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PROFESSOR PHYLLIS DOLHINOW RETIRES FROM ANTHROPOLOGY

The beginning of the calendar year 1999 saw the retirement of biological anthropologist Phyllis Dolhinow, after 32 years of service on the UC-Berkeley anthropology faculty.

Phyllis Dolhinow earned her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1963, and after brief appointments at Columbia and UC-Davis, she joined the anthropology faculty at UC-Berkeley in 1966. Her principal research and primary publications have been on the langur monkey (*Presbytis entellus*), which she first studied as an undergraduate at Beloit College. The langurs were not as ostentatious or charismatic as their close relatives, the baboons, and consequently did not generate as much popular interest; but significantly, much of what was said about baboons in the 1960s has had to be reformulated, while the langur work remains far more intact.

Phyllis Dolhinow also has left her mark on the field of primate behavior by editing several outstanding collections of essays, notably *Primates: Studies in Adaptation and Variability* (1968); *Perspectives on Human Evolution*, co-edited with former advisor Sherry Washburn (1968); *Primate Patterns* (1972); and, hot off the press, *The Nonhuman Primates*, co-edited with former student Agustin Fuentes (1999).

Phyllis Dolhinow has always seen the future, it seems. An early advocate of the study of primate development, that field has become a hot research topic at the present time. Likewise, she argued in the 1970s for an approach to primate behavior that acknowledged variability and rejected the common typological approach, an idea that is being more widely appreciated today.

An outstanding and inspiring teacher to several generations of undergraduate and graduate students, Professor Dolhinow also bucked one of the significant fads in primatology: sociobiology. Significantly, that is also (as evolutionary psychology) belatedly coming under critical scrutiny now.

As a respected scholar, colleague, and mentor, her impact has been strongly felt upon both the department and the field. We know she will use her new free time productively, and wish her all the best in retirement. — *Jon Marks*

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN UCB ANTHROPOLOGY DEPT.

The University of California, Berkeley seeks a Linguistic Anthropologist at the rank of Full or Associate Professor to occupy a newly endowed chair. Candidates should demonstrate a distinguished publication record, an innovative research program, and an international reputation. Geographic area and topic specializations open. Appointment to begin January 1, 2000. Send application letter, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of references to: Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-3710. Applications must arrive by August 1, 1999. The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

ODE TO A DEPARTING CHAIR

Stanley Brandes received his Ph.D. in this department in 1971. After three years' seasoning as Assistant Professor at Michigan State, he returned to embark on 24 years (and counting) of outstanding service here, including two stints as Chair: during the relatively benign years, 1990-93, and the relatively malign ones, 1997-99. Nothing has tested his mettle (and mental) more than these past two years. That he has survived intact is testimony to his good will, administrative acumen and stamina. It also bespeaks his loyalty to this department and university, to his colleagues, students and staff. Now we wish him well as he [im]patiently awaits June 30, when he will step out (it can hardly be called a step down) of the chairship to embark on a sabbatical year featuring Peru, good times, new climes and diversions, as well as welcome relief and rehabilitation from the stresses of the bureaucratic paper-chase and lamentable collegial [insert word of choice].

Now let us recall the patience, diplomacy, fairness, modesty and light touch of wit which has characterized Stanley's chairmanship. Add his keen intellect, excellent and prolific scholarship, outstanding teaching, good taste (he has risen in office to become the fashion-plate of the male faculty), and one approaches the measure of the [chair]man. Recognizing and acting effectively in advance when anarchy threatened ["anarchy betides snarl" is after all, an anagram for "Chair Stanley Brandes"], he has been ever the imperturbable arbiter.

The breadth of expertise and diversity of his interests have been invigorating to all who attend to them. A random browse through words which appear in the titles of his invited lectures, professional papers and publications, reveals the anthropological scope of our soon-to-be ex-chair: the catholicity of his interests, predilections, preoccupations and passions, as well as a few minor obsessions. With 100 publications to his name, including five books ["only one edited," as we are wont to say in personnel cases], certain key words appear which bear mention:

Spain, Andalusia, Catalonia, Gypsies, Mexico, Tzintzuntzan, fieldwork, George M. Foster, peasants, folklore, religion, research, ethnography, analysis, modernization, power, persuasion, masculinity, honor, priest, fashion, dance, sexuality, fantasies, Spanish women, alcohol, pranks and banter, clowns, humor, fiestas, Halloween, family festivals, skits, giants and big-heads, female role models, nicknames, mid-life crisis, sex and status, count down to forty, wounded stags, alcohol and drinking, psycho-therapy, turning forty, sex roles, why people remain single, women, forty, gender, wedding, ceremonial meal, culinary mystery, food, sugar, olive harvests, aversions, attractions, exterior spaces, frontiers, colonialism, misfortune, realities, aging, night of the dead, death, refuse to die, conclusion.

