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The beer-makers made a brew called chicha from a small berry of the molle pepper plant. The final product wouldn't taste much like modern beer or even modern chicha, which is made from corn and still enjoyed by indigenous people in the area. Though it probably was not as strong as today's beer, Moseley said, "If you drank a couple, you'd know it was alcohol."

## UF Team Finds Oldest Brewery in South America

The oldest known brewery in the Andes has been uncovered by a team led by UF archaeologists. The remains were discovered at Cerro Baúl, a mountaintop city over 8,000 feet above sea level in southern Peru. The facility is at least 1,000 years old and was capable of churning out hundreds of gallons of beer for the nobles who led the pre-Incan Wari Empire.

The archaeological project was led by Anthropology faculty **Michael Moseley** and **Susan deFrance** (PhD '93), along with **Patrick Ryan Williams** (PhD '97), a Courtesy Assistant Professor at UF and an Assistant Curator of Anthropology at the Field Museum in Chicago. **Donna Nash** (PhD '02) was field supervisor. Peruvian colleagues on the project were Ana Miranda, co-Principal Investigator, and Adan Umire.

UF researchers have been exploring Cerro Baúl since 1993. Last year they identified what Moseley, a Distinguished Professor and Interim Department Chair, called "ritual libation halls" where Wari noblemen apparently feasted and drank. Figuring that the celebrants had to be supplied somehow, the archaeologists expanded their investigation to try to locate the brewery, and found the remnants of the site.

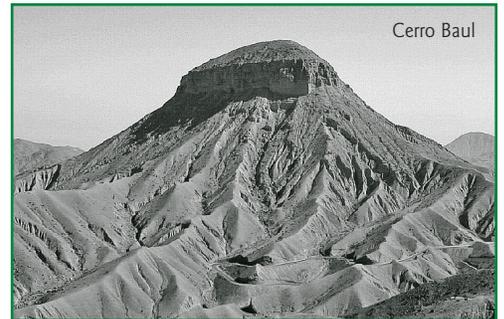
The Cerro Baúl facility was used for beer-making on a massive scale, not simple household consumption. Remarkably, the archaeological team has

found no nearby source of water for the brewery. In fact, the nearest possible source is hundreds of feet down a steep mountain trail. According to Williams, "All food and water—everything—had to be brought up from below. That's thousands of liters a day being brought up on people's backs."

The difficulty of brewing large quantities of beer in such severe conditions highlights the religious and ceremonial importance of Cerro Baúl. Andean peoples have long venerated mountains as the sacred link between earth and heaven. It also sheds light on the ritual significance of beer-drinking and feasting more generally.

Ritual intoxication was an important element of Wari life, Moseley said, with people drinking heavily and exclusively at ceremonies marking events such as the start of the growing season. The drinking halls "become a place where politics are negotiated and economic decisions are made, so this particular complex is marvelous in so far as we have both the brewing facility" and the libation halls.

The Wari occupied Cerro Baúl from about AD 550 to 1050, disappearing for reasons not fully understood before the ascension of the Inca empire in about 1300. One of the most remarkable elements of the site is that the Wari people apparently destroyed the



Cerro Baúl

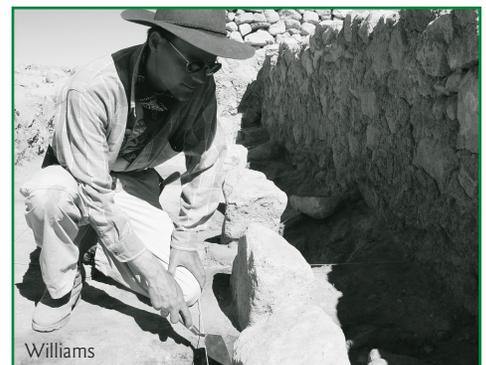
brewery in a ritual act, burning the structure and throwing their mugs into the embers. The archeologists' finds include drinking mugs, decorative copper plaques, small boxes containing mineral pigments possibly used for cosmetics, and numerous beads. "After the ashes cooled," Moseley suggested, "they laid down a half-dozen necklaces of semi-precious stones and they left."

The research was funded by a \$15,000 grant from the UF Foundation and \$15,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. NEH has also pledged an additional \$50,000 for the work, to be matched by other resources, to enable the researchers to continue their investigation of the site. Photos, maps and other additional information about the Cerro Baúl dig can be found on the web at [www.fmnh.org/expeditions/ryan\\_expedition/about.html](http://www.fmnh.org/expeditions/ryan_expedition/about.html).

