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2017 Anthropology Spotlight Lecture features Dr. John Bing

Each year the Department of Anthropology presents the Anthropology Spotlight Lecture, generously supported by Mr. Jonathan Plimpton, Managing Director, International Business Management, Inc. and a 1970 graduate of Anthropology of Western Reserve College. The lecture was held on April 10th and entitled "The Case for Comparative Quantitative Measures of Cultures: The Many Dimensions of Geert Hofstede."



Dr. John Bing is founder and Chairman of ITAP International, a consulting firm with global operations. His consulting experience spans the Americas, Europe and Africa and the pharmaceutical, consumer product, information technology industries and United Nations Agencies. He designed the original version of ITAP International's Team Process Questionnaire family of consulting instruments and developed a new version of the Culture in the Workplace Questionnaire, originally created by Geert Hofstede.

The field of cross-cultural research and practice has come into its own over the past fifty years, with the work of Geert Hofstede as the exemplar. His extensive published work on dimensions of culture has not been without controversy, but his methodology has prevailed and yielded practical approaches to comparing national cultures that have opened new approaches to learning. This lecture reviewed his methodological approaches and a practical application of his methodology.

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New book by Dr. Lihong Shi available August 2017

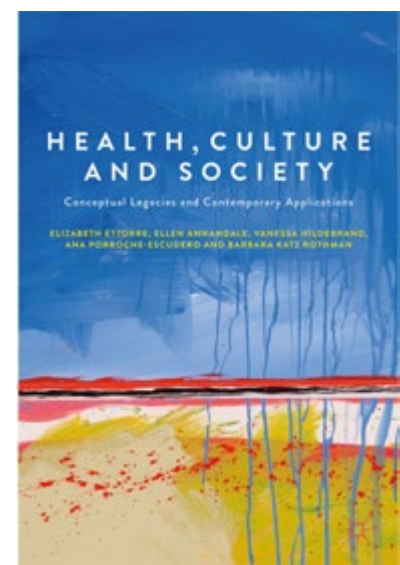
Dr. Lihong Shi has a new book, *Choosing Daughters: Family Change in Rural China*, that will be published in August by Stanford University Press. China's patrilineal and patriarchal tradition has encouraged a long-standing preference for male heirs within families. Coupled with China's birth-planning policy, this has led to a severe gender imbalance. But a counter pattern is emerging in rural China where a noticeable proportion of young couples have willingly accepted having a single daughter. They are doing so even as birth-planning policies are being relaxed and having a second child, and the opportunity of having a son, is a new possibility.

Choosing Daughters explores this critical, yet largely overlooked, reproductive pattern emerging in China's demographic landscape. Lihong Shi delves into the social, economic, and cultural forces behind the complex decision-making process of these couples to unravel their life goals and childrearing aspirations, the changing family dynamics and gender relations, and the intimate parent-daughter ties that have engendered this drastic transformation of reproductive choice. She reveals a leading-edge social force that fosters China's recent fertility decline, namely pursuit of a modern family and successful childrearing achieved through having a small family. Through this discussion, Shi refutes the conventional understanding of a universal preference for sons and discrimination against daughters in China and counters claims of continuing resistance against China's population control program.



New book co-authored by Dr. Vanessa Hildebrand available September 2017

Dr. Vanessa Hildebrand has a co-authored book, *Health, Culture, and Society: Conceptual Legacies and Contemporary Applications*, that will be published in September by Palgrave Macmillan Publishing. This book traces the history of formative, enduring concepts, foundational in the development of the health disciplines. It explores existing literature, and subsequent contested applications. Feminist legacies are discussed with a clear message that early sociological and anthropological theories and debates remain valuable to scholars today. Chapters cover historical events and cultural practices from the standpoint of 'difference'; formulate theories about the emergence of social issues and problems and discuss health and illness in light of cultural values and practices, social conditions, embodiment and emotions.



