

Anthropology

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New Opportunities in the Department of Anthropology

This year marks a year of change for UVM Anthropology, as the department builds and grows in important ways. With twelve full-time faculty members, we continue to offer an impressive array of undergraduate courses, push forward exciting research programs, and involve our students ever-expanding opportunities to engage in research themselves.

Our colleague Brian Gilley has moved on to take up a new position at Indiana University. There he will continue his research on gender, sexuality and HIV/AIDS among American Indians and in the use of performance enhancing drugs in professional road cycling. He is also excited to be building Indiana University's First Nations Educational and Cultural Center, as their first Director. While we will miss Professor Gilley on the fifth floor of Williams, we wish him and his family the very best as they transition to important new work.

At the same time, the UVM Anthropology is pleased to announce a new search for a full-time tenure-track faculty member in the Anthropology of Food. It is hoped that the research program of this new member of the Anthropology Department will coordinate well with the University's new Transdisciplinary Research Initiative in Food Systems, which has a goal of bringing scholars together across colleges and departments whose research concerns food, eating, and food production from a number of disciplinary perspectives.

So while this year holds a number of changes for UVM Anthropology, it is also a year filled with new opportunities for teaching and learning, for our students, faculty and alumni.

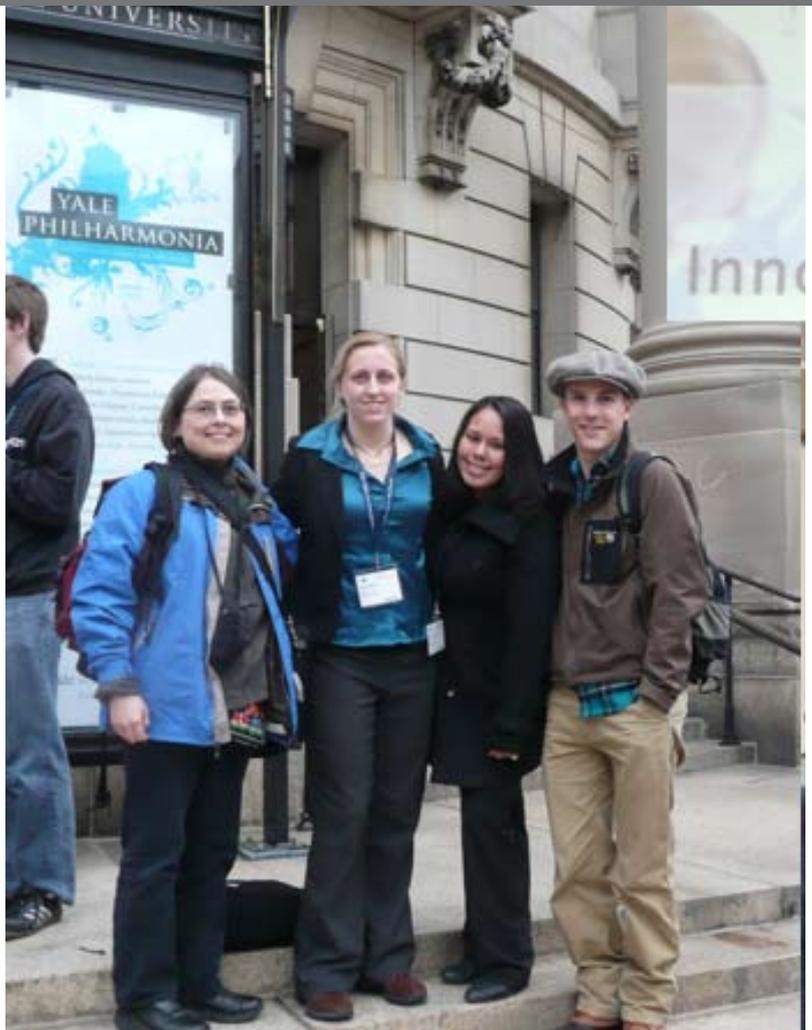
In This Newsletter:

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this semester's newsletter is worth a great deal. When asked to submit pictures of themselves and our students working together on research projects in the field, our faculty had a wealth of material to draw from.

From digs in our own backyard (the 2010 summer field school in the Burlington Intervale) to far-flung journeys, from professional conferences to time in the labs, our students and alumni are actively engaged in research all over the world and we have the pictures to prove it!

And perhaps while you are enjoying browsing the images below of the great work everyone was up to over the summer and the past academic year, you'll take a moment to get in touch, whether or in person. We are always excited to hear from you and learn about your continued interest in and support of Anthropology at UVM.