—from a *CLASnotes* story by Allyson Beutke



Excavations have unearthed drinking mugs depicting the Gateway God.



Williams

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## Faculty Update

The Anthropology Department continues to grow! This past academic year we welcomed four new faculty, two at the professorial level and two assistant professors. In addition, three anthropologists hired this year in other university units joined the department as affiliates. With Dr. Allan Burns moving up to the dean's office (see story on this page), Distinguished Professor Michael Moseley served as Interim Chair for the past academic year.

## Welcome New Anthropology Faculty

**William (Willie)**

**Baber**, Professor (PhD '79, Stanford University), came to UF from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, following previous positions at Tuskegee University and Purdue University. A cultural and applied anthropologist, he has general research interests in economic anthropology, and more specifically seeks to trace the connections between environment and disease. Dr. Baber's most recent work is on African American masculinity and HIV risk behavior. He's also at work on a book on "The Social Ecology of Booker T. Washington." He teaches courses in applied anthropology, environment and disease, and African American studies.



**Faye V. Harrison**,

Professor (PhD '82, Stanford University), has a joint appointment with African American Studies. She was formerly Lindsay Young Professor at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. A social anthropologist, she specializes in the politics and political economy of social inequalities, particularly those associated with race, class, and gender. Dr. Harrison has written on the urban informal economy and political violence in Jamaica; the effects of the Special Period and the US Embargo on Afro-Cubans; and race, gender, and human rights under the vagaries of global restructuring. She is also known for her work on the history and politics of anthropology. Her current research focuses on human rights organizing in the



US south, and she is especially interested in mapping the pluri-national alliances that activists are building.

**James Davidson**,

Assistant Professor (PhD '04, University of Texas, Austin), is also jointly appointed with African American Studies. A historical archaeologist, he specializes in post-bellum African American contexts and mortuary archaeology more generally. His prior research focused on the Freedman's Cemetery in Dallas, a burial ground for former slaves used from 1869–1907. Dr. Davidson plans to carry out similar kinds of research in Florida. He teaches classes in the archaeology of African American life, historical archaeology, and the archaeology of death.



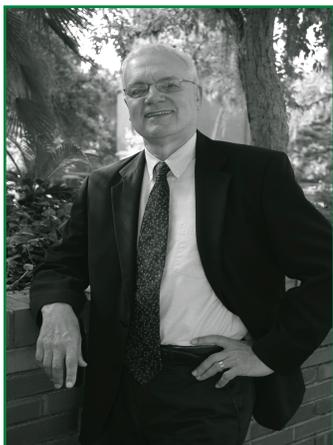
**Augusto Oyuela-**

**Caycedo**, Assistant Professor (PhD '93, University of Pittsburgh), was previously a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky and an Associate Professor at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. His research concerns the historical ecology of the Northwest and Upper Amazon, focusing on the frontier regions of Colombia, Peru, and Brazil. His studies involve both archaeological and ethnographic investigations for interpreting the changes in ecology and settlement patterns of indigenous peoples over long time periods. He has conducted research in the origins of food production, pottery, and sedentism. He teaches courses in historical ecology, ecology of religion, and shamanism.



## Burns Tapped as Associate Dean

**Allan F. Burns**, Professor and Department Chair (since 1998), was selected by Neil Sullivan, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, to become his new Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in August 2004. While serving as Chair, Dr. Burns was responsible for a great deal of departmental growth. He promoted new faculty development initiatives, including several joint hires with other campus units. He supported both faculty and student research, encouraging grantsmanship and fundraising to provide needed resources. And he somehow managed to find space for faculty and student offices and laboratories. Dr. Burns continues his research in Maya language and culture in Yucatan and El Salvador, as well as among Maya immigrants in Florida. The Anthropology Department is very grateful for his many years of service as Chair, and continues to benefit by his presence on the faculty as well as in the dean's office. Congratulations, Allan!



## Welcome New Affiliates

**Florence Babb**, Vada Allen Yeomans Professor of Women's Studies (PhD '81, SUNY-Buffalo), came to UF's Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research from the University of Iowa. Her research interests are feminist anthropology, political economy, and urbanization, especially in Latin America.

**Hélène Blondeau**, Assistant Professor (PhD '00, University of Montreal), is in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. Her research examines spoken data from the sociolinguistic corpus of French.