Dr. Lee Hoffer and doctoral candidate Allison Schlosser received a Social Justice Institute Faculty Research Grant

Dr. Lee Hoffer and doctoral candidate Allison Schlosser received a *Social Justice Institute Faculty Research Grant* for their project entitled "Using Photovoice to Capture Diverse Experiences of Cleveland's Opioid Crisis." Combining media analysis and Photovoice participatory method, this project collaborates with opioid users from varied backgrounds in Cleveland to understand how they experience opioid addiction and related media coverage.

American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting

Faculty, graduate students, and alumni came together at the 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Minneapolis, MN this past November.

"Here We Go Again... I'm Just Another Junkie Addict": Resource Access, Socio-Political Belonging, and Subjectivity in Addiction Treatment

Allison Schlosser

New Directions in the Intersection of Medical Anthropology and Bioethics

Co-organizer and discussant: Jonathan Sadowsky

Engaging with the Right to Health: Individualization, Commodification, and Judicialization

Chair: Vanessa Hildebrand

Ethical Dimensions of Transnational Healthcare: The Case of Brazil

Frank Manzella

Everything That's Good for You is Jacked Up High: Social, Cultural and Economic Meanings of and Constraints to 'eating right'

Heather Baily and Colleen Walsh (CWRU PhD 2011)

New Theories, Methods, and Analytics in Psychological Anthropology

Chair: Kristi Ninnemann

Say Uncle and We'll Take You to the Mental Health Zoo: Psychiatry, Polemics, and Postmodernism in the Music of the Dead Kennedys

Kristi Ninnemann

Including People with Autism Spectrum Conditions in Ethnographic Research

Ariel Cascio (CWRU PhD 2015)

In Policy's Shadow: Right to Reproductive Health in Indonesia

Vanessa Hildebrand

Mind over matter: On the Ethnology of Biomedicine(s)

Atwood Gaines

Dr. Nicole Burt

Dr. Nicole Burt, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Curator of Human Health & Evolutionary Medicine at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, recently published "Starting With Lucy: Focusing on Human Similarities Rather Than Differences to Address Health Care Disparities" in *Academic Medicine Journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)* in March.

Dr. Atwood Gaines

Dr. Atwood Gaines published "Culture, Medicine, Psychiatry and Wisdom: Honoring Arthur Kleinman" in *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry (CMP)* this past December. As Editor-in-Chief of *CMP*, Dr. Gaines announced that Dr. Brandy Lain Schillace will be leaving *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* where she has served ably as the Managing Editor for ten years. Brandy has helped Dr. Gaines transform the journal into the number one journal in the social science of health field. Dr. Schillace will be taking on a new role as Editor-in-Chief for the *British Journal of Medical Humanities*. All of our good wishes and thanks go with her. Stepping into her large shoes will be *CMP's* current Associate Managing Editor, Ms. Catherine Osborne.

Dr. Melvyn Goldstein

Dr. Melvyn Goldstein is in the final stage of completing the last volume of his anthropological "History of Modern Tibet" Quartet. This fourth volume covers the period from 1913 to 1960 and is being published by the University of California Press. Dr. Goldstein has been working with translators to publish these volumes in both Chinese and Tibetan. This semester, the Chinese translation of Volume Three of the Quartet has been accepted for publication by the Chinese University of Hong Kong Press and will appear in early 2018. The Volume Three project was assisted by Yi Li, a Ph.D. candidate in the anthropology department. Chinese editions of the first two volumes of his History of Modern Tibet Quartet have previously been published in Beijing and Hong Kong.

At the same time, Dr. Goldstein also worked with Mr. T.N. Shelling, a former Tibetan government aristocratic official who worked at the Center for Research on Tibet for many years and now resides in Canada. They worked together to produce a Tibetan edition of Goldstein's award winning Volume One of the "History of Modern Tibet" Quartet. It has been accepted for publication in India and is expected to appear later this year. Mr. Shelling is now also working on Volumes Two and Three which are expected to be completed in early 2018.

