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PAUL RABINOW IS NAMED A “CHEVALIER DE L’ORDRE DES ARTS ET LETTRES” BY FRENCH GOV’T.

The *Ordre des Arts et Lettres* was established in 1957 by the Minister of Culture specifically to recognize outstanding artistic work and the cultural influence of artists and writers in France and throughout the world. Previous to the creation of this Order, artists and writers could be recognized officially only through the Legion of Honor, (and that in very restricted numbers) or the Order of Academic Palms, if they were connected with the field of education. Both foreigners and French nationals can be named to the *Ordre des Arts et Lettres* which consists of three ranks (Chevalier, Officier, Commandeur) and is governed by certain age and promotion restrictions. A coveted award, it is given out twice annually to only a few hundred people worldwide.



Paul Rabinow’s *Chevalier des Arts et Lettres* award is a well-deserved tribute to a renowned anthropologist whose works, mainly focused on French topics (Foucault, French influence in Morocco, biosciences), have been read and studied in France for many years. For a long time, Paul has played a key role in French-American exchanges in the field of anthropology. He was prominent in the creation of the France-Berkeley Fund and is currently the Director of the French Cultural Studies Program. I should add that beyond those valuable academic reasons, he is an outstanding writer.

— Emmanuel Delloye, *Attaché Culturel, Consulat Général de France*

SHARON LILLY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Sharon Lilly was awarded a Distinguished Service Award for exceptional performance of her duties as Departmental Manager of Anthropology. Chair Stanley Brandes nominated Sharon for the award emphasizing how her presence has had a profoundly positive impact on the department since her arrival in August 1997. Among Sharon’s accomplishments, Chair Brandes noted improved staff morale, improved staff-faculty relations, more organized and professional use of Anthropology’s physical space (especially the renovation of the front office) and her careful and efficient management of funds in which Sharon has been able to upgrade Anthropology’s equipment and supplies while still cutting overall department expenses. Through precise bookkeeping, Sharon has been able to uncover resources that Anthropology never realized were available. Sharon has also been so successful in building relations with other campus departments that she has been elected chair of three committees!

All recipients of the Distinguished Service Award will be honored at an Award Ceremony on March 10.

A heartfelt congratulations to Sharon for a job well done and an award very much deserved.

MEET JUDITH GRANT, ANTHRO.’S NEW ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

(Judith Grant is our new accounting assistant. Come by the front office, introduce yourself, and welcome Judith to anthropology.)

What is your life/work history?

I was born in Lawrence, KS. My dad is a lifetime military man; my mom was a stay-at-home mom, and then later, an Avon Lady. (She is also a Cal grad way back in ancient history!) We moved every few years, mostly on the west coast. I have 3 sisters, no brothers. I went to college back east and decided that I am a west-coast gal at heart, so I came back to the Bay Area in 1984. I was very influenced by the 60’s going to junior high in Petaluma. I became interested in progressive politics and feminism in college, and expanded personally away from the ideas I was raised with in my family of origin. I have had a number of career interests including television, health care, teaching and administrative work.

What is your greatest passion and your greatest challenge in life right now?

My greatest passion is my freedom. I love being able to do whatever I want, most of the time. I like to paint, write and spend time with my dog and my cat. I have a great little studio apartment in a warehouse in Oakland, and I love spending time there—reading, cooking, listening to music and just hanging out. My greatest challenge is how to balance work/money/time and energy. I have a second job working as an attendant to a woman in a wheelchair (a Cal anthro grad of 1994). I would really like to devote more time to working on an anthology I am writing. I hope to be able to clarify my thoughts about this and focus more on my writing, in my spare time, as I am able.

I feel like I have found in the anthropology department a place where I belong. I am looking forward to working here, expanding my job skills, and getting to know the people in the department.

RUTH TRINGHAM & AMY RAMSAY RECEIVE GRANT

Ruth Tringham and Amy Ramsay are the recipients of a \$105,000 grant from the Interactive University Project. This grant, administered over three years, will allow for the creation of a learning community between UC Berkeley and partnered schools in the Oakland Unified School District. Drawing on resources and personnel of the Archaeological Research Facility, Department of Anthropology, and the Hearst Museum, participants will use archaeology and multimedia to help sixth-grade students in the OUSD meet district and state standards in the “Ancient Civilizations” History/Social Sciences curriculum. Classroom participation and an after-school “club” are planned. Watch here for more information on how graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, and staff can get involved!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1-31, 1999