**Charles Bwenge**, Assistant Professor (PhD '02, University of Virginia), assumed a joint position between the Department of African and Asian Languages and Literatures and Center for African Studies. His current work explores the sociocultural and linguistic aspects underlying the patterns of language change in the Tanzanian political setting.

**Jonathan Bloch**, Assistant Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Florida Museum of Natural History, also joined the department as an affiliate

## Research Update

### African Research Projects in UF Molecular Anthropology Labs

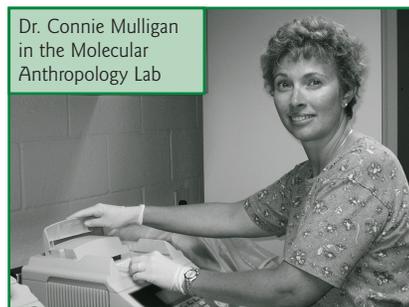
Molecular anthropology at UF has officially moved into Africa. Research on human migrations and donkey domestication in Africa has been funded by two grants from the National Science Foundation. Both projects will be carried out in the two laboratories established by **Dr. Connie Mulligan**.

In the **Molecular Genetics Laboratory** research focuses on the emergence of humans from Africa and subsequent contacts across the Red Sea. Blood samples for genetic analysis will be collected from both Eritrea and Oman.

The other project is a collaboration with Professor Fiona Marshall (University of Missouri-St. Louis) to be conducted in the **Ancient DNA**

**Laboratory**. Ancient DNA techniques will be applied to museum specimens of donkey and wild ass to determine where and when the donkey was domesticated.

The African projects are in addition to ongoing molecular research into the evolutionary history of Arctic populations and the genetics of alcohol dependence.



Dr. Connie Mulligan in the Molecular Anthropology Lab

### Mummy Investigators: Forensic Anthropologists Solve Really Cold Cases

Doctoral candidate **Heather Walsh-Haney** and **John J. Schultz** (PhD '03) showed off their forensic anthropology skills in the Discovery Channel series, *Mummy Autopsy*, this past spring. Normally they work with law enforcement officers, medical examiners, and government officials, identifying the victims of crimes of mass disasters (see story p. 8). However, in this case they were asked to examine individuals long dead, many of them found in archaeological contexts, to see how they lived and how they may have died. Walsh-Haney appeared in four shows, studying an Iron Age warrior and Egyptian

mummies. Schultz was in nine episodes, dealing with a Peruvian mummy and soldiers from the 1879 War of the Pacific. Both Schultz and Walsh-Haney have signed on for additional shows, so consult your TV guide to see them in action!



Heather Walsh-Haney and sarcophagus.



Doctoral student Gifford Waters and his wife, Jamie Anderson-Waters (MA '04) excavate a feature in St. Augustine.

### Florida's Early Settlements

UF's Historical Archaeology Field School for 2005 seeks to uncover remains of Florida's early history at the Fountain of Youth Park in St. Augustine. Directed by **Dr. Kathleen Deagan**, Distinguished Research Curator at the FLMNH, with the aid of graduate student **Ingrid Newquist**, the student archaeologists and town volunteers are *not* looking for traces of Ponce de Leon! Instead, they hope to find materials from three of the state's most important historic sites: the large Timucua Indian town of Seloy (ca. AD 1000–1650), the original settlement and fort of St. Augustine established in Seloy's town by Pedro Menéndez de Aviles in 1565, and the original location of the Nombre de Dios mission (ca. 1587–ca. 1650), the first Franciscan mission to the American Indians. The findings of this project, supported by a grant from the Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources, will assist in the development of a management plan to guide future development and interpretation decisions at the Park. See [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/histarch/](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/histarch/) for more information about the Fountain of Youth Park site. Dr. Deagan's extensive research in Spanish-American sites was the cover feature of UF's Fall 2004 *Explore* magazine.

### Assisting Human Rights

Doctoral student **Shuala Drawdy**, who has extensive experience in the forensic investigation of human rights abuses, will become one of the first employees of The Missing, a project that works to recognize the rights of families to know the fate of missing victims of genocide, civil war, and war atrocities. Shuala anticipates being stationed in either Belgrade, Serbia, where she will serve as a coordinator and liaison for the various organizations working in the Balkans, or in Tblisi, Republic of Georgia, where she will be working to build local capacity for humanitarian efforts in the wake of recent conflict in that area. She is a student of **Dr. Mike Warren** (PhD '97).

