



Message from the Chair

Greetings, Salutations, Saludos and Aloha to all!

Yes, the Anthropology Program at Chico State is alive and well. I am happy to report that the *Clan Destiny* is back on track, and we have many interesting and newsworthy things to report.

First let me begin by welcoming all of you to the long-standing *Clan Destiny* family and providing an update on the array of new beginnings that have been unfolding in the last two years within the Anthropology Department. As some of you may recall, **Bill Loker** shortened his tenure as Department Chair to serve as interim Associate Dean of the Graduate School and, more recently, as Dean of Undergraduate Education. **Turhon Murad** stepped up to the plate to fill the shoes of Department Chair from 2004-2006. Since August 2006, I have begun my sojourn heading the Department, a role I feel honored to fill. And, I might add, I am the first female chair in the history of the Department to serve this three-year appointment. Bravo! Or should I say *brava*?

I am very pleased to announce that since the last newsletter we have welcomed two new tenure-track faculty members into the department. **David Eaton**, a cultural anthropologist who has taught at Middlebury College in Vermont, focuses on medical anthropology and environmental sustainability in Africa. **Eric Bartelink**, a physical anthropologist who received his M.A. in our program (2001) subsequently completed his Ph.D. at the Texas A & M University. His specialties are bioarchaeology and isotope analysis. Eric is also a forensic anthropologist. And beginning next academic year, we will have an additional new faculty member on board, **Jesse Dizard**, an applied cultural anthropologist who has carried out research in Morocco and, more



recently, with indigenous peoples of Alaska, where he worked for the Department of Fish and Game. We are excited about the future directions our new faculty members will lead the Anthropology Program, and we welcome them into the *Clan Destiny* family. I will let them and the rest of the faculty tell their own stories, so read on to learn more from them.

There have also been several rounds of changes with our department secretary. **Trudy Waldroop**, who masterfully managed the office for 24 years retired in 2004. Gretchen Tousey filled in as our secretary for two years, but she has moved on to another position on campus. Trudy graciously agreed to come out of retirement to work as our interim secretary until we had found a permanent replacement.

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I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with Trudy. She has passed on to me some of the history, traditions, and knowledge of the department. And now, it is my pleasure to announce that we have a new secretary, **Stephanie Meyers**. She is new to the university, but is already a dynamic force that keeps the office on track and a lively place, too. Please welcome Stephanie to our *Clan Destiny* family and tell her about yourself so that she can also be a keeper of department lore.

My own reflections of the *Clan Destiny* family began when I first joined the Anthropology Department at Chico State eight years ago. I was immediately struck by the fact that the Anthropology Department held a rich history of traditions, a commitment to educational excellence, and the fostering of a learning environment resplendent with a cast of unique individuals; both students and faculty. The Anthropology Department, alums, and current students, make up a special community that spans at least three or more generations by now, a community that shares a sense of place (the incredibly beautiful campus of Chico State and the surrounding landscapes), and a sense of family

and belonging that comes with sharing a part of our lives together. Please know that your voices, your laughter, participation, and contributions to the clan still resound through the hallways, the classrooms, the department office, to the sparkling ripples of the water of the creek as it flows through campus. I truly believe that with our rich history and colorful traditions, and all these new beginnings, the Anthropology program will continue to stand strong. All of you are a vital part of our existence. To ensure our future, we are in the process of creating an endowment account. With \$5,000 we received for Excellence in High Quality Learning Award, a very generous \$1,000 gift from Trudy Waldroop, plus another \$4,000 from our annual fund, we are establishing the Anthropology Department Endowment. This endowment will enable us to cover unforeseeable expenses, help support hosting conferences, traveling costs incurred for field trips, and other worthy causes that benefit our program and students. The endowment will also enable us to fund student awards for attending conferences, presenting papers, carrying out research and field work, and much more. We are eager to watch

the endowment grow. The *Clan Destiny* newsletter contains a contribution form, and you can also access the form as a PDF file on the department website www.csuchico.edu/anth/. All donations are tax-deductible for this very worthy cause.

In addition to the endowment, the department has another major fundraising goal, which is to support the new laboratories in the Plumas complex. Please see the article by faculty member **Georgia Fox** about our new labs. The same form for the endowment also can be used for providing a monetary contribution toward the labs.

As you can see, we are committed to keeping the Anthropology Program alive and well. If you plan to come through town, please come visit. I would enjoy meeting you, and being updated on what you are doing. And, yes we will have another reunion in the near future. Best wishes to all of you, your families, and your life journeys.

Stacy Schaefer

Department News

Stephanie Meyers is the department's new Administrative Support Coordinator (former title Department Secretary). Stephanie is originally from St. Louis, Missouri and relocated to Sacramento in 1989. In September 2006, she relocated to the area. For the last five years she worked at a K-12 District in West Sacramento as an administrative assistant. Her hobbies for enjoyment in life are camping (with or without her 5th wheel), riding her Yamaha quad (ATV), cruising around in her restored 1967 Chevy Camaro, horse back

riding, gardening, reading novels, and spending time with family and friends. Stephanie says that she is excited to be a part of the Anthropology Department, where she hopes to further her education and experiences in life. She started her career in the Anthro Department on February 5, 2007.

D. Scott Wilson was hired as a full-time instructor in Fall 2006. Scott received his Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 1992

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and has focused on urban research as an applied anthropologist as well as teaching at UNM and other colleges. Scott's research projects have included studies of homeless youth and hustlers in Denver, homeless alcoholics in Albuquerque, the changeover to Medicaid managed care in rural northern New Mexico, and heroin and crack addicts in Hartford. He had a great time with students in our senior-level ethnographic field methods class last semester, who conducted a unified research project on Orland's farming families. This semester's applied anthropology proseminar is working with clients as diverse as handicapped citizens, students with child care needs, veterans, and animal care facilities. Scott has been working hard to establish contacts with all the service agencies in Chico both for student internships and as possible clients for student applied research projects. Due to an intense lifelong interest, Scott really enjoys teaching the Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion course. His first semester, he faced 180 students in that class and managed to have a fun, interactive class nonetheless, thanks in large part to "star" gradu-

ate students **Traci Van Deest** and **Mangan Pulford**, both of whom will receive their masters degrees this year. New tenure-track faculty (cultural) member – **Jesse Dizard**. Before coming to CSU-Chico, Jesse worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Division of Subsistence. He was the chief social scientist who set priorities for the State of Alaska's broad research effort to describe all aspects of indigenous hunting and fishing.

He supplied data to the state Boards of Fish and Game, natural resource managers, and the public. Jesse was also an adjunct professor of Anthropology at the University of Alaska Southeast, where he taught for the departments of Sociology and Anthropology each semester since 2004.

Jesse received his doctorate in Anthropology from UC Berkeley in December 2003. His dissertation, "Tourism, Tourists, and Tour Guides: Making Modernity in Morocco," was based on fieldwork he conducted in 1993-1994 as a Fulbright scholar in Fez, Morocco. In it he argues that tourism is a mitigat-

ing factor against fundamentalist commitment to intolerant political ideologies in Morocco, and other Muslim societies. Jesse's work with ADF&G may seem somewhat disconnected from previous research in North Africa. He says his research into competition over resources and the politics therein is consistent with his previous work in Morocco. Both suffer or thrive in relation to state regulation and competition from more powerful social groups.

Jesse says he strives to understand cultures and the environment in many contexts and at multiple levels. The focus of his research is the intersection between culture and the natural world. He is particularly interested in problems of representation theory, tourism, and competition over natural and cultural resources.

On a personal note, Jesse is married and has two young daughters. He says he and his family are looking forward to living in Chico and getting away from all the snow and cold of Juneau.

Student Honors and Awards

The department is pleased to announce the following awards and honors that were bestowed on its best and brightest in 2007. Congratulations to these outstanding students of the anthropology!

Graduating senior and Human ID Lab Tech **Shannon Damon** was voted by the Department as its Out-

standing Honors Student for 2006-2007.

Melody Yeager who just completed her MA degree in Museum Studies will be the commencement speaker for the M.A. Graduation ceremony in May.

Jonathan Connolly won the University Outstanding MA Thesis,

"Fort Crook, Frontier Outpost: A Case Study of Cross-Cultural Interaction on the Periphery" (Fall 2006).

Jennifer Munoz won the Graduate Equity Fellow in Fall 2005 and has been receiving support for her graduate studies here at Chico for the past two years.

More Student News

The 2007 Arthur Lehmann Scholarship awards for field study in cultural anthropology went to graduate student **Erin Smith**, for field study in rural Honduras on coffee production and trade; graduate student **Lance Blanchard**, for summer research in Louisiana with police and rescue workers who responded to Hurricane Katrina; and undergraduate **Stephanie Clarey**, for research associated with her summer internship in HIV/AIDS self-help assessment in southern Tanzania. This will serve as her internship for the certificate in applied Cultural Anthropology along with her major in our department.

One of our outstanding graduating seniors, **Erica Benton**, will be attending graduate school this fall at New York University in the Museum Studies program. Graduated Senior, **Anna Rushton**, is planning on studying in Kiswali, Tanzania this summer at the well-known language program in Morogoro, while she contemplates graduate work in



Undergraduate student Sylvie Henry talks with Jesse Dizard, cultural anthropologist who will be joining the Anthropology faculty in the fall.

Photography by Stacy Schaefer

African Studies.

Several graduate students have just completed their MA theses. **Traci Van Deest** is continuing on to a Ph.D program at the University of New Mexico. **Mangan Pulford** will be pursuing a teaching opportunity in Minnesota. Two students completed their MA degrees in the fall of 2005 and are now enrolled at the University of Arizona in the Ph.D. program in anthropology. **Tammy Buonasera** focused her

MA on the Analysis of Fatty Acids and Other Organic Compounds in Prehistoric Milling Tools from Central California Using CG-MS and UV-VIS Spectroscopy and **Deanna Grimstead** conducted a faunal study for her MA entitled *Tracking Artiodactyl Hunting Across Late Period Northern California: An Assessment of Traditional and Geochemical Methods*. Even more impressive than their wonderful theses is the fact that each of them received a prestigious IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship) Grant from the National Science Foundation to pursue their advanced degrees. Deanna applied for and just received additional years of funding from the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program of the U.S. Department of Education. Mega-congratulations to all of these outstanding Anthropology students!