Having held this frequently fractious faculty together through thick and thin—more often the latter than the former, I want to say, on behalf of the entire department, "*Bon voyage*, Stanley, best wishes and thanks. We'll see you in 2000." — *Gerry Berreman*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1-31, 1999

Monday May 3	Faculty Meeting 3:00 p.m., Gifford Room
Tuesday May 4	290 Lecture, Dr. Kamari Clarke <i>Diaspora, Transnationalism and Anthropology's Field: the Production of Yoruba Origins and Practices</i> 4:00 p.m., 221 Kroeber (Gifford Room)
Friday May 21	Commencement 2:00 p.m., Zellerbach Hall

SCOTT TURNER REFUTES CLAIM THAT NEANDERTHALS COULD SPEAK

Anthro graduate student Scott Turner, along with two other students, recently published an article in the February 16, 1999 issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, refuting a claim by a team of Duke University researchers saying Neanderthals could use language.

In an April 1998 *Proceedings*, the Duke researchers asserted that there is a correlation between speech and the size of the hypoglossal canal (the hole on either side of the base of the skull that accommodates the nerves of the tongue which control its movement.) The Duke team asserted that the larger the hole, the larger the nerves and the more complex the tongue function. They argued that the canal in Neanderthals is close in size to modern humans, suggesting that they used language as early as 400,000 years ago.

The UC Berkeley students refuted this claim by studying 15 non-human primate species whose hypoglossal canal size is larger than the modern human average. More than half of the monkeys had canals in the modern human size range, so the question became would the Neanderthal with the canal in the modern human size range have human-like vocal abilities or monkey-like vocal abilities? Based on hypoglossal canal size, you could not tell.

F. Clark Howell said, "The original group had not done adequate anatomical controls and checks, while these young researchers have conducted an expanded study of the relevant anatomy, with an enlarged sample and a larger number of controls, not to mention their study of the anatomy of living human beings. They have convincingly shown that this line of inference just doesn't pan out—there's too much overlap with apes, and they don't speak."

RENTAL, SUBLET OR HOUSESITTING OPPORTUNITY SOUGHT

Cecilia de Mello (graduate of UCB's Medical Anthro program) will be arriving in the Bay Area with her husband and two daughters and would like to rent, sublet or housesit from July 18-August 14. If anyone knows of any such housing possibility, even if for only a portion of that time, he or she should contact Dr. Inez de Valois at 644.2004.

POSTDOCTORAL PLANS FOR DIANE TOBER AND JAY DAUTCHER

Diane Tober was recently awarded post-doctoral funding through the Social Science Research Council, Sexuality Research Fellowship Program for her project entitled: "Romancing the Sperm: Sexuality, Technology, and Alternative American Families." This project grows out of her dissertation research, which investigates the use of donor insemination among single women and lesbian couples, looking at how lay perceptions of genetics influences how women select semen donors and how perceptions of the family affect screening practices in sperm banks and in medical clinics, especially in regard to who can qualify as semen donors as well as who can qualify to be recipients of both semen and reproductive services.

And this fall Jay Dautcher will begin an An Wang post-doc at Harvard, at the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, initiating the research for a new project: "Historical Ethnography of Agrarian Society in Chinese Turkestan, 1850-1950," to be based on ethnographic and folkloric materials collected from Uighur peasants during that period.

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Katharine Milton is no longer with Anthropology but is now in the department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management (ESPM), in the division of Insect Biology. She is very happy in her appointment, and she hopes for new opportunities for herself and her graduate and undergraduate students. . . . **Stanley Brandes** is a first-time grandfather of Annette Leah (Annette after his deceased mother), born on March 8, the International Day of the Woman. Her weight was 7 lbs., 15 oz., and she is reported to have plenty of hair, which Stanley says, "Sticks up on end. Like a Mohawk." . . . **Aihwa Ong** has a new book out, *Flexible Citizenship: The Cultural Logics of Transnationality* (Duke University Press). Jim C. Scott, of Yale University says: "Finally, a unique and insightful examination of transnationalism as practice. There's no better analysis of Chinese trading and commercial communities athwart the world market and multiple sovereignties." . . . As part of an effort in curriculum building and development in anthropology, **Aihwa Ong** and **Donald Moore** have organized an initiative "Critical Ethnographies of Globalization and Governmentality." It brings together interested faculty in anthropology and related fields, and will be anchored in a number of key seminars. Please refer to the department handbook for details. . . . Congratulations to **Nan Kim** and **Duana Fullwiley** who both received Fulbright Scholarships. Nan will be going to South Korea in the fall; her project is: "North-South Korean Division and Separated Families: Framing Human Rights and the Stakes of Reconciliation." Duana will be going to Senegal (probably this summer); her project is: "Roots, Genes, and Science: Re-visioning Sickle Cell Knowledge in Dakar." Duana also received a Social Science Research Council dissertation grant. . . . Congratulations to **Pam Stern**, who received a National Science Foundation grant for "Learning What's Labour: the Changing Understanding of Work, Leisure and the Good Life in the Central Canadian Arctic." Pam also got a Canadian Studies dissertation fellowship. **Tok Thompson's** Americana/rock band "Blunt Truth" released their first CD called "Little Red Toy." See Tok in Folklore Archives about where to catch them live or about purchasing the CD. And this is the last issue of *The Jawbone* for the year. Remember everything you do over the summer and come tell me about it in August. Maybe next year *The Jawbone* can go to 2 pages. With a staple. The excitement is palpable.

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