### Moore is Editor of New Encyclopedia of Race

**Dr. John H. Moore** was chosen as Editor-in-Chief of the new *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, to be published in 2006 by Macmillan. This will be the largest work ever published on the subject, consisting of one million words in four volumes. Among the Editors assisting Dr. Moore are alumni Antoinette Jackson (PhD '04), now Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida, and Keith Akins (PhD '98), Assistant Professor at New Mexico State University.

### Harrison Honored with SANA Prize

**Faye Harrison**, one of our new faculty, received the 2004 Society for the Anthropology of North America (SANA) Prize for Distinguished Achievement in the Critical Study of North America. The annual award is given to a senior-level anthropologist who has made broad-based contributions to the field. Harrison will officially be honored with the prize at the American Anthropological Association meeting in Washington, DC in November 2005.

## Faculty Awards & Honors

### Boinski is UFRF Professor

**Dr. Sue Boinski** has been selected to receive a UF Research Foundation Professorship award for 2005–2007. This three-year professorship recognizes faculty with a distinguished record of research and scholarship that is expected to lead to continuing distinction in their field. It comes with an impressive salary supplement and an allocation to support Dr. Boinski's research, which focuses on communication and other social activities among capuchin monkeys in Suriname.



### Outstanding Teachers

**Dr. Marianne Schmink** received a UF Distinguished International Educator Award, recognizing outstanding international endeavors by faculty members in research, teaching, and service in support of the university's strategic goal of internationalizing the campus and curriculum.



Two anthropologists—**Susan deFrance** and **Michael Heckenberger**—were among 11 faculty honored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for excellence, innovation,

and effectiveness in teaching for 2004–2005. **Dr. deFrance** conducts zooarchaeological research in Latin America (see p. 1) and teaches courses in museology. **Dr. Heckenberger** carries out ethno-archaeological research in the South American lowlands. He teaches courses in archaeological and anthropological theory and peoples of the tropics.



### Woodrow Wilson Fellow

**Dr. Brenda Chalfin** has been awarded a 2005–2006 residential fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. Dr. Chalfin will work on a project entitled "The Traffic in Sovereignty: Customs Regimes as Global Governance." This project explores issues from her research in Ghana, which focuses on how the flow of goods and people across international borders, as regulated by customs officials, expresses a nation's sovereignty and identity.



### Best Paper at African Conference

**Dr. Anita Spring** received a Best Paper Award and Best Presenter Award at the International Academy of African Business Development in Dar-es Salaam, Tanzania. The conference had over 100 papers and 200 participants from 25 countries, 12 in Africa and 13 in the US, Europe, and Australia. The title of her paper was "African Women in the Entrepreneurial Landscape: Reconsidering the Formal and Informal Sectors." It examined the complex demographic, economic, and social factors impacting the success of female entrepreneurs in eight African countries.



### Anthropologists Receive UF Humanities Grants

Three Anthropology faculty received UF Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Grants to further their research:

**Dr. Stacy Langwick** for her project entitled "Global Traditions, Transnational Medicines." This grant will fund research at the Traditional Medicine Unit of the Geneva, Switzerland, headquarters of the World Health Organization. Langwick seeks to examine the development of Traditional Medicine as an internationally recognized category and its effects on medical activism in Africa.

**Dr. Augusto Oyuela-Caycedo** for "Changing Landscapes and Cultural Dynamics in the Tropical Forest," to fund his continuing research in the historical ecology of tropical South America. Dr. Oyuela-Caycedo also received a New Faculty Support Program Grant from the UF School of Natural Resources and Environment for a related project, "An Investigation of Anthropogenic Soils in the Upper Amazon."

**Dr. Rick Stepp** for ethnobotanical research among Belize Maya peoples, a project entitled "Endangered Languages and Landscapes: Preserving Linguistic and Biocultural Diversity in Southern Belize." Dr. Stepp also received a UF-SNRE New Faculty Support Grant to facilitate his work in "Belizean Maya Medicinal Plant Ethnoecology."

### Grove Inducted into the AAAS

**Dr. David C. Grove**, Courtesy Professor, was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in October 2004. Founded in 1780, the academy has included some of the most influential leaders in arts and sciences, politics, and journalism. Dr. Grove was honored for a career dedicated to the archaeology and prehistory of Mexico and for advancing knowledge of the earliest civilizations there. He is also Emeritus Jubilee Professor of Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



### Internationalizing the Curriculum

The UF International Center and Transnational and Global Studies Center provides grants for internationalizing the curriculum. Four Anthropology faculty received those awards:

**Dr. Brenda Chalfin** for a summer field school in Urban African Ethnography, in collaboration with faculty and students from the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana-Legon. The program is open to graduate students and advanced undergraduates from UF and peer institutions and is slated to start summer 2006.