Clan Destiny's Origins: A Journey Recalled

I do not remember the year of the first *Clan Destiny*, but I do know our reasons for initiating it.

First, we were a small department with a strong field course orientation; especially at that time in archaeology and resource management. Students worked together on projects and developed some life-long friendships. It was a brain-child, and I designed the questionnaire and for the first issues, assembled the data, and did the typing. I

edited it for the first 17 consecutive years, and with early retirement, Keith took it on. And of course, then we had Trudy.

Clan Destiny was created for several reasons. We asked ourselves if the department was meeting the needs of our BA students for the job market. Were they able to use their major in their employment? Chico State statistics at that time suggested that more than half of stu-

dents did not find employment in their major.

Next our concern was preparing students for graduate programs, and tracking what schools were they attending?

Also our faculty developed strong personal interests in many of our grads (as they did in us); we wanted to foster those ties and have them know that we were always

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available to them for advice, assistance, and recommendations.

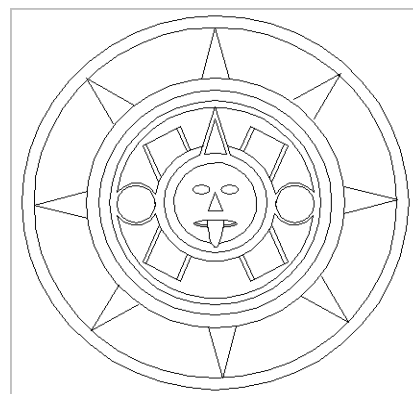
Finally, as a faculty, we believed that these goals were important and a worthy expenditure of operating expense funds.

The Alumni Office suggested that we were the only department in the CSU-C system that made such a consistent effort to reach our students. In fact, they borrowed our data for their own publications, year after year.

I believe that we realized our goals; feedback from grads did help to shape revisions in our major. We have maintained long-term relationships with some students, and the three Reunions, which **Keith Johnson** arranged, have been very successful. Tom Johnson was a strong leader in this as well.

Regarding the name, as I recall, the Anthropology Club was asked to make suggestions, and of the several names submitted, **Clan Destiny** was selected as a fitting anthropological moniker identifying relationships; the clan of anthro students, faculty and friends continue to thrive.

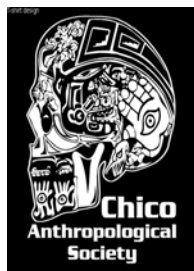
Dr. Valene Smith



Chico Anthropological Society

The Chico Anthropological Society (CAS) has been working on student awareness this semester. It provides anthropology students, and those interested in the field, an outlet through which to express themselves scholarly, as well as socially. It allows students to feel more at home in the Anthropology Department as well as in the discipline itself. CAS raises funds for refreshments at meetings, social gatherings, and sometimes for anthropology related trips or outings, such as conferences or meetings by selling refreshments in the Ethno Lab, which is open at various times for student use. CAS also sells paper

for printing and Chico Anthropological Society merchandise such as travel mugs, sweatshirts and t-shirts. The Chico State graduate students have formed a partnership with CAS to raise funds in order to host a mini-conference on forensic anthropology here at Chico State with guest speakers.



Pictured here are the 2007 Art Lehmann scholarship recipients. Left to right, Stephanie Clarey, Lance Blanchard, Erin Smith.

Photograph by Stacy Schaefer

Bones, Bottles, and Beakers: The Anthropology Laboratories

As some of you already know, and for those of you who don't, recently our department has been given additional lab space in the Plumas complex, located across from Butte Hall. The Forensic Human Identification Laboratory has moved to Plumas 115, the Archaeology and Zooarchaeology Labs to Plumas 117, and the Heritage Resources Conservation Laboratory (HRCL) to Plumas 119. You can see them at www.csuchico.edu/fms/map/pdfs/Plms-1-pdf. The Museum of Anthropology is slated to move to Plumas 121 within the next year. The courtyard is also to receive a facelift with a future wall mural, benches, and some decorative plantings. The Ethnolab will remain in Butte, but will also undergo improvements and upgrades for our students and faculty.

We are off to a good start. The labs offer hands-on training for our students, as well as students from other departments. Our department is known for such hands-on opportunities by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, as well as university-wide. It is exciting to see students whiling away the hours, flint knapping in the courtyard, sorting through lithics and animal bones in the Archaeology Lab, learning about physical and forensic anthropology in the Human ID Lab, and undertaking experiments and artifact preservation in the Conservation Lab. Meanwhile, across the way, students are creating films and other visual media to learn about human cultures. Visitors to our labs are impressed, and should be, as we continue to grow and improve our facilities.

Anthropology faculty are working hard to secure grants and contracts to help improve and support our labs, but in this day and age, equipment and supplies do not come cheap. That snazzy new \$30,000 microscope that helps you see use-wear marks on a projectile point, or fragmentations on bones, or the special state-of-the-art computer/digital video equipment that helps budding talented students create ethnographic films sure makes life better, but it all comes at a price.

Yes, you can see it coming. First, we welcome our alumni to come visit us, and I guarantee each and everyone of you that we will give you the grand red-carpet tour of the labs; we are proud of them and know that you will appreciate our accomplishments and ongoing efforts. We have a very well-thought out wish list that has been submitted to our dean, but in the

budget, we know that no matter how genuine our efforts are, the university cannot always meet these needs, as much as they would like. Therefore, knowing that we cannot do this all ourselves, and in a spirit of hope and trust, we are asking our alumni to reach out and support our efforts through a monetary donation in 2007. Any monetary donations are welcome. The funding would be used toward new equipment or supplies to help our labs operate to their fullest potential.

We thank you in advance. We strive to make you, our valued alumni, proud of us for years to come, and your engagement and participation mean a lot to us as the department grows and changes in positive new directions.

~ Georgia Fox, Assistant Professor

Human ID Lab

The Physical Anthropology Human Identification Lab has been very busy this semester. **Shannon Damon** has temporarily taken over as the Lab Technician for **Karen Cebra**. Karen was in a terrible auto accident last October that resulted in several broken bones and a continuing recovery period. Physical anthropology interns have been kept busy processing animals with our dermestid beetle colony. The lab has also been working on many forensic cases thanks to surrounding counties contacting and utilizing our forensic anthropologists. We are still working on expanding the lab into a fully functioning forensic anthropology center. Dr. **Eric Bartelink** and graduate student **Melanie Beasley** have been busy working on the development of the Dental/Isotope Lab and the photography station is continuously being upgraded for the many cases that pass through. The Human ID Lab at Chico State is an up and coming lab in the state of California as well as the United States. Continue to keep your ears open for new happenings and new developments!

Museum of Anthropology

The Museum of Anthropology realizes its dual role as a standard-bearer for high quality learning environments on the CSU-Chico campus, as well as its role in the wider Chico community for providing educa-

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Come on Up to the Lab

tional opportunities for the public, K-12 teachers, and students. To that end the Museum continues to grow its museum studies program to include the latest information on conservation and care of artifacts, grant writing, community collaborations, and museum education. The museum studies coursework reflects these principles.

The activity of the museum and the internship program reinforce the classroom experience with real-world experiences. Meanwhile, the Museum of Anthropology is raising the bar for itself once again with its latest student-generated exhibition, *Maidu Sense of Place: Landscapes of a Shared History, Culture, and Destiny*. The Museum and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe collaborated with the Maidu tribal members of the Chico, Susanville, and Oroville regions to present the current exhibition. "This exhibit offers the public a unique opportunity to view the inspiring results a collaborative learning project in which guest curator **Arlene Ward** (BA 2005) and Maidu consultants shared their knowledge in presenting Maidu history and culture from the voices of Maidu people," said Dr. **Stacy Schaefer**, co-director of the CSU, Chico Museum of Anthropology. If you can't get to Chico in person, we invite you to check us out on the web. The Museum launched a brand new look for our campus web page, (www.csuchico.edu/anth/museum), complete with rotating images of objects from our collection.



Amy Huberland researching at Northeast Information Center on 25 Main in Chico.

Northeast Information Center

Since our last *Clan Destiny* article, the Northeast Information Center (NEIC) has moved to Suite 204, at 25 Main Street. Currently, Dr. Antoinette Martinez is the NEIC Coordinator and Amy Huberland is the Assistant Coordinator. The staff includes **Lucia Ledwith**, **Mim Roeder**, **Adrienne Slattery**, Joann Mellon, Gail Eatoth-Smith, Sally Loker, **Tanya Kieselbach**, and Rose White. In addition, Rob McCann, a Public History student, is conducting an internship at the NEIC this semester. We are sorry to say that CSU-C alumnus **Jary Kraft** (MA 1990s), who worked for the center off and on for 20 years, has retired, although she is still involved with specific research projects.

NEIC staff are extremely busy with day-to-day opera-

tions involving processing incoming historical and archaeological resource records and investigation reports, as well as conducting record searches for individuals and agencies, as well as delineating known sites and studies within specific project areas as mandated under State and Federal law. We are also in the midst of converting 250 of our base maps into GIS format as part of a Natural Resources Conservation Service/Office of Historic Preservation contract. Once this project is complete, approximately half of the 1320 base maps located within the NEIC coverage area will be in GIS format. As part of this project, we have installed a user-friendly database and GIS desktop application that links our resource (site) database, report bibliography, and GIS (map) data. We are also beginning the huge project of scanning to electronic files the site records (ca. 30,000) and reports (ca. 10,000) currently on file at our office.

The NEIC has also been working with Native American tribes in the region to set up agreements for tribal access to confidential information housed at the center and has participated in meetings with the State Office of Historic Preservation and California tribes aimed at sharing information and discussing common issues involving historical resource inventory management. The NEIC is also actively involved with the CSU-C Anthropology and Native American Relations Committee (ANARC) whose purpose is to share information regarding the work of individual committee members with Native American tribes.

For 30 years, the Northeast Information Center has been the primary repository for archaeological site records and reports for 11 counties within northeastern California. The center provides educational opportunities for students working in the disciplines of Anthropology, History, and Geography, and is open to individuals conducting historical or archaeological research. The NEIC also maintains a collection of historical maps and historical and ethnographic reference materials for northeastern California.