Because we have a relatively small department focused primarily on our research and undergraduate program, Anthropology is able to really incorporate undergraduates into the research experience. In this issue we see examples of students traveling to the field, participating in conferences and presentations, assisting in the lab, and cooperating in work with the Consulting Archeology Program. These students are gaining valuable experience that will help them as they go on to careers inside and outside Anthropology. To learn more about how to be a part of (or to help to fund) the UVM Anthropology research experiences for undergraduates, get in touch with one of your professors and ask!



At the Global Health Conference at Yale University, Spring 2010: Professor Jean Shea, Anna Hilton, Vianka DeJesus, and Mickey Hardt

Food Systems

While you may know that UVM Anthropology is searching for a new junior professor focusing on the Anthropology of food and eating, you may not know Amy Trubek, an Anthropologist by training housed in Nutrition and Food Sciences. Professor Trubek's work is on the cross-cultural examination of the taste of place, or *goût du terroir*, examining in particular France and the United States. She is also involved in an in-depth ethnographic project on cooking skill and cooking knowledge and the relationship to individual health. This image is Professor Trubek's new cooking lab in the Marsh Life Sciences Building. So if you want a little taste of the



Osteology in the Lab

Professor Deborah Blom is once again excited to be teaching Human Osteology and Archeology (ANTH 240) in the Anthropology Lab in Williams 501.

The course is an exploration of the human skeleton as a means of reconstructing past lives both at the level of individuals

(forensics) and populations (archaeology and bioarchaeology).

You will see the students enrolled in this challenging, hands-on course, students have bones organized for examination and study on the long tables in the fifth floor lab. The course also gives undergraduate teaching assistants a great opportunity to spend time supporting fellow students to a degree not often possible in the social sciences.

In the field: Consulting Archeology Program

Here are some images of CAPs summer work, including a field school in the intervale which has encouraged several students involved to pursue new research projects in Archeology!

Guide to Pictures:

1: UVM Archaeologists map a 2000-year-old Native American hearth feature at the Chimney Point site

2: Andrew Beaupre of CAP explains Frech lead bale seal found at Chimney Point to Meadow Colderon, Colin McCormick and Randy Crones

3: Lo Wolf holds redware jar from 1970 pottery workshop at Chimney point

4: UVM Field School 2010 at the Burlington Intervale



In the classroom: Museum Anthropology

These are images of Professor Jennifer Dickinson's students doing work in the Museum Anthropology class which took place last spring.

They will be displaying their work in a show at the Fleming Museum called "**Metal/Material/Culture.**", opening at the end of September. Be sure to stop in and take a look at their work!



Anthropology Club at UVM



by Judith Marshall

The Anthropology Club is a student-run organization that is involved in many Anthropology related events and activities both on campus and elsewhere in Vermont. The Anthro Club's main goal is to further its members involvement in the field of Anthropology.

Whenever members participate in a dig or field school, they are invited to share their experience by presenting it to the Club. In this way, members learn from each other about exciting opportunities to get involved in the field. The Anthropology Club also sometimes organizes events

through which participants can learn about grad school or how to write a CV from Anthropology professors who volunteer to talk to the club members about these subjects.

One of Anthro Club's favorite events is participating in the Annual Northeast Open Atlatl Competition every fall. In fact, whenever it is warm, the Anthro Club enjoys using atlatls in the fields behind the Patrick Gymnasium. The Anthropology Club also has gone to a number of local museums and his-

torical sites, such as the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and Fort Ticonderoga. This fall, trips to Ethan Allen Homestead and Shelburne Museum are planned.

In the past, the Anthropology Club has gone to Montreal to go to the Biodome to look at the monkeys and lemurs. This year the club hopes to make a trip to some of the museums in Boston. The Anthropology Club has many great plans and ideas for the coming year. Come out and join us!

Anyone you Know?

Check out great photos of the Anthro Club headed out to museums, sites, and activities together. To learn more contact Judith Marshall or the Department Administrative Assistant Cindy Longwell.



Faculty Updates

Deborah Blom continues her tri-national research project, Proyecto Jach'a Marka, in the Mollo Kontu barrio of Tiwanaku, Bolivia, co-directed with Nicole Couture (McGill). The city of Tiwanaku was the political and ritual center of an influential state that incorporated a multiplicity of social and ethnic groups and flourished between AD 500 and 1100. Deborah and Nicole are now focused on publishing the project's results, specifically those on the role of children in the past, a group that has been traditionally forgotten. In their most recent study of mortuary contexts, they argue that mortuary practices in Tiwanaku society do not strongly reflect the status or "social persona" of the deceased; rather, burials indicate that greater emphasis was placed on the preservation and perpetuation of family and community relationships, including those between the living and the dead. Specifically, they argue that children—even dead ones—held a special status that made them worthy of remembering and commemoration. This semester, Deborah is teaching Human Osteology for the first time in two and a half years, to a large crowd of 23 students. She is also teaching the always-favorite Primates and Anthropology.