**Dr. Abdoulaye Kane** for a new undergraduate course, "Africans Abroad." The course will focus on the flow of African labor migrants and

refugees to Europe and North America, investigating how they incorporate themselves into Western cities and yet maintain relations with their home countries and communities.

**Dr. Peter R. Schmidt** for a field school at Qohaito, an ancient city in southern Eritrea. The field school will examine the history of the Horn of Africa and international trade systems, the changing configurations of ethnic groups over the last three millennia in Eritrea, and the archaeology of Qohaito. Beginning in 2005, UF and University of Asmara faculty will jointly teach it.

**Dr. Steve Brandt** is one of a group of faculty proposing a new Study Abroad program in the Horn of Africa.



Clockwise from top left: Laurel Freas, Michelle Lefebvre, Judy Anderson, Neill Wallis, Jamie Waggoner, and Amy Non with their congratulatory department pens at the Awards Reception in April.

## Prize Winners

**Laurel Freas** received the J. Lawrence Angel Award in February for the best student paper in the Physical Anthropology section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. She is UF's 3rd Angel Award winner! (Advisor: Dr. Mike Warren)

**Adam D. Kiš** took first place in the National Association for Practicing Anthropology Best Student Paper Competition, 2004, for his paper on the impact of AIDS on funeral culture in Malawi. He was quoted in the 2004 AAA Annual Report. (Advisor: Dr. Russ Bernard)

**Michelle Edwards** received the Delmos Jones Award to subsidize travel to the Society for Applied Anthropology meeting, where she delivered a paper on heritage tourism, ecological imperialism, and slave castles. (Advisor: Dr. Brenda Chalfin)

**Neill J. Wallis** won the 2005 Student Paper Competition at the meeting of the Florida Archaeological Society in Gainesville for his paper, "The Case for Swift Creek Paddles as Totemic Symbols: Some Anthropological Considerations." (Advisor: Dr. Ken Sassaman)

## UF Award Winners

**Heather Walsh-Haney**, Graduate Student Teaching Award; **Judith Anderson**, **Ethan Cole** and **Aren Del Vecchio**, Center for Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Research Grant; **Amy Cox**, William Carter Field Research Grant; **Michelle Lefebvre**, A. Curtis Wilgus Fellowship; **Ava Lasseter** and **Pio Saqui**, Tropical Conservation and Development Field Research Grant; **Luis Symanski**, Charles Wagley Research Fellowship; **Erich Fisher** and **Helina Woldekiros Solomon**, Foreign Language Area Scholarships (Africa).

## Department Award Winners

**Alicia Lusiardo** and **Christopher Berry** were honored with **Polly and Paul Doughty Research Fellowships** for summer projects in Latin America. Alicia will collect data applicable to human rights forensic work (Advisor: Dr. Mike Warren). Chris will use his award to study the impact of development on women's gender identity in Brazil (Advisor: Dr. Marianne Schmink).

**Aline Gubrium** and **Eric Minzenberg** received support for their final year of dissertation research and writing with a **John M. Goggin Memorial Scholarship**.

# Graduate Student Achievements

## Fellowships and Grants

**Shanna Williams** received a prestigious Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship. Three years of funding will support her project "Is Facial Aging Only Skin



Deep? Assessing Senescence in the Mid-facial Skeleton." Shanna collected data this summer at the Smithsonian Institution. (Advisor: Dr. Tony Falsetti)

**Michelle Lefebvre** won the Dienje M. E. Kenyon Fellowship for zooarchaeological research from the Society for American Archaeology. (Advisor: Dr. Susan deFrance)

**Tim Fogarty** was awarded a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship for research on the cultural and organizational logic of NGOs that bring North American volunteer vacationers, development tourists, and solidarity travelers to Nicaraguan villages to participate in development projects. (Advisor: Dr. Anthony Oliver-Smith)

**Ryan Theis** has been recommended for a Fulbright award to conduct research in the causes of homelessness in Switzerland. (Advisor: Dr. Allan Burns)

**Antonio de la Peña** received a grant from the National Science Foundation for his dissertation research, "The Inequality of Social Capital: A Comparative Approach to Assess the Usefulness of Social Capital Measures in Economic Development." (Advisor: Dr. Anthony Oliver-Smith).

