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A newsletter for faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the Department of Anthropology

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

CYNTHIA BEALL ELECTED CHAIR OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, ANTHROPOLOGY, SECTION H

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), publishers of *Science* magazine, is an international non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science around the world by serving as an educator, leader, spokesperson and professional association. AAAS also publishes scientific newsletters, books and reports, and spearheads programs that raise the bar of understanding for science worldwide. Sarah Idell Pyle Professor of Anthropology, Cynthia Beall has been elected as the next chair of the Anthropology Section H. Her responsibilities will include organizing nominations for fellows and symposia to highlight anthropology's contributions to science at the annual meetings of the AAAS.



Cynthia Beall in Tibet

DEPARTMENT CHAIR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN TRAVEL TO UGANDA TO PRESENT WORKSHOP AT THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH OF AIDS (CeSSRA)

Department Chair, Lawrence Greksa and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Jill Korbin visited Uganda to present a workshop entitled "Ethnographic Research Methods" from January 11-15, 2010 for the Center for Social Science Research of AIDS (CeSSRA). Participants included approximately thirty young Ugandan professionals and graduate students as well as the team of interviewers for CeSSRA. On January 15th Dr. Korbin gave a public lecture at Makerere University in Kampala on "Child Well-Being in Global Perspective."



Lawrence Greksa and Jill Korbin with a workshop participant

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Charles Rwabukwali, Jill Korbin, and David Mafigiri



Jill Korbin, Amina Nalwoga, Florence Namutiibwa, Emily Kyarikunda and Meg Winchester



Jill Korbin during the workshop

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ANTHROPOLOGY SPOTLIGHT LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES WITH KEN ANDERSON OF INTEL CORPORATION

As part of the Jonathan F. Plimpton sponsored Anthropology Spotlight Lecture Series the department welcomed Ken Anderson of Intel Corporation who presented “Numbers Have Qualities Too: Experiences with Ethno-mining” on April 8, 2010.



Ken Anderson

Jonathan Plimpton, CWRU Anthropology alumnus (1970) and sponsor of the Spotlight Lecture Series



Ken discussed Intel’s People and Practices Research group’s work and how they are situated in the corporation. He then explored experiences with “ethno-mining”, a way of joining data base mining and ethnography.



Graduate students’ luncheon with Ken Anderson and Jonathan Plimpton

ANTHROPOLOGY FACULTY HIGHLIGHTED THIS SPRING IN A WIDE VARIETY OF CAMPUS LECTURE SERIES

Professor Eileen Anderson-Fye gave a lecture titled “Managing Mental Illness on Campus: The Student Experience Transitioning to College” March 16, 2010 as part of the Schubert Conversations on Children in Research and Policy.



Eileen Anderson-Fye



Cynthia Beall in Tibet

Cynthia Beall, Sarah Idell Pyle Professor of Anthropology and Co-Director of the Center for Research on Tibet gave a lecture titled “Tibet Adaptation to High Altitudes” as part of the Mather Spotlight Lecture Series. The

lecture was held at the Guilford Parlor on March 18, 2010 and was accompanied by a luncheon. The talk included insights into her career as a woman anthropologist.

Melvyn Goldstein, John Reynolds Harkness Professor, Co-Director of the Center for Research on Tibet and Professor of International Health presented a lecture titled “Is Minority Unrest China’s



Melvyn Goldstein in Tibet

Achilles Heel? The Case of Tibet” as part of the Asian Studies Program’s lecture series “China at 60, Myths and Realities.” The lecture was held April 20, 2010 at the Mandel Center for Non-profit Organizations.

Professor Goldstein also gave a lecture for the Association for Continuing Education at CWRU titled “Voices from Tibet” on April 30, 2010.