Dr. Goldstein also continued collaborating with the Asian Division of the Library of Congress which is the permanent home of the massive on-line Tibet Oral History and Archive Project (TOHAP) that he is editor of. This semester, he published the fifth and sixth installments of the online archive bringing the total uploaded subjects to 97 and the number of taped interviews to 289. This brought the archive to 389 hours of interviews (in Tibetan audio with English translation and an interactive glossary) or approximately 7,500 pages of English transcripts.

Dr. Bridget Haas

Dr. Bridget Haas, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Research Associate at the School of Medicine, recently published "Citizens-in-Waiting, Deportees-in-Waiting: Power, Temporality, and Suffering in the U.S. Asylum System" in *Ethos*, Volume 45(1), March 2017.

Dr. Vanessa Hildebrand

Dr. Vanessa Hildebrand was elected Chair of the Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR), the main international body of scholars with research focus on issues of human reproduction. CAR is the largest special interest group under the American Anthropological Association with an active membership of nearly 300 scholars world-wide.

Dr. Hildebrand was also awarded the *Jessica Melton Perry Award for Distinguished Teaching in Disciplinary and Professional Writing* for 2017.

Dr. Lihong Shi

Dr. Lihong Shi published two articles. The first article "The New Rich and Their Unplanned Births: Stratified Reproduction under China's Birth-planning Policy," was published in December by *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. The second article "From Care Provider to Financial Burden: The Changing Role of Sons and Reproductive Choice in Rural Northeast China," was published in the edited volume *Transforming Patriarchy: Chinese Families in the Twenty-First Century* (co-edited by Gonçalo Santos and Stevan Harrell) by University of Washington Press.

GRADUATE NEWS

Heather Baily

Heather Baily was invited to attend the U.S. Alumni Thematic International Exchange Seminars (Alumni TIES) on "New Frontiers in Global Public Health" this past February in Atlanta, GA and was asked to speak on a panel about new technologies in global health. She also presented a paper at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) meeting in Santa Fe on her research at the Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods (PRCHN) entitled "Elucidating social network strategies to expand the scope of nutrition education."

Kelley Kampman

Kelley Kampman was awarded the *National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant* for her project "Becoming a Mother and Mothering in the Context of Biomedicalized Addiction Treatment."

Julia Knopes

Julia Knopes was first author on the poster “The Role of Psychological Anthropology in Medical Humanities and Social Medicine Education” at the 2017 Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) conference in New Orleans, LA. She was co-author with Dr. Eileen Anderson-Fye on the presentation “What Counts as Health Humanities? A Roundtable Discussion of Methods, Curriculum, and Disciplinary Relationships” at the 2017 International Health Humanities Consortium Meeting in Houston, TX.

Julia was awarded a *2017 Medical Humanities and Social Medicine Research Grant* from the Department of Bioethics to support completion of her dissertation research project entitled “(Un)certainly and Professional Role Performance in American Medical Education,” a study of certainty and uncertainty in the context of problem-based learning (PBL). She also received the *Ruth Barber Moon Award* for demonstrated academic promise, leadership ability, and financial need.

Aura Newlin

Aura Newlin was appointed Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology and granted tenure at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming where she recently received the Northwest College’s 2017 faculty award for “Outstanding Service.” Aura is heavily involved in education, site preservation, and advocacy relating to the race-based confinement of Japanese Americans during World War II. She serves as Board Secretary for the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation (HMWF). She is active in the All-Camps Consortium and she also serves on the Advisory Board of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts (NCREFC).

Aura has co-chaired the NCREFC annual conference in 2014 and spoke on a plenary panel at the annual conference in 2013. In 2015, she led a seminar with HMWF’s Chair Shirley Higuchi and former incarcerated Emily Higuchi Filling for all of the judges of the D.C. Superior Court. Last year she delivered a keynote presentation to all of the judges in the state of South Carolina and she moderated a virtual event entitled “The Untold History of *Korematsu v. United States*.” The event was organized by the law offices of Alston and Bird and the discussion was streamed live to their law offices around the country. In the fall, Aura plans to resume her doctoral studies in the Anthropology Department at CWRU.