**David Haskell** received grants from the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc., and the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research for archaeological excavations at a Tarascan Empire site in west Mexico. (Advisor: Dr. Susan Gillespie)

**Erin Waxenbaum** received a Smithsonian Summer Internship to research the temporal and spatial effects on human growth and development in three Native North American populations for her dissertation. (Advisor: Dr. Anthony Falsetti)

**Erin Kennedy** was awarded a Sigma Xi grant for zooarchaeological research in Guatemala, examining how ancient Maya people traded animal products. (Advisor: Dr. Kitty Emery)

**Kamal Feriali** held a UF Coca Cola World Citizenship Award in Jordan interning with Mercy Corps, a US-based international development and relief organization. (Advisor: Dr. Paul Magnarella)

**Joe Hefner** (a prior Angel Award winner) and **Ron Wright** were awarded a grant from the Forensic Sciences Foundation to examine post-bregmatic depression (a cranial trait) using 3D morphometrics. (Advisor: Dr. Mike Warren)

**Drew Kitchen**, **Rebecca Gray** and **Amy Non** received travel awards to attend courses at the Summer Institute for Statistical Genetics at North Carolina State University. (Advisor: Dr. Connie Mulligan)

## Paper Presenters at Professional Meetings

American Anthropological Association, Atlanta—**David Haskell**; Society for American Archaeology, Salt Lake City—**Asa Randall**, **Helina Woldekiros Solomon**, **Neill Wallis**, **Erin Waxenbaum**; American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Milwaukee—**Rebecca Gray**, **Drew Kitchen**, **Erin Waxenbaum**; Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe—**Michelle Edwards**, **Erich Fisher**, **Tim Fogarty**, **Adam Kiš**; Southeastern Archaeological Conference, St. Louis—**Meggan Blessing**, **Asa Randall**, **Jamie Waggoner**; International Conference on Ethiopian Jews, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia—**Rebecca Klein**; Second Annual Africa Genome Conference, Cairo, Egypt—**Drew Kitchen**; Association of Latin American Forensic Anthropologists—**Alicia Lusiardo**.

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# Undergraduate Student Achievements

## Anthropology Seniors' Futures Are Looking Bright!

We congratulate our seniors heading off for graduate and professional schools:

**Christine Armstrong** is pursuing a Sociology PhD at North Carolina State University—fully funded for five years.

**Kathleen Bezell** is attending UF's College of Dentistry.

**Meghan Beverung** is attending San Francisco

State University's Museum Studies program.

**Angela Canoy** is applying to medical school and interning with Heather Walsh-Haney in Ft. Myers, setting up the forensic facility for Florida Gulf Coast University volunteer work in medical anthropology.

**Carol Colannino** is attending University of Georgia to study zoar-

chaeology—funded for four years.

**June Drake** is attending Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán for a degree in skeletal anthropology, forensic and human rights investigations in Guatemala.

**Heather Garvin** is attending Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA, for a Master's degree in Forensic Anthropology—fully

funded.

**Manuel Lopez** is attending UF's PhD program in Counseling Psychology.

**Heather Nagy** is attending Duke University's Environmental Management program.

**Amy Nichols** is attending University of British Columbia for Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies.

**Kelly Palmer** is getting a

UF's Masters degree in Public Health.

**Georgia Weissman** is attending Stony Brook University (SUNY) to study Theoretical Linguistics, focusing on Historical Linguistics, with a full assistantship and a University Fellowship.

## Undergraduate Award Winners



**Brendan O'Sullivan Award:** This award was created in memory of Brendan O'Sullivan, who died soon after being named a UF valedictorian in 1999. It recognizes the spring graduating anthropology major with the highest GPA. The 2005 winner is **Daniel Golden** of Miami. Daniel, whose wife **Nicole** was also an anthropology major (BA '04), plans to attend the University of Miami medical school.



**Patricia Essenpreis Award:** This scholarship for female students helps to defray expenses to attend archaeological field school. It is named in memory of Dr. Patricia Essenpreis, a faculty archaeologist. The 2005 winner is **Rachel Kirby**. Rachel, who hails from St. Augustine, used her fellowship to attend the UF St. Johns Archaeological Field School directed by **Dr. Ken Sassaman**.

