Strauss. . . . **Donna Lanclos** had two articles published, "Pigs and Cows in Northern Ireland: Anthropology, Folklore and Contributing to Child-Centered Studies of Culture and Identity" in *Social Analysis* and "Bare Bums and Wee Chimneys: Rudeness and Defining the Line Between Child and Adult" which was chosen as the 1999 Newell Prize Paper and appears in the American Folklore Society journal, *Children's Folklore*. . . . **Natasha Schull** has been awarded a Phi Beta Kappa dissertation grant and a Woodrow Wilson (Charlotte Newcombe) fellowship. . . . **Jelani Mahiri** is back from a year in Brazil and has stunning photographs that he took while there. Ask him to show them to you. . . . **Maria Agazzino** (Mabel) won the last "Ned's Trivia Contest" of the 1999-2000 academic year. The correct answer to the question, "In what year was Margaret Mead's *Coming of Age in Samoa* published?" (1943) was submitted by Mabel. (Mabel was way ahead of **Misha Klein** who protested that *she* was first and that Anthro staff had an advantage, and other such arguments and protestations) and won a gift certificate to Jamba Juice and a round of applause from everyone who was standing around, except Misha. . . . Congratulations to Graduate Advisor **Ned Garrett** on his upcoming marriage. Ned will marry Caron Inouye on October 7. There will be much toasting of Ned on Floor 2 of Big K. Come by and wish him well. . . . The Ear predicts a dismal fall for **BAM!** humor given that Department humorist **Gerald Berreman** is on leave this semester. But then, **Kent Lightfoot** is back from his leave and he's funny too. And as ever, we're grateful for the rest of us who supply them with all their best material.

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