Monday March 1	Faculty Meeting 3:00 p.m., Gifford Room
Wednesday March 3	Archaeology Brown Bag series Speaker/Subject TBA Noon, Rm. 101, 2251 College
Thursday March 4	290 Seminar, Dr. Veena Das University of Delhi, India <i>Bureaucratic Rationality: The Case of Vibrio cholerae 0139</i> 4:00-6:00 p.m., 221 Kroeber (Gifford Rm.)
Thursday March 4	Candidate talks for Med. Anthro. Search Dr. Linda Green, Columbia University 10:00 Mtg. w/Med. Anthro students 11:00 Intellectual bio—everyone invited At: Laurel Heights 474, UCSF
Friday March 5	12:00 Dr. Linda Green's colloquium: <i>Lived Lives & Social Suffering: Problems and Concerns in Medical Anthropology</i> At: Nursing Bldg. (N721), UCSF
Monday March 8	290 Seminar, Nicholas Thomas Australian National University 4:00-6:00 p.m., 160 Kroeber
Wednesday March 10	Archaeology Brown Bag series Speaker/Subject TBA Noon, Rm. 101, 2251 College
Thursday March 11	290 Seminar, George Marcus Rice University, Houston, TX <i>What is at Stake—and not—in the Idea of Multi-sited Ethnography?</i> 4:00-6:00 p.m., 221 Kroeber (Gifford Rm.)
Monday March 15	290 Seminar, James Clifford History of Consciousness Dept., UCSC 4:00-6:00 p.m., 160 Kroeber
Tuesday March 16	Candidate talks for Med. Anthro. Search Dr. Lorna Rhodes, Univ. of Washington 12:00 Intellectual bio—everyone invited At: Laurel Heights (room TBA), UCSF
Wednesday March 17	12:30 Mtg. w/Med. Anthro students (location of mtg. w/ students TBA) 4:00 Dr. Lorna Rhodes's colloquium: <i>Double Rehabilitation, No Rehabilitation: 'The Dangerous Individual' and the New Technology of Control in Prison</i> At: Health Sci. West. (HSW 303), UCSF
Thursday March 18	ARF Spring Lecture Henrik Thrane, Univ. of Aarhus, Denmark <i>A Baltic 'Sea of Peace' in the Bronze Age? A comparison between the Bronze Age cultures of the Baltic Region and the Viking model of Norse</i> 5:30 p.m., Rm. 101, 2251 College
Thursday March 18	290 Lecture, Henrietta Moore London School of Economics & Poli. Sci 4:00-6:00 p.m., 221 Kroeber (Gifford Rm.)
March 22-26	Spring Break (March 26 is a University holiday)
Monday March 29	Faculty Meeting 3:00 p.m., Gifford Room

THE EAR . . .

There have been a lot of UC Anthropology faces in the news. *The Jawbone's* Number One Ace Reporter, **Jonathan Marks** brought to our attention, well *first*, a picture of himself in the February *Anthropology Newsletter*, under which he is quoted as saying, "We need biological anthropology as Anthropology, not as Mickey-Mouse Biology," and in that same issue, a photo of **Lawrence Cohen** reading from his book *No Aging in India: Alzheimer's, the Bad Family, and Other Modern Things* which received the 1998 Victor Turner Prize. . . . And Number One Ace Reporter discovered that a picture of his Anthro 210 seminar was featured in the *U.S. News and World Report's* annual report on colleges. In this picture are various students sitting around a table *and* if you look real close and deep into the fold, you'll see **Jelani Mahiri's** nose. Do look carefully, Jelani will be very upset if you miss his nose. . . . Congratulations to **Pam Stern** who has just had an article accepted in *The American Anthropologist* entitled "Learning to be Smart: An Exploration of the Culture of Intelligence in a Canadian Inuit Community," and to **Nitasha Sharma**, exchange student to UCSB from UCSB (and current GSI for Anthro 1) who won the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology's 1998 Student Essay prize for a paper entitled "Down by Law: Responses and Effects of Sampling Restrictions on Rap." . . . Our Anthropology librarian **Suzanne Calpestri** has been invited to join the Information Futures Institute, which was begun in 1992 to ensure that the future information society enhances the lives of the members of the world community. The Institute numbers about 50 people and represents various segments of the information society. . . . Suzanne also brought to the attention of *The Jawbone* a mention of **Paul Rabinow** by Ireland's former Minister for Arts, Culture and Gaeltacht. In an article about what books he'll be reading that summer, the former minister, Michael Higgins, said he was looking forward to Paul Rabinow's latest volume, *Essays on the Anthropology of Reason*. The upshot of this is *Wow*, you never know who is tuning into your work. Paul Rabinow even said, "Neat." . . . And no, the new copier has not arrived yet, so! we can still get mileage out of the old one. Upon reading the plaudits bestowed upon **Alan Dundes** for his ability to clear a jam, **Gerald Berreman** spoke up, "I've cleared some ugly jams too, you know," and "I always believe in learning how to clear my own jams." While we wait for the new copier to arrive, we were thinking of having a contest where we jam up the copier really badly and then time Alan Dundes and Gerald Berreman to see which one can get the copier up and running the fastest. The winner? would get to skip a faculty meeting. *Uh, oh. Now all the faculty want to be contestants. They'll be in the copy room late at night, practicing.* . . . And **Gerald Berreman** (the most quotable faculty member) was heard to say upon his return from leave last fall, "I had 267 email messages." When asked if any were important, he replied, "Learning how to highlight a lot of them and delete them all at once—that was important." . . . And we end with an observation on the two kinds of anthro. grad. students in the world: those who check their departmental mailboxes every single day and those who never do. The first hates the second and wants to pummel them to *dust dust dust* and the second is completely oblivious to the first.

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