Congratulations Alex Bridges

Alex Bridges successfully defended his dissertation “Two Monasteries in Ladakh: Religiosity and the Social Environment in Tibetan Buddhism”

Sonya Petrakovitz

Sonya Petrakovitz was the recipient of multiple awards this semester, three of which were presented to her at this year's Graduate Awards Ceremony making her the only graduate student to receive three awards at the ceremony. Sonya received *The Medical Humanities and Social Medicine Research Grant* offered by the Medicine, Society and Culture Program in the Department of Bioethics and *The Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fellowship* in support of her travels to Rapa Nui to conduct research for her ethnographic pilot study on "Cultural Persistence & Transitional Medicine in a Context of Commodification & Economic Dependence on Rapa Nui."

She received *The Gil Kushner Memorial Travel Award*, Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA), in support of travel expenses to attend and present "Tourism, Politics, and Medicine: How island complexities shape identity and meaning on Rapa Nui" at the SfAA annual meeting.

Sonya received a *National Science Foundation Society for Psychological Anthropology Travel Award* to attend a professional development workshop at the Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA) Biennial Meeting. She also received *The Medicine, Society, and Culture Travel Grant*, Medical Humanities and Social Medicine Initiative, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine to present a group poster entitled "The Role of Psychological Anthropology in Medical Humanities and Social Medicine Education" at the SPA Biennial Meeting.

Allison Schlosser

Allison Schlosser received *The Richard A. Zdanis Fellowship Award* to support her dissertation research on client experiences of addiction treatment and post-treatment transitions in Akron, Ohio.

In March, she co-organized a panel with Kristi Ninnemann entitled "Psychological Anthropology and Clinical Ethics in Theory and Practice" for the Society for Psychological Anthropology 2017 biennial conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. She presented her paper, ""Stay in your square": (Bounded) Intimacy and Everyday Ethics in Addiction Treatment", on the panel.

Allison also conducts qualitative data analysis at the Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods. In April, she presented two co-authored posters at the Society for General Internal Medicine annual conference in Washington, DC - "The Promises and Perils of a Produce Prescription Program: A Qualitative Exploration" and "The Social Dynamics of a Produce Prescription Program for Hypertension at Safety Net Clinics."

In August, she will present her paper, ""They medicated me out": Biomedicine, Body Alienation, and Agency in Addiction Treatment" at the Contemporary Drug Problems conference in Helsinki, Finland. Allison continues to work with Professor Hoffer's research group and is currently partnering with the local Syringe Exchange Program to improve their data collection processes.

Intersections SOURCE Symposium Winners

Three anthropology majors win at the Spring 2017 Intersections SOURCE Symposium and Poster Session held on April 21st. **Nisha Malhotra** won first place in the Social Science category for her poster presentation on "The Greek Financial Crisis: An Ethnographic Exploration of Small Business." **Harini Ushasri** won second place in the Social Science category for "Examining Barriers to Accessing Healthcare for Refugees." **Raghav Tripathi** tied for second place in the Social Sciences category for "Healthcare Disparities in Melanoma Survival by Race and Insurance Status" during the Fall Intersections.

Outstanding Achievement Awards in Anthropology

Congratulations to the following graduating seniors for their outstanding achievements in anthropology. Recipients of *The Ruth and Newbell Niles Puckett Award* were **Sydney Stark** and **Harini Ushasri**. Recipients of *The Callender Memorial Award* were **Diane Bernardoni** and **Nisha Malhotra**. Diane also received *The Webster Godman Simon Mathematics Award* for excellence in mathematics and Nisha was awarded *The Edward J. "Ted" Corcoran Award* for outstanding leadership, character, and service in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Recipients of *The Jonathan F. Plimpton Award* were **Raghav Tripathi**, **Hannah Low**, and **Laura Xiang**. Raghav also was awarded *The John Schoff Millis Award* which goes to seniors with the best academic records in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as *The George T. Hunt Award* which was awarded to a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences for outstanding leadership, scholarship, and service. **Caitlyn Gaffney** was awarded a *Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fellowship* to participate in excavations at Manot Cave in Western Galilee, Israel.