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GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Aura Newlin Conducting Fieldwork in Papua New Guinea



Aura Newlin in Papua New Guinea

In September and October of 2009, anthropology graduate student Aura Newlin conducted an exploratory study on community perceptions of malaria and lymphatic filariasis in two areas of Papua New Guinea (PNG). Carried out in preparation for her future dissertation research, Aura's trip



Aura Newlin in Papua New Guinea

involved conducting focus groups and inquiring about broad social changes as well as specific disease prevention practices such as the use of newly-distributed insecticide-treated bed nets. Papua New Guinea has some of the highest rates

in the world of both malaria and lymphatic filariasis – parasitic diseases transmitted by the same mosquito vectors. The country is in the process of launching an integrated, nation-wide campaign to control malaria through the introduction of insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs), first-line antimalarial drugs, and rapid diagnostic tests. Aura plans to return to PNG for extended research on the social and ecological dimensions of malaria control in the context of rapid social change. Her work is affiliated with the PNG Institute of Medical Research and the CWRU Center for Global Health and Diseases, and her pilot study was funded by an Eva L. Pancoast Fellowship, a Phi Beta Kappa research grant, and by a research grant from Rotary Against Malaria PNG.

Aura received the Ruth Barber Moon Award this spring.

Ph.D. Candidates Sarah Rundall and Alex Bridges Announce Their Marriage

After completing their fieldwork in Ladakh, India, Ph.D. candidates Sarah Rundall and Alex Bridges were married October 24, 2009 at Watkins Glen State Park in the the Finger Lakes Region of New York. Sarah and Alex are currently living in Iowa while writing their dissertations.



Sarah and Alex during fieldwork in Ladakh, India (overlooking the Indus)

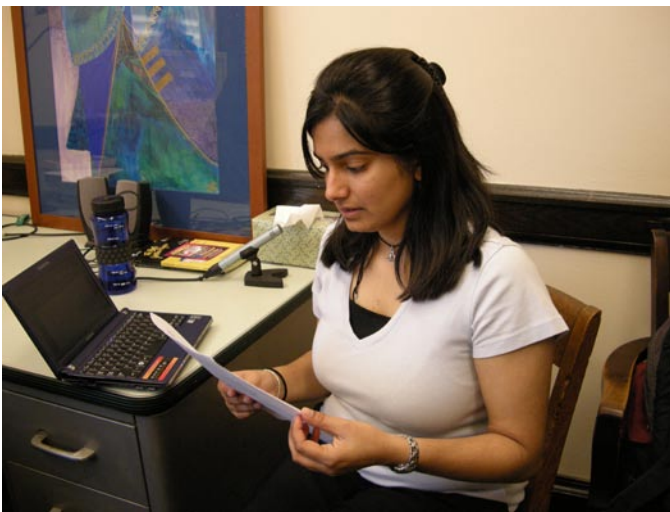
Jennifer Shaw published a paper in 2010 titled “Contemporary Nondalton Youth Fish Camp” in *The Kvichak Watershed Subsistence Salmon Fishery: An Ethnographic Study*, ed. by J.A. Fall, Technical Paper No. 352, pp. 173-176.

Nadia El-Shaarawi received the Zdanis Award which is a fellowship fund in honor of Provost and University Vice

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President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Physics Richard A. Zdanis. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to help Ph.D. candidates complete work on their dissertations.

Himali Bhatt has been nominated to Phi Beta Kappa. She also received the Callender Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in anthropology.

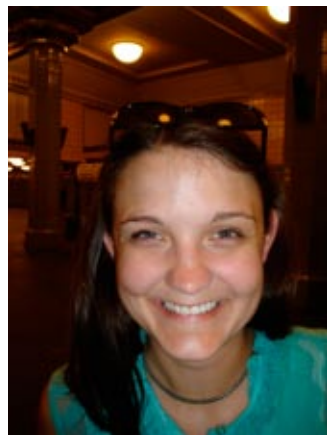


Himali Bhatt

Himali was accepted into the Anthropology Integrated Graduate Studies (IGS) program this year and will thus receive both B.A. and M.A. degrees in Anthropology.

Cristopher Kaps and Leah Dennis will also receive both degrees through their participation in IGS.

Hillary Melchioris organized a panel that was accepted for an upcoming German Studies Association conference in October 2010. The panel title: "Outsiders on the Inside: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the "Other" in Germany" will focus on the study of "outsiders" within Germany and how interdisciplinary approaches can change and enhance the study of such groups. Pulling from diverse disciplinary backgrounds



Hillary Melchioris

including anthropology, history, musicology, and sociology, the panelists will discuss how they approach the study of "others" within the borders of the Federal Republic of Germany. Populations for consideration will include an anthropological look at the Turkish-German adolescent girls' place in Germany today, a historical analysis of female Afro-German intellectuals' confrontation of German "othering" discourse, a musicologist's exploration of post-WWII Jewish reflections specifically on the Jewish Culture League, and a sociological study of Refugees and refugee policy in Germany.