Jennifer Dickinson Prof. Dickinson worked on two exhibits at the Fleming Museum this year, including "Storied Objects" showcasing the lives of Vermont women from 1850-1950 through material culture, letters and oral histories, and the Museum Anthropology class show, opening at the end of September, which is called "Metal/Material/Culture." Prof. Dickinson has also taken on two new administrative roles this year, as the Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, and as the Director of Russian and East European Studies.

Rob Gordon submitted to the newsletter the covers of his new new books that have come out this year, "Going Abroad: Traveling like an Anthropologist" and "Fifty Key Anthropologists" with Andrew Lyons and Harriet Lyons. Clearly it has been a busy year!

Benjamin Eastman Aside from enjoying

a spectacular Vermont summer, mostly via long bike rides in the Green Mountains, Professor Eastman worked on three projects stemming from his ongoing research on the relationships between politics and sports in contemporary Cuba: writing the introduction to his book manuscript, tentatively titled *Playing with Fire: Baseball, Moral Authority, and Politics in Contemporary Cuba*; drafting an article on the roles of belief and faith in the Cuban revolution; and planning a research trip to Cuba for 2011 to look at the lasting legacies of the 1970 Cuban sugar harvest.

Jonah Steinberg Jonah Steinberg is looking forward to preparing for his research trip to India in spring 2011 (along with his wife Emily Manetta and their young son). He is currently hard at work putting the finishing touches on his book which is (eek!) already up on Amazon.

Emily Manetta spent a great summer

that included a research trip in London, a conference on the passive voice in Vienna, and plenty of time to work on her book manuscript on the syntax of Hindi-Urdu and Kashmiri, due to the press in November. She is currently enjoying teaching Syntax and Linguistic Anthropology and preparing for a research trip to India in the spring.

John Crock spent a busy summer with CAP and field schools, and submitted this publication as well:

2009 Jackson-Gore: An Early-Paleoamerican Occupation in the Green Mountains of Vermont. John G. Crock and Francis Robinson, IV. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 26:40-42.

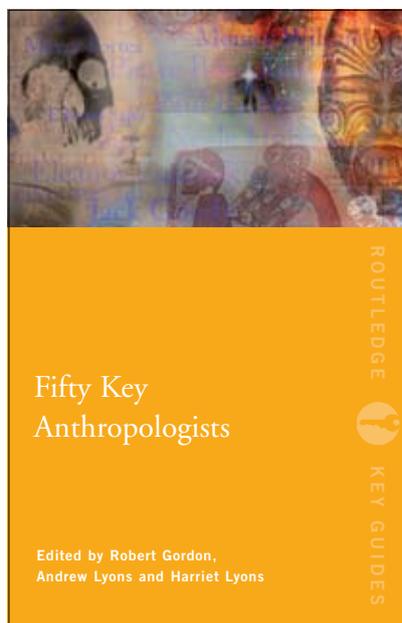
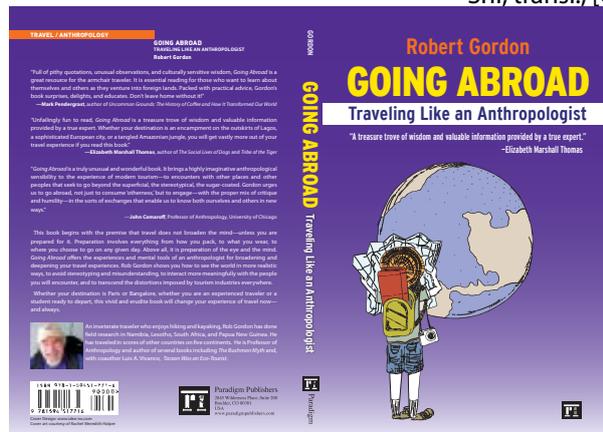
Jeanne Shea sent news on her most recent research:

Recent publications:

Jeanne L. Shea, author, with Cuixia Shi, transl., [CHINESE TEXT] "Application of Evidence-Based Medicine Standards to Traditional Chinese Medicine: Debate and Strategy), [CHINESE TEXT] (Chinese Journal of Integrated Medicine), March 2010(30:3):230-233.

Jeanne L. Shea, "Book Review of The Triumph of Citizenship: The Japanese and Chinese in Canada, 1941-67" (Patricia E. Roy, Vancouver: UBC Press, 2007), *American Review of Canadian Studies*, December 2009(39:4):467-469.