Faculty News

Eric Bartelink (2006)

In January 2006, Eric began his teaching assignment as the most recent tenure-track hire in the Anthropology Department. He is grateful to the faculty for their help, support, and encouragement during those first few stressful months of the semester. In March 2006, Eric organized a symposium at the SCA (Society for California Archaeology) meetings entitled "New Perspectives in California Bioarchaeology" and presented a paper entitled "Paleodietary Reconstruction in Late Holocene Central California: Applications of Stable Isotope Analysis in San Francisco Bay and the Lower Sacramento Valley" in the Plenary Session. He has been busy working in the Human ID Lab and is currently developing research collaborations with San Jose State and UC Davis to complete paleodietary reconstructions in the San Francisco Bay area through stable isotope analysis. Last June Eric participated in Frank Bayham's Comparative Osteoarchaeology Workshop and gave a lecture at the Stanley Olsen Zooarchaeology Conference immediately following at Eagle Lake. Eric says he really enjoyed teaching Formal Methods and Human Identification this semester.

Frank Bayham (1985)

As Frank approaches the completion of his 21st year here at Chico State, he says he finds himself fully engaged in the discipline and California archaeology to a degree that he almost never could have imagined when he began here in 1985. In addition to teaching our introductory archaeology GE course, which he still loves, Frank routinely finds himself teaching zooarchaeology, human behavioral ecology and other courses in archaeology. For the last few years, he has put on a summer Zooarchaeology Conference at the Eagle Lake Field Station, which was an outgrowth of teaching 'Zooarchaeology and Field Ecology' at the field station with Dr. Jay Bogiatto (Biology) for 16 years straight. Hopefully, many of you who read this have fond memories of the field experiences you had at Chico State. Along with alumna, **Deanna Grimstead** (MA 2006), who is now at the University of Arizona, Frank presented a paper on faunal remains and feasting in the Southwest at the International Conference for Archaeozoology in August of 2006. She and Frank have one version of this paper in publication and another in

preparation. He also completed a report for the BLM (with the help of **Greg White**) in the summer of 2006 on a series of archaeological surveys done in the Eagle Lake region in the context of several Anth 484 Arch Site Survey courses. Apart from teaching and research activities and being the Graduate Coordinator for the last couple of years, Frank has also served the Society for California Archaeology as President. This activity placed him at the center of many important debates in California archaeology, perhaps the most paramount of which in his mind is Professional Standards and Ethical Guidelines. They recently completed a very successful annual meeting in San Jose (March 22-25, 2007) where a large number of Chico alums were represented. Several generations of Chico State students participated and contributed to Deanna Grimstead's symposium of *Human Behavioral Ecology and California Archaeology*; apart from Deanna, these included **Jack Broughton** (BA 1986, MA 1988), **Kelly Beck** (MA 2001), **Eric Bartelink** (MA 2001 and now Chico State faculty), and **Kim (Holanda) Carpenter** (MA 1998). In addition to being a participant in that symposium and another on cultural resource protection, Frank also hosted the 41st SCA Awards Banquet. One of the more personally rewarding experiences at that banquet for him was the opportunity to confer upon his long-time mentor, colleague and friend, **Keith Johnson**, the Lifetime Achievement Award. Keith's wife of 50 years, Karen, and his children, Chris and Annelle, accompanied him. Keith has been a member of the SCA for over 40 years, was one of the co-founders of the Anthropology Department, served as Vice-President of the SCA, started the Archaeological Research Program and the Anthropology Museum at CSU-Chico, and continues to be engaged in California archaeology.

Since Frank's stint as President has ended, he looks forward to a little more time at home/retreat up in the Sierra foothills of Cohasset. There he can freely process animal carcasses; tend to his good dogs, chickens and goats. Frank's children are all in Chico and doing well: Jude graduated from Chico State and is thinking about applying for graduate school in economics; Holly is a junior at Chico State majoring in business; and his baby, Mary, now 16 and a sophomore at Chico High, is working in the pizza industry and arguing with her father in her spare time.

Faculty News Continued

Bill Collins (2004)

Dr. Collins joined the Anthropology faculty during the fall semester of 2005. He moved from his previous academic home in the Department of Geography and Planning due to refocusing his academic and research career, especially in archaeology. He began by completing graduate curricula in Anthropology at CSU, Chico in 1998 and then transferring to full-time study completing MA and Ph.D. degrees in Near Eastern Archaeology at UC Berkeley in 2005. Bill's interest in anthropology and archaeology developed from language training and living in Vietnam for one year and with a one-month study in 1963 in Aeta tribal villages in the Zambales Forest of northwest Luzon, Philippines. He had further experience with one and a half years work as United Nations director of Vietnamese refugee camps in Malaysia and Hong Kong from 1988 to 1990. He has archaeological excavation experience at Monks Mound at Cahokia in the American Bottom of the Mississippi River, with Greg White in rock shelter excavation in Tehama County in 1999, and since then, in annual seasonal excavations with teams of archaeologists from UC Berkeley; the Universities of Pisa and Bologna, Italy; Johns Hopkins University, the College of William and Mary, the Polish Academy of Sciences and Haifa University. These have taken him to work in many sites in Turkey, Syria, Israel, Poland, Uzbekistan, and this summer in Armenia. This education and experience prompted him to propose joining the Department. Since 2005, he has been teaching: Survey of Physical Anthropology, Power and Scarcity, Origins of Early Civilization, Archaeology of North America and a newly approved GE class, Archaeology and the Bible. Bill is very excited about the insights and experiences he might make available to students, his new colleagues in the department, and the emerging opportunities for research in an academic field he admired previously from a distance.

David Eaton, Jr. (2005)

David joined our department in fall 2005. He comes to us from Middlebury College in Vermont, where he taught courses in medical anthropology, aspects of biological anthropology, anthropological theory, and in Af-

rican civilizations, African environmental politics, and Kiswahili. His main undergraduate work at Harvard College was in the history of science with emphasis on early modern natural philosophy. He received his M.P.H. in International Population and Family Health from UC Los Angeles in 1991 and his Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology from UC Berkeley in 2001. David's interests in anthropology and in African studies stem in part from two years in the early 1980s, when he taught biology and English in Kenya. During holidays he traveled in the neighboring countries of Uganda, Sudan, Rwanda, and Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo). During his time there he developed his skills in French, Kiswahili, and Lingala. David found himself particularly fascinated with Congolese popular music, fashion, and politics. On his return to the US, he pursued further language studies while supporting and developing microcomputer software in text management and digital music. He went on for graduate study in public health and medical anthropology in the late 1980s, pursuing his master's and doctoral research on AIDS awareness and outreach in francophone equatorial Africa. His research on AIDS outreaches, awareness, and prevention during the 1990s focused on men's lives in Rwanda, the Republic of Congo, and Cameroon. Though based primarily in the northern provincial capital of Ouessou while in Congo, David also traveled widely by boat and truck and on foot through this remote forest region, studying the networks and institutions through which both HIV and understanding of its presence and effects were being propagated. These northern reaches of the country share many histories and languages with an adjoining southwestern region of the Central African Republic, where the late Professor **Art Lehmann** of our department did much of his own work. Like Lehmann and department alumnus **Barry Hewlett** (BA 1971; MA 1977), much of David's research explores the complexity and power of esoteric, occult, and medical practices and imaginations found across foraging, farming, and fishing communities in this part of Africa. His field study there also impressed him with the extraordinary natural resources and biodiversity of the largely unlogged forests covering most of this region.



*Dr. David Eaton teaches his class in Butte 319.
Photograph by Adrienne Scott.*

Faculty News Continued

David is presently working on a book on men's coming of age in contemporary equatorial Africa. In addition to his continuing interests in Congolese and more generally in francophone equatorial African societies, he also recently returned to East Africa, where he's been exploring potential further research in environmental health and forest conservation in the Kilombero region of central Tanzania. The Udzungwa Mountains there, like the forests of western equatorial Africa, are hotspots of biodiversity and among the last strongholds for many primate species. In both regions, David witnesses local trends in the mass extinction now underway that threatens up to a half of the earth's plant and animal species in the next few generations.

This past fall, David much enjoyed teaching courses in medical anthropology and African studies in our department as well as the general education course 'Human Cultural Diversity' (Anth 113 formerly Anth 13). This spring he again taught the graduate seminar in cultural anthropology, focusing on political ecology and the life sciences. He hopes to help develop new courses in environmental approaches in social and cultural anthropology and in the anthropology of the life and population sciences. He's glad to be involved in the university's environmental initiatives toward sustainability on campus, in the curriculum, and in the community. He's also the new coordinator for the Certificate in Applied Cultural Anthropology, and is open to any and all suggestions for internships. He reports that he is delighted to be here! And that he's found everyone to be most welcoming and supportive.

Georgia Fox (2001)

Assistant Professor Fox has been busy co-directing the Museum of Anthropology with Department Chair, **Stacy Schaefer**, and working with Curator **Adrienne Scott**, as well as co-directing the Museum Studies Program that **Keith Johnson** developed almost 30 years ago. In addition, Georgia has been working with local museum staff on collections care issues and in November 2006 conducted a half-day workshop at the Butte County Historical Society for collections care issues for area-wide museum personnel. Concerned with the conservation and care of objects, Georgia attended a week-long workshop on the use of adhesives (glues) in conservation at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu. Her

participation was funded by a fellowship of the American Institute for Conservation. Georgia teaches the fall semester course "Conservation of Archaeological and Ethnographic Resources" which provides students with the basic theories and methodologies of scientific artifact preservation. Students who have successfully completed the course can then intern in the Conservation Lab, assisting in contract projects or in the preservation of the Museum of Anthropology's own ethnographic collection. Graduate student thesis research and collaborations with other faculty are also planned for future related projects. As part of the Museum of Anthropology's current exhibition on the Maidu, Georgia, in conjunction with Maidu tribal member **Arlene Ward** (BA 2005), conducted a two-day workshop for the care of Indian basketry collections for Northern California tribes. Finally, Georgia is looking forward to the publication on the conservation of artifacts from the Bronze Age site of Tel Nami, Israel, in Dr. Michal Artzy's book, *Tel Nami VII: the Necropolis*, to be published by the Austrian Academy of Sciences later this year. She worked at Tel Nami from 1987 to 1991 as the project's conservator and as a field archaeologist.