Congratulations New Members of Phi Beta Kappa

Anthropology majors **Sofia Murillo**, **Harini Ushasri**, **Petra van Kan**, and **Laura Xiang** were elected as members of Phi Beta Kappa by the Alpha of Ohio chapter at CWRU.

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Conversation with a CWRU Anthropology Graduate

by Professor Vanessa Hildebrand

Our CWRU anthropology undergraduate students are spread across the world doing interesting and important work. Recently I had the good fortune to catch up with **Katie Burke (BA 2015)**. Katie spent the last year and a half in an internship at George Washington University Cancer Center in Washington D.C. In that position she drew on her anthropology background to develop cultural competency trainings for physicians.

This spring Katie moved to a new position with the D.C. office of Deloitte. She will be consulting with federal agencies. In this position she will be able to continue to develop her qualitative research skills developed as an anthropology major.

Ariel Cascio

Ariel Cascio (CWRU PhD 2015) gave a talk entitled "Communication, Invasion, Recreation? Reflections on Biomusic from an Anthropology of Autism Perspective" at a workshop in Montreal called "Interfacing Biomusic and Autism: What are the everyday ethics of representing the physiology of what moves us?"

She recently published "Operationalizing New Biopolitical Theory for Anthropological Inquiry" in volume 90 of the Winter 2017 *Anthropological Quarterly*.

Kate Mieth

Kate Mieth (CWRU BA 2016) is working for the Peace Corps as a Health Specialist Facilitator for the Maternal and Child Health Program in Almolonga, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.



Above: Peace Corps Swearing-In Ceremony with U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala | Right: Kate Mieth sworn-in at ceremony



Elizabeth Olson

Elizabeth Olson (CWRU PhD 2009) and co-editor John Richard Stepp recently published *Plants and Health: New Perspectives on the Health-Environment-Plant Nexus* with Springer International Publishing. This volume is a comprehensive coverage of medical plant knowledge, showcasing current ethnobiological accounts of the ways that people use plants to promote human health and well-being, highlighting some contemporary examples of how plants are central to various aspects of healthy environments and healthy minds and bodies. The authors employ diverse analytic frameworks, including: interpretive and constructivist, cognitive, political-ecological, systems theory, phenomenological, and critical studies of the relationship between humans, plants and the environment. Find out more here: <http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319480862>

Micah Parzen

Micah Parzen (CWRU PhD 2001), Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Museum of Man, was featured in the March/April 2017 issue of *Museum* magazine in an article entitled "Museum Leadership, Organizational Readiness, and Institutional Transformation." The article, written by Marsha Semmel, explores the issues, the challenges and the journey of the transformation of the San Diego Museum of Man under the leadership of Micah Parzen. Read the full article here: <http://www.aam-us.org/docs/default-source/museum/museum-leadership-organizational-readiness-and-institutional-change.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

Catherine Taylor

Catherine Taylor (CWRU BA 2016) has been accepted into the Integrative Biology PhD program this coming fall at the University of California, Berkeley. She will be studying human evolution under Dr. Leslea Hlusko. Last summer, she had an internship at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History with Dr. Haile-Selassie where she looked at ulnar diaphyseal curvature in non-human primates and how it related to locomotion. After the internship, she extended her research to include hominins. She presented a poster "Distinguishing locomotor adaptation of non-human primates and hominoids using ulnar diaphyseal curvature" at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.

Margaret Winchester

Margaret Winchester (CWRU PhD 2011) was a guest editor of the April 2017 *Medicine Anthropology Theory* special issue on therapeutic landscapes and the intersection of anthropology with geography. The introduction to the issue, "Therapeutic landscapes, anthropological perspectives on health and place," was co-written with **Dr. Janet McGrath**.

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