"I'm Not Willing to Depend on My Children": Resistance To Later Life Familial Dependence By Older Chinese Women in Beijing," paper to be presented in panel on Gender, Family, and Kinship in China to American Anthropological Association conference, in New Orleans, November 17-21, 2010.



Faculty Updates

"Gender, Family and Morality in Everyday Life: Meanings of Shen Chang's Science and Technology of the Body For Women in Rural North China," paper presented at Workshop on Social Suffering, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 7-8, 2010.

"Gender and Ageing in Contemporary China," poster presented at Center on Aging Research Day, held at Fletcher Allen Health Care and the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, March 23, 2010.

"Later Life Conjuality in Contemporary China: Dominant Promotional Discourses Versus Chinese Women's Own Views," paper presented in panel entitled Much Ado About Marriage: Companionate Marriage, Gender, and the Ends of Anthropology at annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 2-6, 2009.

Scott Van Keuren spent the better part of 2010 completing the final stages of his current research on fourteenth-century Pueblo sites in eastern Arizona. The project, funded by the National Science Foundation, investigates the social and political context of iconographic-style pottery production during a key period of community reorganization in the upland Southwest. Based on preliminary analyses, he and Dr. Chris Roos (Southern Methodist University) presented a poster on the project entitled "Geoarchaeology and the Life History of Sacred Places" at the 38th Annual Meeting of The International Society of Archaeometry in May. Dr. Van Keuren also worked with UVM junior Mark Agostini with funding from NSF's Research Experiences for Undergraduates program. He and Mark are collaborating with Dr. Hector Neff (Cal State Long Beach) in an upcoming presentation at the Society for American Archaeology annual meetings; their study uses high-tech methods to examine the painting recipes of fourteenth-century potters. Scott and collaborator Dr. Donna Glowacki (University of Notre Dame) edited and submitted a major volume that examines religious change across the American Southwest during the late Pueblo period. Finally, Scott and

Dr. John Crock submitted a collaborative NSF proposal ("REU Site: Human and Environmental Dynamics in Champlain Valley Archaeology") to establish a summer research program in the Champlain Valley. If funded, the grant would establish a three-year, ten-week intensive archaeological training program for ten undergraduate students.

Alumni News

Wetherbee Dorshow, '89, recently opened an office for his company Earth Analytic, Inc. in downtown Santa Fe, NM. He does GIS consulting worldwide and is also completing a Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of New Mexico based on hydrologic modelling work at Chaco Canyon.

Cullen Black '02 continues to work as an osteologist with the Army's MIA recovery group at JPAC's Central Identification Lab in Hawaii. Evelina He spends a great deal of time travelling to remote areas of the Pacific on search and recovery missions. Joshua Toney '98 is finishing up writing his Ph.D. at the University of Florida on his field work in the Xingu region of Brazil. Over the summer, Josh assisted Isaac Shearn '04, also a Ph.D. student at UF, in Dominica where Isaac hopes to conduct his graduate field work. Another UVM grad, Randy Crones, '00, also a Ph.D. student at UF, taught a field school last summer in the Central Amazon of Brazil where he is conducting his graduate research. Josh, Isaac, and Randy are all students of Michael Heckenberger '87, and frequently see John Krigbaum, '87, another member of the UF faculty. Heckenberger's research in the Xingu has been published in Science and was recently featured in the New York Time bestseller about an early Amazonian explorer "the Lost City of Z" by David Gran.

Current student James Allen and '08 graduate Allie Clark both travelled to Antigua last summer to present papers along with John Crock '89 at the International Association of Caribbean Archaeology meetings. James has been working on vertebrate remains and Allie on invertebrates recovered from sites in Anguilla excavated in UVM field schools.

The UVM CAP crew is enjoying the gorgeous Vermont fall weather and presently includes several alums: Jen Robins '87, Jess Robinson '99, Andy Fletcher '01, Jeremy Ripin '02, Andy Beaupre '07 who is also finishing up his masters at Western Michigan, and Grace Cameron '09. CAP also welcomed back Rob Ingraham for part of the summer. Rob is currently working on a Masters degree at the University of Maine.

James Allen (2010) earned college honors this year with his thesis on childhood health in Tiwanaku society. He recently began a new position as a field investigator with a private investigation firm based out of Burlington, VT, and is now a licensed private investigator. James also works part-time for the Saint Albans City Police Department as a parking enforcement officer and is currently in the process of becoming a part-time police officer.

James Dopp (2010) is in China pursuing his love of primatology. He has been meeting primatologists in the area and attended the Central Washington University Biodiversity and Conservation Field Program where he researched affiliative behaviors in Tibetan Macaques. In a few days, James will begin a position as a Research Assistant with the San Diego Zoo's Conservation research center. He will be studying Guizhou snub nosed monkeys at Fanjingshan.