In addition to these activities, Georgia has been teaching courses in archaeology and material culture studies. Her ongoing research involves the archaeology of maritime and island sites, and her current efforts are now being focused on the Caribbean Island of Antigua, which was a major British port in the 17th and 18th centuries. Georgia currently serves on the Board of the Isles Institute for Advanced Caribbean Studies and recently presented papers at the Society for Economic Anthropology (2006), Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology on Nevis and the International Association of Caribbean Archaeology at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad campus (2005), and most recently at the Society for Historical Archaeology (January 2007) at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Her research is a logical extension of her doctoral work on Jamaica, continuing investigations into the early settlement of the New World. Incidentally, along with former Department alumni **Mike and**

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Bonnie Pendleton (MAs 1980 and 1981), Georgia has been collaborating on the study and examination of ancient ship's wood from Dokos, Greece, through scanning electron microscopy (SEM), thanks to Mike's expertise on the SEM. She also continues her research on maritime California, working with staff from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Park Service, and the California Coastal Maritime Resources group in monitoring site formation processes on shipwrecks located in the Channel Islands. Georgia would like to thank Department of Anthropology former chairs Bill Loker and Turhon Murad, and present chair Stacy Schaefer and former BSS Dean Bob Jackson for supporting her research efforts on Antigua, especially toward the recent Strategic Performance Funds award for 2007, which will be applied toward the summer field school in Antigua.

Carolyn Heinz (1997)

Carolyn Heinz circumnavigated the globe during the fall 2006 semester teaching Semester-at-Sea. Back on land for spring semester, she is enjoying all her classes, especially Visual Anthropology. Students in this course each produce three short ethnographic films, developing expertise in videography and nonlinear editing. Some of her research on Mithila art and its photo-documentary history was published as the lead article in *Visual Anthropology Review* in the fall (*Documenting the Image in Mithila Art*). It included 16 photographs taken over 25 years, including the first published photographs documenting the wall art in the ruins of Rajnagar Palace (destroyed by an earthquake in 1932) in Bihar, India. These are the oldest extant examples of Mithila art. This will be Prof. Heinz's last semester at Chico. She and her husband Don are expanding their home in Gig Harbor, Washington, and will move there this summer. In the fall she will spend several months in Patna, Bihar, preparing an article on Hinduism in Bihar for the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Hinduism* (Brill, 2008). She hopes to film and collect materials for a book and/or documentary film with the working title "Looking for Hinduism in Bihar." The project will emphasize the changing forms of Hinduism as the hindutva movement

increasingly politicizes religion, exacerbates Hindu/Muslim relations, and marginalizes the old Brahmanic elite.

Bill Loker (1996)

Bill writes, "Trapped in Kendall Hall, or the Further Adventures of Being Kicked Upstairs."

Bill has left the building (Butte Hall) temporarily, anyway, to take on the job of Dean of Undergraduate Studies. This means he is no longer a daily presence/annoyance (his phrase) in the Anthropology Department. "Ole Dr. Loco is no longer driving 'em crazy in Formal Methods. (that job passed to former torture-ee, **Eric Bartelink**, now on the faculty here, who claims to be implementing many of the same evil statistical techniques used by Loker!)" Students in Applied Anthro

no longer have to read a billion pages, summarize entire issues of *Human Organization*, carry out research to save the world and submit a 12-inch-thick portfolio documenting all that. Now, saving the world is enough! Fortunately, Bill finds time to teach Anthropology of International Development, so ample opportunity to train students in the equivalent of an academic triathlon still exists. Also, the department has seen fit to inflict Bill on incoming graduate students, as he is still teaching the (Hard) Core Seminar for incoming grad students. Despite his Adventures in Academic Administration Wonderland, Bill is still finding time for sojourns to Honduras for continued, if sporadic, research. He has a couple chapters pending in books and is very happy to finally have a genuine Anthropology graduate student who wants to work with him on Honduras-related research. **Erin Smith** will be going to Honduras sometime this year with Bill to work with a coffee cooperative trying to break into the Fair Trade market, studying the barriers and factors that facilitate that difficult move. ("Drink Fair Trade coffee! Capitalism with a human face!") Bill is excited at the prospect of working with Erin and keeping his 'Anthropological Self' alive during this new phase of life at CSU-Chico. He sends his love to all dear alumnae and pleads for them to send money to the department.



Student interns in Human ID Lab give presentation to visiting classes.

Photograph by Melanie Beasley.

Faculty News Continued

Antoinette “Nette” Martinez (1999)

After several years of teaching numerous classes, serving on over 20 MA thesis committees, doing culture contact research, conducting field projects, and acting as faculty coordinator for the NEIC, Nette says it is nice to have tenure. One of the perks of becoming an associate professor is eligibility for sabbatical that she was able to get for Fall 2006. Besides being able to rest and read, she also made progress on her book on Native American women and cultural continuity (which Nette began while on a Ford Foundation Fellowship in 2004), a BLM cooperative agreement report, and an article. Also, she recently signed a contract for a textbook for our popular GE theme class, Cataclysmic Events in Human Prehistory. Now that she is back from sabbatical, Nette will be spending more time in our new Archaeology Lab (117 Plumas) organizing teaching collections, supervising students, and processing ongoing projects. Please come by and visit! While she is very busy, Nette says that she is also very fortunate to have family close by to keep her life in perspective.

Stacy Schaefer (1999)

Much has happened in Stacy’s life the last few years. This is what she has to say. The most wonderful change of all has been my marriage to Jim Bauml, my long time companion and colleague. Jim has a Ph.D. in Botany, his dissertation at Claremont Graduate School was on Huichol ethnobotany. Having served as the head botanist at the L.A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden for 25 years, Jim will now be moving up to Chico to live. He’s already attending the Anthro Forums and the gatherings afterwards at The Bear.

Jim was the guest curator for the student exhibition *Gifts from the Earth: Explorations into Human and Plant Relations* that ran from December 2005 to August 2006 at the Museum of Anthropology. For the exhibit students learned unique ways to design their displays because live plants could not be used in the exhibition due to conservation concerns. Students met this challenge with realistic looking artificial plants, molds of actual plants and their fruits. Their installations or displays were created to convey the information that plants are essential to human cultures and human survival. The many-talented artist-in-residence, Phil Schmidt, created an island with palm trees and exotic flowers along with sculptures of cacao pods (the source of chocolate) for

the Mesoamerican display, and peyote for the display on Sacred Plants. A number of botanists attending the international conference Botany 2006, held at Chico State visited the exhibit. They came from as far away as Canada, Peru, India, and Japan.

The current exhibit is *Maidu Sense of Place: Landscapes of a Shared History, Culture, and Destiny*, and is guest-curated by alum **Arlene Ward**, who received both her B.A. in Anthropology and the Museum Studies Certificate. Arlene is currently the Cultural Coordinator for the Meechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria. Her kindness, generosity, and hard work in building bridges between Maidu communities, and the University have made important contributions to the Anthropology Department and its ongoing collaborative work with Native Americans in the North State. Arlene worked closely with students as well as with various Maidu consultants from Susanville, Greenville, and the Oroville and Chico areas. Researching and displaying objects representative of the Maidu rancherias has been an incredible learning experience for me and the students, and the exhibit has been very successful in telling their story to the general public. We have also had numerous Maidu visitors as well, some who can even identify baskets on display made by past relatives. **Julia Pennington Cronin**, alum with an M.A. in Anthropology with a Museum Studies focus, was instrumental in helping secure the loan of Maidu baskets from the Turtle Bay Exploration Park where she works as History Curator and Collections Manager. The Phoebe Hearst Museum also allowed us to borrow from their fabulous collection. Other alums from the Anthropology Department who helped with the exhibit are **Paul Russell**, Curator at the Chico Museum, and **Scott Lawson**, Director of the Plumas County Museum.

Jim and I still travel South of the border, to Mexico, to the Huichol Sierra community of San Andres Cohamiata where we have been carrying out fieldwork for over 25 years. My newest focus is on a collaborative project with Sheila Kennedy, architect and adjunct professor at Harvard University. Kennedy has developed a Portable Light Project involving the use of flexible solar panels to collect energy and store it in a small battery that charges an LED bulb. I presented these parts to my weaving teacher and co-madre, Estela Hernandez, and had her integrate these

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components into a bag that she wove on her backstrap loom. Estela's portable light generating bag now serves as the prototype, and I am working to help distribute more solar kits to women in the community to weave into bags of light.

Even further south of the border I am working on a new research project that draws upon my long-term fieldwork on Huichol Indian weaving as a point of comparison with textiles woven in indigenous communities in South America, specifically the high Andean desert of San Pedro de Atacama in northern Chile, and the La Paz region of Bolivia. The weavings I am studying are closely linked to the importance of llama herding and the traditional use of coca leaves. Jim and I have participated with an extended Atacameño family in their llama fertility ceremony that they allowed us to videotape, and subsequently I was able to interview the traditional weaver in the family about her craft and how it is tied into the ceremony. In Bolivia, Jim and I have visited alum **Michael Moretti** and his wife and son at their residence in La Paz. Michael has been the consummate host, helping orientate us to the indigenous communities in the La Paz area, and accompanying us on some fieldtrips as I become acquainted with local weavers. This research was supported, in part, by a much appreciated grant from the Schaller Endowment for South American Anthropology, established by **Chris Schaller**, an alum who focused his anthropological studies in archaeology. So, I remain busy on all fronts, but I am enjoying all the activities that enable me to be a teacher, a scholar, a practicing anthropologist, and wife.