*The Anthropology Department is grateful to generous donors for funding these two undergraduate awards.*

## Lambda Alpha Activities

Lambda Alpha is the national Anthropology Honor Society. This past year UF chapter President **Meghan Beverung**, assisted by member **Jason Bell**, wrote a constitution to have the organization recognized as a UF Honor Society. **Dr. John Krigbaum** is the faculty advisor. The UF chapter organized field trips and is working on a web site.

## Phi Beta Kappa

Eleven Anthropology seniors were inducted into the Beta Chapter of Florida, Phi Beta Kappa. This is the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society. Both high GPA and breadth of coursework in the liberal arts are factors in the selection process. National bylaws restrict election to 10% or less of the graduating class on an annual basis. UF's chapter, chartered in the 1930s, is one of fewer than 300 chapters across the country. We are proud of these exceptional anthropology majors: Carol Eliza Colaninno, Daniel Bryan Golden, Sommer Nichole Gray, Drew Spencer Helmus, Jessica Himmelberger, Amy Carlile Nichols, Candice Nicole Pippin, Sherin E Smallwood, Stephanie M Spence, Natalia R Terreros, and Steven Adam Zeiger.

## Outstanding Undergrads

Many of our majors graduate in the fall or summer and may miss out on the shower of awards that awaits the spring grads. **Kristen Fellows**, a homegrown gator raised in Gainesville, is one such student. She received her BA in Fall 2004 with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Kristen was accepted for graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania, with full funding, to study gender and identity in historical archaeology. This past spring she worked at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Congratulations, Kristen!



The **University Scholars Program** matches outstanding undergraduate students with faculty mentors to provide a realistic research experience. Anthropology major **Mandy Sunshine Baily** was chosen for this program, under the tutelage of **Dr. Gerald Murray**. Being a University Scholar allowed her to undertake field research in Paraguay, returning to the community where she had served as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 1998 until 2000. The paper that Mandy wrote from this research, entitled "Social, Ecological, and Economic Considerations on the Impacts of Globalization in a Small-Farm Community of Paraguay," was selected for publication in the *Journal of Undergraduate Research* ([www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/jur](http://www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/jur)).



**Lindsey Williams**, another University Scholar, researched and wrote a presentation with **Dr. Connie Mulligan** on "Allelic variation at alpha-synuclein and alcohol dependence in two American Indian populations." It was presented at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists annual meeting in Milwaukee.

# Alumni News

## AIDS and Witchcraft in Africa



**Alex Rodlach** recently defended his dissertation entitled "Blaming 'Others' for HIV/AIDS in an Urban Township in Zimbabwe: Witchcraft Beliefs and Conspiracy Theories," under the guidance of **Dr. Gerald Murray**. Alex focused his research on popular beliefs about the AIDS epidemic

in southern Zimbabwe, especially relationships linking HIV/AIDS to witchcraft and conspiracy suspicions. Alex, who will receive the PhD in December, has two European publishers interested in his dissertation. He has already been offered a job as director of a famous anthropological research institution in Germany as well as editorship of the ethnographic journal *Anthropos*. Congratulations, Alex!

## Alumni Newsmakers

**Nicholas Honerkamp** (PhD '80) is Chair of the Anthropology Department at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

**Charles Ewen** (PhD '87) was promoted to full professor in the Anthropology Department of East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

**Bonnie G. McEwan** (PhD '88), Director of the San Luis Archaeological and Historical site in Tallahassee, was awarded \$1 million from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the San Luis research program and \$2.6 million from the Florida legislature to reconstruct the 17th century Spanish fort of San Luis.

**Kate Hoffman** (PhD '90) is Vice-President of Janus Research, Inc., a historic preservation and archaeology consulting firm based in St. Petersburg.

**Holly Ann Williams** (PhD '95), who works for the Malaria Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, received the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Fred Smith** (PhD '02), currently at Western Michigan University, has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, starting Fall 2005.

**David Mayorga** (BA '03) is Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the House of Representatives Committee on Science.

**Richard Wallace** (PhD '04) is working as a Researcher on a project with Brazilian universities and NGOs in a consortium funded by USAID-Brazil to support community forestry and links with markets in Brazil's Amazon and Atlantic Forest regions.

**William Schumann** (PhD '05) will assume an NEH-Endowed Chair in Appalachian Studies at Berea College, Kentucky, where he will develop an ethnology of Appalachian and Welsh communities' post-coal economy.

**Christian Russell** (PhD '05) has accepted a position as Research Scientist for the UF Land Use and Environmental Change Institute.