Hillary will give a paper titled: "Living in Two Worlds: Growing up Turkish-German in Berlin."

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

The Ruth and Newbell Niles Puckett Award is given to graduating seniors for outstanding achievement in anthropology. This year Rebecca DiOrio and Brittany Rogers received this award.

Kelli Herrick received the Callender Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in anthropology.

The Anthropology Department awarded the Jonathan F. Plimpton Award to Reem Asaad and Yassmin Aljaberi for outstanding achievement in anthropology.

Yassmin Aljaberi, Reem Asaad and Kelli Herrick were elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

GRADUATING STUDENTS NEWS

Katie Woeste will be attending The Ohio State University College of Optometry to complete her O.D.

Manik Aggarwal will graduate this spring with an MPH and will be attending medical school in the fall at Texas A&M Health Science Center, College of Medicine.



Alayna Dorobek at work for Professor Beall

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GRADUATE DISCOURSE

Graduate Discourse (GD) continues in its tradition of being the body of unity and support for anthropology graduate students. This semester has been both busy and productive for GD. Our Professional Development Chair, Smaranda Ene, arranged and coordinated a lecture by Dr. Patty Marshall addressing the ethics of international research. GD hopes to plan similar lectures for the 2010-2011 school year, engaging CWRU faculty outside of the Department of Anthropology to address topics of interest for our graduate students.



Patty Marshall

Thanks to a generous donation from recent speaker Ken Anderson, GD is planning the development of an anthropology graduate student library. This library will be housed within the department for on-campus use only and will include books on anthropological theory and methodology



Graduate Discourse enjoys the lecture by Patty Marshall with Professor Atwood Gaines (middle back row)

as well as software beneficial to research. GD would like to thank Ken for these funds that are sure to support current and future graduate students in meeting their academic goals.

Lastly, GD is proud to announce the anticipated summer publication of a new issue of *Graduate Discourse: The Case Western Reserve University Journal of Medical Anthropology*.

ALUMNI NEWS

Pin-pin Song will be studying for her MPH at the University of Michigan starting in the fall. (CWRU 2009).

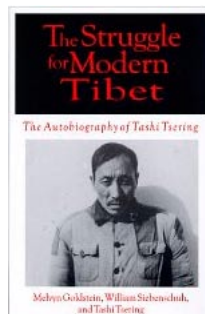
FACULTY NEWS

Eileen Anderson-Fye was nominated for the Carl F. Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Melvyn Goldstein had a number of international and national professional engagements including a trip to Washington D.C. to the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research on January 29, 2010 to discuss "China's Attempt to Settle the Tibet Question Without the Dalai Lama."

He attended a symposium on "Sustainable Livelihoods in Tibetan Pastoral Areas - Global Change and Local Challenges" at Halle University, Halle, Germany December 1-5, 2009. His talk was titled "Successfully Sustaining the Traditional Nomadic Way of Life in the Face of Privatization, Fencing, and Sedentarization."

In November 2009 Professor Goldstein attended a workshop on "Religion and State Policies in China," at the Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Oslo Norway.



His book *The Struggle for Modern Tibet: The Autobiography of Tashi Tsering* has just been published in Tibetan in India and his book *A Tibetan Revolutionary: The Political Life and Times of Bapa Phüntso Wangye* was just published in Korean and is currently in press in Chinese.



Melvyn Goldstein received a grant of \$50,000 from the Bridge Foundation for his revolving sheep bank project with the nomads in western Tibet.

In May, Professor Goldstein is an invited speaker at this year's "Telluride Mountainfilm Festival" where he will speak

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on Tibetan nomads and participate in a panel discussion on the future of minorities in China.

Lawrence Greksa was nominated for the J. Bruce Jackson, M.D. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring.

Lee Hoffer was nominated for the the Diekhoff Award in recognition for outstanding contributions to the education of graduate students through advising and classroom teaching.



Study group working in Mather Memorial. Back row: Norman Rose (History Grad Student) and Cris Kaps. Near row: Quinn Ostrom and Ariel Cascio



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