Beth A. Shook (2003)

Beth is in her third year of teaching as full time faculty in the Anthropology Department. Originally coming to Chico for the 2004-2005 year to fill in for the famed P. Willey, she was initiated to the department by teaching Survey of Physical Anthropology, Human Origins, and the Seminar in Physical Anthropology, where she met her first set of Chico State students. Since then she has been privileged to teach every anthropology student's favorite class: Formal Methods, in addition to teaching Cultural Anthropology, North American Indians, and a

class called "University Life" (a non-anthropology class for incoming Chico State freshmen). Additionally, she has been training many new anthropology teachers (among our graduate student population). This spring she is also teaching a one-unit graduate seminar on Molecular Anthropology, her specialty. In the summer of 2005, Beth officially graduated from UC Davis after finishing her dissertation entitled: *Ancient DNA and the Biological History and Prehistory of Northeastern North America*. To celebrate, her husband, Chad, took her to Disneyland! Dr. Shook is expanding her research and publishing that dissertation (watch for articles in anthropology journals!). Her academic research interests use human genetics to explore North American history and prehistory. Her specific interests include ancient DNA methodologies, how genetic patterns change over time, genetics and the concept of race, and the anthropology of science. In addition to teaching, Beth has spent time working with Chico States' Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) and First Year Experience programs. She has visited many regions of the country to give guest lectures and conference talks on her ancient DNA research or on topics like "What's true about Jurassic Park?" When she is not on the job she likes to read, be outdoors, try new recipes, scrapbooking, or be with family.



Michale Moretti and Jim Bauml in La Paz, Bolivia on their way to Jaime Chambi's village in Achiri.

Photograph by Dr. Stacy Schaefer.



Dr. Georgia Fox assists students with museum exhibition.

Photograph by Trina Claire.

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P. Willey (1989)

Professionally, P. says, it's been more of the same with a few exciting developments. After more than 15 years of off-and-on-again work on the 4,500-year old footprints located deep in a Tennessee cave, two articles were finally published. His co-authors (one of whom is wife Judy) and he were subsequently asked to write two additional cave and footprint-related articles, both of which are now in press. Research on the Seventh Cavalry medical records, begun five years ago while on sabbatical and perpetuated summers and a leave during 2004-2005, continues at a snail's pace. The data collection is now complete, which includes 20,000 medical complaints and nearly 8,000 enlistment records. Initial results should be forthcoming in the next several years. The Seventh Cavalry project slowed when P. was seduced back to thinking about Arikara skeletons, a fascination that began when he was 13 years old, "a very long time ago." Tom Lowry, a historian and retired physician, and P. have been evaluating observations that Lewis and Clark made in 1804,

concerning venereal disease among the Arikara Indians of South Dakota. What was to be a brief effort for a Lewis-and-Clark buff magazine has expanded to a book-length manuscript. The article has been accepted for publication (look for it in *We Proceeded On*, February 2007) and the book will be published before the next *Clan Destiny*. On a personal level, Judy and P. continue to explore the trails, lakes and mountains of Northern California, although at a much reduced level. Judy had foot surgery in November and was wheelchair-bound until February. At home, their major house remodel is complete and they're considering additional minor changes to the front of the house. Judy is dedicated to gardening, GIS, and furniture making. Last summer she took a two-week woodcarving course at a fine furniture-making school in Ft. Bragg ("Whittlin' Camp," P. called it). Next summer she plans to continue there with another short course about woodworking tools, "Tools for Fools."

In and around the University

As of April 2, 2007, the university has a new Provost, Dr. Sandra Flake, a former provost from University of West Florida. Former CSU-C Provost Scott McNall is now the Director of the Sustainability Program. A new Student Services Center is currently under construction on the lot between West First and Second Streets and Ivy. It will be quite large and billed as the "entrance" to the university. It will house the Admissions and Students Records Office, Testing, Graduate and International Studies, Financial Aid, and Counseling Center, with the aim of creating a one-stop center to serve all students needs. And, of course, it will be a "green building." The ground has yet to be broken for the new Wildcat (recreational) Center on West Second Street and Orange. The old Stiles Warehouse is now gone and only a memory.

The faculty union reached a tentative contract in early April; otherwise faculty were planning on rolling campus walkouts. The 75-year-old Laxson Auditorium received a major makeover since 1976.

Overall, the campus athletics were very strong, especially volleyball, as well as the men's and women's soccer teams. Women's basketball is having a difficult semester, because they have lost several of their top players because of alleged verbal abuse from the coach. Another top player has asked to be released from playing next year. The student newspaper, *The Orion*, again received several top national honors during the past year and at the National Newspaper Association's annual meeting last October. *The Orion* was named the nation's best student newspaper for the fourth time in seven years.

The university purchased the old 4000-acre Henning Ranch off of Highway 32 before entering Forest Ranch and has turned it into the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve. The mission of the reserve is to preserve critical habitat and to provide a natural area for environmental research and education. The department held an all-day retreat on the reserve last January 2007.

Staff News

Adrienne Scott (2001)

The museum programs, projects, and events that Adrienne oversaw certainly kept her busy all year long. Still somehow she and her family managed to find time for fun. Along with a good work ethic, Adrienne firmly believes in a solid dose of travel and play. While most of the year they had been sticking close to home, only jaunting to daughter Hannah's regional Irish dance competitions, they have been saving their money and time for the family's summer trip. On May 15 they head for a four-week trip to Spain and Italy. They will spend the first week with Adrienne's father in Madrid who teaches an American film studies course to prospective Spanish high school English teachers. He will serve as their local guide as they take in Picasso and paella. Then it is off to the medieval town of Lucca in Tuscany, where they will stay for two weeks in an apartment on a working olive farm. Lucca is a few miles from the beach, minutes from Pisa, and an hour from Florence. Later they will stay in the sleepy Italian village of Spoleto in Umbria near Assisi. Then they depart after a two-day whirlwind of Rome. Their plan is to not have a plan, exactly. But they made a few promises: Adrienne promises not to spend more than four hours in the Uffizzi Gallery, and husband Philip promises not to overuse wicked Italian expressions, and Hannah promises not to wear her Ipod 24/7. Mostly, they want to take in the countryside/seaside air, enjoy good food, ride some bikes, and get plenty of relaxation. As of this writing, Adrienne is laying the groundwork for a new Museum-in-a-Box for 7th graders on Ancient Rome. Oh, well, work hard and play hard. If you can combine the two, all the better! BTW, in 2004 Adrienne's position as Curator of the Anthropology Museum went from half-time to fulltime.

Amy Huberland (2001)

For the past year, Amy has continued to work hard in her role as Assistant Coordinator of the Northeast Information Center (NEIC) Juggling the needs and mandates of the Department of Anthropology, the Chico Research Foundation, the State Office of Historic Preservation,

and the CHRIS (California Historical Resources Information System) has been both challenging and sometimes frustrating. If they just had more space! The positive elements of the job include opportunities to meet with local and regional tribal representatives to work on common issues involving cultural resource management and protection; working with students and professionals in the fields of anthropology, history, and geography; and bringing together those with the common goals of valuing our past. Helping nudge the NEIC to the brink of entering the world of computers and GIS has also been hugely rewarding.



Adrienne Scott at museum desk in Langdon Hall.

Over the past several years, Amy has teamed up with local advocate Francis Farley in his fight to convince the City

of Chico to protect the remaining features of the historic Humboldt Road. She has also established communication with the Chico Heritage Association, a local research and advocacy group responsible for conducting many of the historical surveys in the City of Chico over the past 25 years. Recently, Amy was selected to be the Society for California Archaeology Information Center Liaison. In her personal life, Amy looks forward to spending time with her son and husband, traveling, camping, and backpacking. She is an "outdoorsy" person who loves gardening and with five acres and a house she and her husband built in Cohasset. She looks forward to unlimited "projects" in the future.

Greg White

As of this printing Greg is in the field doing what he loves best, archaeology.

Chico State Changes

Also new in the department is the new course numbering system. Generally, by adding a "one" to undergrad courses, i.e., 40, Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion, is now 140. Upper division courses are now 200-400 numbers and Grad level courses are now 600.

In and around Chico

Chico continues to build more and more subdivisions (mostly neighborhood designs. Got 1/4-1/2 million?) and parks. There is a new 36-acre park called DeGarmo Park located next to Shasta School about to complete phase one of five. After the first phase is completed, the park will have three softball fields and two soccer fields. Phase five calls for an aquatic center. Meriam Park is a proposed 250 acre "mixed-use neighborhood project" in southeast Chico. The old city plaza downtown was completely remodeled after millions; yes millions of dollars. This and "all that cement" while under construction received a lot of controversy. It features new trees, a small bandstand, rest rooms, benches and tables, an illuminated water fountain, and back-in parking spaces on Broadway. Enloe keeps buying up property and opening new and more medical clinics.

For every business door that closed another one opened. Office Max (next to Home Depot) closed its doors only to open a Nothing Over 99cent Store. Viking Furniture on Broadway closed as well as Austin Home Furnisher's. The latter had to have the longest going out of business sale ever, six months. Austin's owners are renovating the building to accommodate a shopping center. Also closing their doors during the past year are: Miller Buick Olds and a real heart-stopper, the Redwood Forest restaurant. They closed in mid-March due to their landlord raising the rent in order to open a candy store. Lots of "Letters to the Editor" were published in the Chico *Enterprise-Record* of complaints and promises not to patronize the new store. This controversy is nothing compared to the proposal to expand the current Wal-Mart to a superstore and build a new 210,000 square foot super store north of town at Hwy 99E and Gardner Lane on the site of the still existing Sunset Hills Golf Course. Costco has been approved to expand and bring in gasoline pumps. And just prior to printing this newsletter it turns out that Hancock Fabrics (North Valley Plaza) will soon be closing their doors along with another hundred across the nation.

New in Chico: Trader Joe's is now in Chico (North Valley Plaza Mall) much to the pleasure of many people in the area. Kohl's department store opened last

December, behind the Chico Mall on Springfield Drive, behind Logan's Roadhouse. Chili's opened in March. It's located in the parking lot in the Chico Mall near Marie Calendar's. Not one but two new Starbuck's buildings opened. On the north side of Cohasset Road (off The Esplande) is a new locally owned Golden Valley Bank, part of the Garden Villa center, which opened last year. It reminds some people of Kendall Hall. Behind that is another huge red brick professional complex.



New downtown plaza in Chico.

Photograph by Adrienne Scott.

Safeway on Mangrove was recently renovated and has new and expanded food departments and now open 24 hours a day. Speaking of Mangrove, the intersections of Mangrove and E. First Avenue plus Cohasset and East Avenue have been expanded and repaved. Martin Luther King, Jr. was honored in Chico in February 2007. Whitman Avenue (between 20th Street and E. Park Avenue) was re-named Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and a statue was erected in Community Park (off 20th Street). An interchange at the intersection of Highways 70 and 149 is being constructed.