## Calling All Grad Alumni

The Anthropology Department is embarking on a project to determine how our PhD and MA students have fared since the department was founded some 30 years ago. **Dr. Maxine Margolis** is spearheading this initiative to locate all our graduate degree-holders. Beginning fall 2005 she will scour the AAA Guide and other data bases, engage internet search engines, and query professors and cohort members to find out what kinds of employment and career choices our graduate students have made. This information will be fed into a data base the department can use to assess the success of our degree programs and to evaluate our graduate curriculum and training. You can help us get the ball rolling by sending an email to the department with your job title and contact information ([www@anthro.ufl.edu](mailto:www@anthro.ufl.edu)). Once this data base is on track, the project may be extended to gauge the career success of our more numerous BA degree holders.



## Alumni Media Watch

**Dr. Barbara Purdy**, UF Professor Emerita (PhD '71), was profiled in the May 2005 issue of *The SAA Archaeological Record*.

**Dr. R. Celeste Ray**, UF Honors graduate (BA '98) and Associate Professor and Chair of Anthropology at the University of the South in Seawee, Tennessee, was interviewed on National Public Radio's program, *The Tartan Spangled Banner*. Dr. Ray's UF Honor's thesis, "Erin Go Braugh," concerned Irish culture and society.

**Jamie Anderson-Waters's** (MA '04) thesis research on the archaeology of children in colonial St. Augustine was featured in *Science* magazine's "Science for Kids" in May 2005.

**John Schultz** (PhD '03), Assistant Professor at University of Central Florida, appeared in the Discovery Channel's *Mummy Autopsy* programs (see story, page 3).

## Congratulations to our Newest Alumni!

### PhD Recipients

#### Summer '04

Mark Davidheiser

#### Fall '04

Suzanne Abel

Antoinette Jackson

Birgitta Kimura

Sharyn O'Day

Richard Wallace

#### Spring '05

Aline Gubrium

Joseph (Christian) Russell

William Schumann

Fatma Soud

### MA Recipients

#### Summer '04

Maranda Almy

Meggan Blessing

Benjamin Burkley

Erin Ehmke

Jennifer Hotzman

Laurie Kauffman

Stephanie Litka

Neill Wallis

#### Fall '04

Anna Auten

Lorraine Chaudry-

Campbell

#### Spring '05

Erich Fisher

Laurel Freas

Asmeret Ghebreigziabiher

Melissa Gold

David Hines

Robert Hussey

Dorion Keifer

Alicia Luisardo

Julienne Obadia

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## UF Anthropologists Assist Tsunami Relief Efforts

On December 26, 2004, the largest recently recorded tsunami struck most of the South East Asian coastline. Over 500,000 people died, and the total number of fatalities may never be known. A massive relief effort was quickly organized from around the world to assist survivors and help identify the dead. In Thailand alone, more than 8,200 were known or pre-

sumed to be dead—most of them foreign nationals. Among those who answered the call for experts in human identification were UF faculty **Dr. Tony Falsetti** and doctoral student **Paul Emanovsky**.

Emanovsky was deployed to Thailand in January as an employee at the Department of Defense's Joint Pacific Accounting Command and Central Identification Laboratory, whose primary mission is to identify and repatriate fallen US service members. He is a student of Dr. Mike Warren.

Falsetti, associate professor and Director of UF's C. A.



Emanovsky



Detail of the receding waters on December 26, 2004.



Falsetti in the C.A. Pound Lab

Pound Human Identification Laboratory, spent three weeks in March in Phuket at the Thai Tsunami Victim Identification and Information Management Center (TTVI-IMC) as a Disaster Victim Identification team leader for Kenyon International, a worldwide disaster management company. In Phuket victim records were evaluated and reconciled by forensic experts in fingerprinting, dentistry, digital evidence, scenes of crime officers, and DNA before identification was released to the embassy of the home country of the decedents.

Falsetti reports: "The TTVI-IMC was like a mini 'United Nations' of individuals committed to identifying the dead so they could be repatriated to their families. I could not help but be awed by the power of the natural environment as I saw firsthand the tremendous damage done to the natural environment, hotels and resorts, and sailing vessels. My experiences in Thailand were very positive given the enormity of the task. The opportunity to work with forensic specialists from nearly 30 countries was an honor." 

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- John Goggin Memorial Scholarship** (to defray research costs for PhD students in cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and linguistic anthropology in their final year)
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