Chico has a new independent bookstore, since November.

Photograph by Adrienne Scott.

Retired Faculty

Keith L Johnson (1963-2002) Chico

Keith has officially retired as Director of the Butte County Historical Society Museum and Archives but continues to serve on the Museum Steering Committee, helped organize the Historical Society's 50th Anniversary events, and he and wife Karen still docent at the Museum every month. They have joined Park Watch, volunteers who patrol Bidwell Park and spend several hours each month in Chico's beautiful park. They also participate in 5K runs in the park - they walk; while others run. Keith, along with Ed Booth, John Nopel, and Darcy Davis published *Images of America: Chico*, which is selling nicely in the local area. In addition, after several years of work, Keith's edited volume, *Onward and Upward! Papers in Honor of Clement W. Meighan*, has recently been published. Keith and Karen attend most of their granddaughters' sporting events and recitals. Christmas last year was spent with their family at Lake Tahoe and, of course, various trips sponsored by SIRs and Elderhostel are interspersed among these activities. Since the last *Clan Destiny*, their travels have included trips to Quebec and PEI, the Smoky Mountains, Girl Scout headquarters in Savannah, and an archaeological curation project in Colorado near Mesa Verde.

Tom Johnson (1970-1994) Fulton, CA
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Employer: "retired"??? Tom had thought that retiring from Chico State would get him down to a 40-hour week. It hasn't, but he's having a ball! The most fun, Tom says, is being able to sit for his four-year-old grandson, Justice Masaru Brilliant, two days a week, and he also gets to run backup on the family winery in Healdsburg that his daughter Naomi built. Roshambo Winery is currently building a new and better facility a half mile from the old one, which is even more modernistic and edgy than the original (see www.roshambo-winery.com for details and photos of the grandson). Tom has just completed his second and final year as president of the Children's Folklore Section of the American Folklore Society. Three years ago one of Tom's friends asked for assistance with his major research project on prostate cancer survivors, and it has

moved Tom into medical anthropology and away from folklore. Medicare alone pays for the castration of over 80,000 men per year as part of their treatment for prostate cancer. As an anthropological extension of work with testosterone deprivation in prostate cancer patients, Tom is working on one of the least studied sexual minorities in America, voluntary eunuchs. There are somewhere between 10,000 and 20,000 people in North America who have decided that they do not want to be male, but neither do they want to be female. His research sample so far is over 1,000 individuals. After castration, they have settled into a gender identity of "eunuch." It's been even more foreign than Japanese or Korean culture to enter into this group, but

Tom has two major articles out for review and has given two papers on the group at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. He is scheduled to make a presentation at the Kinsey Institute in April and did an Anthro Forum on campus last February. An ethnography on American eunuchs is coming along as well.

James Myers (1965-1994) Pt. Townsend, WA

Jim tells us that he and wife Lynn are quite happy to be back in Port Townsend after their two-year "vacation" in Berkeley. "Gosh, Auntie Em, Berkeley sre'snuf changed since the 1960s." The 7th edition of *Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion* will soon to be released at the college near you. Daughter Pamela Myers Moro is now the lead author with Jim and **Art Lehmann** distant contributors. Jim says, "Buy one for your mom." Other daughter Marcia Myers Whilhot of Chico has published two area pictorial books herself. His tough life of retirement is consumed with yoga, stones culture, and coffee house time. "Come up and visit us."

Valene Smith (1967-1998) Chico, CA

Valene remarried October 2005 to George Posey, a life-long Chicoan who was a KPAY radio announcer. He and his late wife, Jeanne, owned the Posey Fair ("older" alums may remember this popular women's fashion store). George, a WWII jet fighter survivor,



Graduate students, Jennifer Halpain and Ali Bouwman present poster at AAFS meetings.

Retired Faculty News Continued

likes to travel, and together they have continued the tradition: Sub-Antarctic Islands, New Guinea and the Trobriands, the Seychelles, and George's favorite, Branson, Missouri. Valene is doing a research paper on this, the *world's largest live entertainment center*. A town of 8000 with 8 million visitors, 54,000 indoor seats (more than New York City), and 120 shows a day! "Unbelievable for rural America." It is 30 years since the first *Hosts and Guests: The Anthropology of Tourism* volume was published. Valene thinks, "Its amazing to see how tourism has mushroomed in numbers and billions of dollars in revenues worldwide and also been "scientificated" as an academic discipline." In recognition of her pioneering contribution, the Society for Applied Anthropology is inaugurating in April 2007 an annual Valene Smith Prize to be awarded to students for their outstanding tourism research. Valene continues to write with chapters in two new books, one on Adventure Tourism, and another on Adventure Cruising.

Charlie Urbanowicz (1973-2005)

After 32 years at Chico State, Charlie retired at the end of May 2005 and was awarded the title of Emeritus by the Department. Charlie is now part of FERP: the Faculty Early Retirement Program and teaches in the fall semesters and does other things the rest of the year (more below). Incidentally, in July 2005, he finally cleaned out his Butte 317 office, discarding and somewhat reorganizing 16-plus years of "information" from that particular office. While doing this task, he was reminded of some words of J.K. Rowling from *Harry Potter and the Order of The Phoenix* (2003: 501): "Do it today or later you'll pay!" Just a recommendation to all! Charlie remembers that in 1973 when he arrived the Department couldn't afford a typewriter for him when he had his office in Trinity Hall from 1973-1975 and he had to bring his own from home. "At least it was electric – and the same machine I typed the dissertation on." A similar situation happened when he went to Continuing Education for the first few years (1977 through the early 80s), when he brought the same electric typewriter with him. Then computers hit the scene, with 5 inch floppy discs!

As part of his semi-retirement, Charlie has begun a second career by being a lecturer on cruise ships. In December 2004 he and his wife Sadie flew to Tahiti where they boarded the *Tahitian Princess* for 20 days of cruising in French Polynesia, where they also celebrated

their 41st wedding anniversary on December 31. On the *Tahitian Princess* Charlie was a "destination lecturer" on the ship and attendance at his anthropology lectures was impressive, with some ~300 passengers in attendance. It was a great "jumbo" class (no examinations to prepare or grade and the audience applauded after each lecture!). In May 2005, Charlie and Sadie flew to Honolulu, where he was a lecturer for 25 days on the *Pacific Princess*, which cruised through locations of some of the most famous battles of World War II: Midway Island, The Marshall Islands, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. The cruise continued to Nagasaki and ended in China. After the cruise Charlie and Sadie spent four days in Beijing. In April 2006, Charlie again lectured on Anthropology and World War II topics while cruising from Sydney, Australia, to Osaka, Japan, and in January 2007 Charlie lectured on the *Queen Elizabeth II*, as it cruised for 29 days from Los Angeles to Sydney. After spending a week in Sydney, Charlie then lectured on the *Sapphire Princess* as it cruised from Sydney to Auckland, New Zealand. As he states to students, "I've become an overnight success after 40 years!" Incidentally, if you are interested in an ongoing "Pacific Bibliography" with maps of the cruises as well as various print and web-based information check out:<http://www.csuchico.edu/~curban/PacificReferences.html>.

Son Tom and his wife Julia still live in the area and in retirement, Charlie hopes to spend more time with them as well as the grandchildren (Elisabeth, born in 1996 and Andrew, born in 1998). Charlie also plans more work around the house, some creative writing, and taking additional cruises with Sadie during his non-teaching months.

Turhon Murad (1972-2006)

When Turhon and his wife Jackie arrived on campus in the fall of 1972 little did they realize what a life altering decision they had made in June by accepting a job offer at Chico State. One reason for accepting the faculty position over other job offers was the degree of support Turhon saw among the faculty during their brief visit that June. Certainly it was difficult to overlook the support among faculty for one another, but also that between faculty and students. Such camaraderie was far different from what Turhon had

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experienced as a student while at the Big U. Over the years, the faculty, and you as alumni, know what he means by support between faculty and students. The fact that you are an alumni, Turhon says, has given you first-hand experience at what it meant to be a member of this department. During that four-day first visit in June, at age 28, Turhon was not much older than many of Chico's students. Jackie and he arrived from the Midwest young and naive, but after having taught on this campus for the past 34 years, Turhon can honestly say his first impressions were meaningful. Not only were those impressions important in making their decision, but as time has shown, sometimes first impressions are correct. That June **Jim Myers**

(former faculty member) picked Turhon and Jackie up at the Sacramento Airport to bring them to Chico in Jim's babied 1970 Mercedes 280S. As they passed through the Marysville\Yuba City area, Jim pointed out that this was where Juan Corona had slain 25 migrant workers the previous year. Little did they know that over the next 30-plus years there would be other heinous criminals in Northern California that Turhon would become more than casually familiar with in his work. As Jim spoke, the Murads rolled their eyes and wondered if Northern California is where they wanted to live and raise a family. Upon arriving in Chico, they stayed at **Valene Smith's** house on Cohasset Road, while Jim let them use his baby-blue research vehicle, a Volkswagen Bug, to explore Chico. The Murads soon meet both the Johnson families (Keith's and Tom's), the Kowta's, Beverly and Carlos Chinas, the Dewey's, and, of course, the Lehmann's, although Turhon knew Art and Sharon from their time together at IU. They unpacked their belongings into their new apartment on August 18, 1972, with help from Keith, Jim, and John Dewey. The temperature was 116 degrees and Turhon's mother-in-law said she thought Jackie and Turhon had found hell on earth! Soon after arriving, the Murads became an extension of Jim and wife Nancy's family. Also, they were not disappointed to find, as expected, all the faculty got along very well and were supportive of one another and to their newcomer. "We are all, and will continue to be forever, very good friends," Turhon writes. He remembers those students who were enrolled in his first classes, and Turhon is inclined to think that each of the faculty has continued to befriend their for-

mer students. It is always a pleasure to hear from students but that is particularly true of the first ones, says Turhon.

While Turhon was hired in 1972 to teach physical anthropology, soon after his arrival he was asked by Keith to examine some skeletal remains sent to him from the Shasta County Coroner's Office. Little could he then know how his report for Keith would impact his developing career. A few know that Keith frequently acted as a father figure by offering Turhon sound advice. While Turhon has occasionally thought Keith could have taken some of his own to heart, fewer know that Keith played a major role in bringing forensic anthropology to Chico State. Turhon says, "He has always been a great friend to me." During those early years Turhon began to be sought by law enforcement agencies to prepare reports on skeletal remains, or at least those thought to be of "forensic" significance. The rest has become, as they say, history. This is indeed the early history of Dr. Turhon Murad.



A future generation of anthropologists listen intently to lectures.

Trudy Waldroop (ASC 1980-2004 and 2006-07)
Orland (twaldroop@csuchico.edu)

Trudy retired from the department in June 2004 after 24 years in the department and 28 years on campus. She had two terrific retirement parties. Among the wonderful gifts she received, she treasures most a wonderfully worded plaque and an honorary BA Degree in Anthropology! So very cool! She was just getting the hang of retirement when a department on campus (Political Science Department) called to inquire if she would return as a retired annuitant to work in the department until they hired a new Administrative Coordinator. She did and was asked to come back to poli sci a few months later during the hiring of an Administrative Assistant. Then Trudy immediately helped out in the Sociology Department with a tiny break before she went to work in Risk Management in Kendall Hall for four months. Then low and behold in August of 2006, the Anthro Dept. called. The Administrative Coordinator had just quit and they wanted to know if she

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was available and willing to return until the new hire came on board. "You bet," she said! It was back to full-time work, but fun to be back in the old chair and seeing faculty outside of the monthly dinners and meeting the new and terrific undergrad and graduate students. This job lasted from late September 2006 to mid-February 2007. It was a fun time also over the holidays; shopping for the department's annual needy family, holiday luncheons, and our department's famous holiday party on the last day of finals. Afterwards Trudy and her husband Dan (of 39 years) spent a week on the Northern California and Southern Oregon coast. Trudy and her sister from the Sacramento area took a road trip to Southern California to visit their last living aunt and

cousins in the area. Then finally the BIG trip is coming ; a first-class all the way cruise to Alaska during May 30-June 11 arriving in Fairbanks and spending four days traveling on land before boarding the ship for seven days. The summer will be comprised of spending most of it on their three acres in the mountains outside of Chester and getting another, maybe two, Springer Spaniels. Trudy is still active in her organizations, Business and Professional Women (a past state president and serving as state parliamentarian for the past two years) and the National Association of Parliamentarians.

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1960's

Ruth Gardner Begell (BA 1968; MA 1977 CSU-Sacramento) Vacaville, CA [begells@aol.com]

Ruth is presently employed as Executive Director of Solano County Library Foundation. After a year and a half of retirement (leaving the Charles M. Schulz Museum in 2004) she was lured back to the workplace. She is enjoying working to raise funds for and awareness about her county library programs, and has a great board. Ruth is planning a fundraising literary tour to New England in September if anyone is interested in participating. After a two-year "adventure," husband Rick and she finally finished the little house on their property down the hill, and daughter Sasha and her husband are living there. Sasha is expecting in July, so soon they will have a grandchild very closeby (but out of earshot)! Rick's sons Tysinn and Rich also live in Vacaville, and between them have six more children, so their house is pretty crowded during holiday celebrations. Their son Colin lives in Humboldt County, where he lives the green life and is the singer/songwriter for his band. "Life is good." Ruth's only complaint is it seems to be on hyper-speed these days.

Elaine Brown (BA 1967, MA 1980) West Nyack, NY [perezbrown@verison.net]

Elaine and her family moved to the Hudson Valley suburbs of NYC in January 2006 from Athens, Georgia.

Elaine's husband, Carlos Perez, took a position as Associate Director of Tropical Agriculture at Columbia University's Earth Institute. It was a challenging move from the easy-going life of a southern college town to the frantic pace of NYC. The family's adjustments continue, but at least each day is easier than in the beginning. Elaine is exploring certification as a public school teacher and in the meantime, she tutors through the Literacy Volunteers of Rockland County. She will also begin the NY Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program; she loved her work with the Georgia Master Gardener program.

1970's

Mary Condon (BA 1970) Olympia, WA [fionac2@juno.com]

Mary is currently employed full-time in low-income housing assistance with the State of Washington.

Dawna Curler (BA 1971) Medford, OR

In 1981 Dawna received her Masters in Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program in New York. She is retired from 22 years with the Southern Oregon Historical Society and currently operates her own business, Backward Gance,

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Technology Evolution on Campus

I was asked to write a short article on the technological changes in the department office on campus. When I came to the Anthropology Department in June 1980, the office had an electric typewriter (IBM Selectric with lots of metal “balls” to change the type or font as it is called now days) and, a telephone (yes it was a push button), a smelly and toxic “ditto machine,” which made multiple copies of syllabi, exams, handouts, and reports. Oh yes, I believe we may have had an electric pencil sharpener. The ditto masters that were run on the machine were sheets of paper with a purple backing. If a typing mistake was made, you had to literally scrap the error off the back of the sheet, which was now a purple impres-

sion, then tear a piece of unused ditto master, insert behind the error (now scraped off), and type the correct letter or word. After a day of scraping when you went home you’d find lots of purple dots or smudges all over your clothes, even the slip. If you needed to make a couple of copies of a document you got to walk across campus to the nearest copier with your department code number. Eventually Butte Hall received two communal copiers. One located on the 4th and 7th floors. So I would take the “back” stairs to the 4th floor. If there was a line of other people wanting to make copies or someone had a large job, then I’d walk back downstairs, wait and try to remember to go back up to make my needed copies. The campus had a fax machine, a large cumbersome piece of equipment, but again you had to walk across campus to use it. Eventually the dean’s office purchased a fax machine in BSS (Behavioral and Social Sciences) that departments could use. Again, each department was assigned a code so that each department would be charged for their calls! Then the cost of fax machines came way down and each department began to purchase their own. Needless to say, the convenience was great, but the exercise and socialization went down. I was one of the chosen few in the college to receive training on a “terminal,” the computer of the day. It was a small screen and a hallow box aka CPU, with nothing but wires that went up the wall and attached to the big mainframe on the 4th floor. The word processing program was called Word 11. Then we needed a printer. Those dot matrixes were something else, compared to the laser printers that are used today; they were slow, with all the letters made with thousands

of tiny dots. And how about those floppy discs? After a few years the campus starting purchasing computers; given to administrators first, then to faculty, and eventually a computer for the department offices! Today most department offices have a copier (which also faxes), at least one pc and many are hooked up to not one, but two large monitors, along with a scanner, and a printer that prints back-to-back and even staples to which many faculty can send there syllabi and exams to be duplicated! Things have certainly changed!



Graduate students, Jessica Dimka, Melanie Beasley, Mangan Pulford working in the TA office in Butte.

~ Trudy Waldroop

Note From Editor

It was a pleasure to serve, for the 12th time, as Editor of Clan Destiny. This is the biggest issue to date! It was great to be in touch with so many alumni whom I remember in my days in the department in the department office and to learn where and what you are doing. If you don’t see someone’s name in this issue, it is either because they chose not to contribute to this edition, or more than likely we do not have their current address. So if you have an address for any alumni, please forward it to us. And most importantly, when you move, please send us your new address. YOU, our alumni, are very important to the department. We thank Judy Bordin, the Interim Dean of BSS, for granting us funds to print and mail this issue. Thank you, Judy!

~ Trudy

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which is an historical research and writing service specializing in personal, family, and business histories as well as free-lance exhibit and other interpretive projects. This spring 2007 Dawna has a coffee-style book coming out titled "The Art and Life of Regina Dorland Robison," which is an art book and biography of an early 20th century artist from Jacksonville, Oregon who also lived in California's Bay Area. Dawna lives in Medford where she enjoys her grandchildren and collects classic Fords with husband, Glenn Berg.

Karen Greczkowski Emrey (BA 1977) Santa Rosa
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Karen's training/education since leaving Chico has been in the textile arts. She has learned about color; dyeing with natural and synthetic dyes; spinning her own yarns on spindles and spinning wheels; knitting; weaving; felting, wet and dry; surface designing; textiles from the world over (ancient and current) and more. Currently she hand dyes her own line of yarns in over 35 multi-color ways and 40 solids. She wholesales her yarn line to stores and designers under the label ROYALE HARE. The name comes from having raised angora rabbits, and Karen still has a pet house rabbit. She teaches home-schooled children "hand work" and also teaches classes on knitting, spinning, dyeing and felting. Karen is currently writing a knitting book with a friend. She says that she is still very interested in anthropology, archaeology, early man, and cultures around the world and especially interested in early textiles. She currently lives in Santa Rosa with her house rabbit.

Albert Sierra Flores (BA 1979) Marysville, CA

Albert is a part-time teacher with the Wheatland School District. He writes, "Has anyone been listening to Coast to Coast AM? If you haven't you've been missing out on some great interviews with some legendary guests. Professional growth in a nutshell...just by listening." Other than losing sleep listening to Coast to Coast AM, Albert spends a couple of weeks in Cancun each summer. He says there is a lot to do in Cancun. He plans to continue diving and eventually work summers at a resort. Also, Al plans to finish his training in a 1972 Cessna to obtain his pilot's license. On February 12, 2007, the History Channel "Digging for the Truth" with Josh Bernstein aired the latest findings about the Mayans in the Peten region of S. Mexico. "Good documentary!"

Barry Hewlett (BA 1971 and MA 1977) Philomath, OR
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Barry is a professor with the Washington State University. In 2006 he received the Chancellor's Award for Research Excellence. His new book, Ebola, Culture and Politics: The Anthropology of an Emerging Disease, published by Wadsworth/Thompson and co-written with Barry's wife Bonnie, should be out this year.

Gertrude Belle Hicks (MA 1974) Ukiah, CA
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Belle is recently retired. Presently she is taking ceramics classes at Mendocino College from another Chico alum, Gary Medina.

Gail Fiorini Jenner (BA 1973) Etna, CA
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Gail reports that her writing career is booming. Her fourth book will be released in 2007. Her first book, an historical novel, won a WILLA Award in 2002. Since then she has co-authored three California regional books for Arcadia Publishing, two on the "mythical" state of Jefferson. She writes an historical column for a local paper and has sold numerous articles and stories to a wide variety of magazines. Gail is the Past President of Women Writing the West and is beginning to write screenplays. Her first script placed in two screenwriting contests. She has won or placed in a number of writing contests, including the William Faulkner Story and the Jack London Novel contests. Gail is the wife of a fourth generation cattle rancher and together they have three children and now three grandchildren with #4 on the way. Gail's husband and two children, plus a daughter-in-law are CSU-C alumni and #3 child is presently a freshman at CSU-C. Gail continues to teach parttime and has begun speaking at schools and conferences. At present she is also completing her second historical novel, on Black Bart, the poet bandit.

Joanne M. Mack (BA 1970; MA Wyoming; Ph.D. U of Oregon, Eugene, both in Anthropology) Granger, IN
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Joanne is still a full-time associate professor and Curator at the University of Notre Dame. She is currently on leave during Spring 2007 to finish writing a

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monograph, a book chapter, and a journal article. She's still working on the archaeology of the Upper Klamath River in Oregon and California.

Mary Williams Maniery (BA 1976; MA 1979)
Sacramento, CA

Mary was appointed to the State Historic Resources Commission by Governor Gray Davis and served as the historical archaeologist from 2001-2005. As a commissioner she traveled around the state, hearing National Register and California Register nominations. She has gained a new perspective on California's preservation issues and a great appreciation for the wonderful cultural resource base in our state. She is looking forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of the company she and partner Gary Maniery started in March 1982, which provides cultural resource management consulting services. While the company name and scope has changed through the years, CRM services are still integral to the firm and Mary heads up the cultural department. She enjoys her work and looks forward to learning a little bit more about California local history with each new project she undertakes. Mary says that she still feels lucky to be able to make a living in a field that has always been her passion.

John "Johnny" D. Moore (MA 1972) Quincy, CA
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Before graduating and since, Johnny has worked as a pilot in general aviation; Alaskan bush airlines, air tanker firebombing, crop dusting and for the past 30 years as an aviation Fixed Based Operator at Quincy. He has enjoyed writing and producing a couple of books; *Family Centennial* and *I Must Fly!* The latter is in its second printing and about 3/4th sold out. He is still married to Judy (46 years) and has one granddaughter named Tamara. Last year he was promoted to Nidon (Second Degree Black Belt) in the martial arts field of Dan Zan Ryu Kodenkan Jujitsu. Johnny says he is enjoying life and looking forward to everything in 2007 - except taxes. His motto is, "I want to live until the next happy hour!"

Bonnie (Williams) Pendleton (BA 1978, MA 1980, Ph.D. 1992 Texas A&M) Canyon, TX
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Bonnie is employed full-time at West Texas A&M University doing university research and teaching. Bonnie taught Economic (General) Entomology and Weeds and

Weed Control this year. She went to west and southern Africa in spring 2006 and to southern Africa in March 2007 to visit collaborating entomologists and their research as part of the International Sorghum and Millets Collaborative Research Support Program funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Morocco made the 20th African country she visited in four years. Husband Mike met her in the UK, and they used public trains to tour London, Stonehenge, and Bath. During July, Bonnie was one of four to write an international grant proposal funded for \$9 million. She stays busy serving as an officer or on more than 50 committees of organizations including INTSORMIL, Sorghum Improvement of North America, Entomological Society of America, Society of Southwestern Entomologists, WTAMU Faculty Senate, WT Women, and District Rotary. Bonnie reports that husband Mike's type 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, invasive melanoma, and other skin cancers are in remission, and he still has his great sense of humor; "It was a memorable and blessed year." Twenty-pound Feral Phurry cat tolerates being tackled by new blind, feral kitten, Velvette, who doesn't seem to need eyes to be mischievous.

Nancy "Nan" J. Simpler (BA 1979) Chico
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After retiring from her position as a Social Worker, Adult Protective Services, for the County of Glenn, Nan sold her property in Chico and moved to Cohasset to pursue trail blazing and eradication of poison oak. Her efficient modular home is nestled among manzanita, oak, pine, and red dirt. A recent trip to Sedona confirmed her love of the desert, and after a helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon with her daughter, granddaughter, and great-grandson, Nan intends to return to see the Canyon from the river view and hopefully hike to the pictographs in lesser canyons. Nan continues to write children's stories, but as yet unpublished. She volunteers yearly at the Celtic Music Festival and the California World Festival both held in Grass Valley. See you there! Her motto: "Ever Better!"

William G. White (BA 1977; MA 1990 UNV-Las Vegas) Woodland, CA
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William has taken a position with Statistical Research, Inc. in their Woodland, California office as Project Director. A former Senior Archaeologist with the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, William received two \$5,000 grants for research and publication of *The Civilian Conservation Corps in Clark County, Nevada: An Historical Overview and Context* before leaving that institution. William subsequently worked for Applied Archaeological Research in Portland, Oregon, where he directed the archaeological mitigation of four city blocks in downtown Vancouver, Washington, and contributed to numerous technical reports regarding Victorian cultural behavior in the Portland/Vancouver area. With Statistical Research, he recently completed fieldwork in conjunction with the documentation of 346 abandoned mine features in southern Nevada. William continues to conduct personal research and give professional and outreach presentations regarding Pahrnatag Representational Style rock art, anthropomorphic petroglyphs unique to the Pahrnatag Valley in Lincoln County, Nevada.

Tom Wilkins (BA 1975) Half Moon Bay, CA
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After graduate school at San Jose State University (Recreation and Business Administration), Tom began an international career that took him to Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. In fact he met and married wife Gene of New Zealand 25 years ago in Bahrain. They have lived in Half Moon Bay since 1989 with their two sons; one in college and one in high school. For the last eight years Tom has worked in Silicon Valley at the Dorado Corporation, a financial services software company.

1980's

Robin Cushman (BA 1987) San Francisco, CA
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Robin majored in Spanish and Latin American Studies while at CSU-C. Robin is self-employed, Robin Cushman Consulting, which does business/data analysis, databases, reporting applications, and data warehousing. Her additional training and education includes studying Portuguese, Russian, and Mandarin languages; also technology/business-related courses for professional development. Personal accomplishments include: Peace Corps in Costa Rica (1992-1994), career change to

technology sector in 2000, then becoming self-employed in 2003, seven-month trip to Russia, Ukraine, India, SE Asia in 2003/2004, and an upcoming four-month trip to China and Uzbekistan. Since Robin doesn't think she's written to the *Clan Destiny* for a long time, if ever, here's her quick run-down on the past 20 years. She moved to Washington, DC right after graduation to work in the field of international development, focusing specifically on Latin America. She stayed for five years, working for two different relatively small non-profits, then went into the Peace Corps and was sent to a rural area on the Caribbean side of Costa Rica. While there she taught English as a Second Language, organized and taught kindergarten, taught adult education, and organized training sessions in pesticide safety and pattern-making, and played on a local women's soccer team. Her Peace Corps experience changed her mind about wanting to continue in the development field, so when she came back to the States she took some time to figure out the next career direction, living in Big Sur for 1-1/2 years and working at a retreat center called the Esalen Institute. From there she moved to the Bay Area and worked for a nonprofit grant-making organization called the Tides Foundation, providing services to small family foundations in the U.S. and overseas non-profits interested in fundraising in the U.S. Then came the big change--she left the nonprofit sector altogether in 2000 upon getting a job at a small software integrator, which began her career in the technology sector. From there she became self-employed, focusing on databases and reporting systems, and has more recently moved into working on data warehousing projects. Technology is a very international field, and she's enjoyed working with people from all over the world over the past few years and is hoping to finagle a project overseas in the near future. She also really enjoys being self-employed. On a more personal level, she's been with her boyfriend, Val Rayzman, for seven years now. Robin says they are happily childless and enjoying life in San Francisco, traveling whenever they can.

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Sandy Flint (BA 1987, MA 1995) Clovis, CA
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Sandy is employed full time at Applied EarthWorks, Inc. (AE) in Fresno as a Senior Archaeologist. She has attended seminars on CEQA, Basics and Advanced training in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and preparation of agreement documents. Sandy has been married to Michael Cone for eight years. He is a teacher at Corcoran Prison. They just bought a house in Clovis, which is next to Fresno where Sandy moved 11 years ago to take a position with AE. She has a 22-year-old step daughter attending Long Beach State, a 27-year-old step son in Fresno, and of course, two golden retrievers. Sandy and Michael have been involved as volunteers with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure (previously Komen Breast Cancer Foundation) for the past seven years and have received several honors for their work with the organization. They are just completing a class in ballroom dancing “and having a great time with it.” Sandy says she also feels honored to have retained long-term friendships with some of her Chico State classmates. Sandy writes that she loves living in the Fresno area, but misses Northern California and hopes to return there some day.

Michael Pendleton (MA 1980, Ph.D. Texas A&M) College Station, TX [mpendleton@mic.tamu.edu]

Mike is employed full time as a Research Associate at Microscopy & Imaging Center, Texas A&M University, where he runs scanning and electron microscopes (using imaging and energy dispersive spectrometry systems) for students, professors, chemical companies, and for wife Bonnie’s sorghum research at West Texas A&M University. Last year he attended workshops on microscopy at regional and national meetings. Mike published a paper in the journal *Grana* concerning with processing pollen grains from honey samples. He gave several poster presentations on topics such as demonstrating different morphologies of phytoliths on varieties of sorghum, the use of osmium to preserve biological materials for observation with electron microscopy and the analysis of wood fragments recovered from an archaeological shipwreck site in Greece at a national microscopy meeting in Chicago and regional microscopy meet-

ings in Fort Worth and Allen Texas. The archaeological wood project was completed with Georgia Fox, at CSU-Chico. Mike was elected secretary of the Texas Society for Microscopy. This spring semester he is assisting in the instruction of the lecture and lab sections of a class in scanning electron microscopy. He is also actively training students and professors on an individual basis in the operation of the scanning electron microscope. All this was accomplished due in large part to the support of Mike's wife Bonnie. Mike's work is never boring, and he never knows what sort of objects researchers will bring in the lab for analysis. Personal comment: Recent check ups do not indicate that his lymphoma cancer has returned (he is still in remission). [Great news! Ed.]



Senior Erica Benton heads to NYU this fall for graduate school.

Recent check ups do not indicate that his lymphoma cancer has returned (he is still in remission). [Great news! Ed.]

Kathleen “Kitty” Piper (BA 1986) Eugene, OR

Kathleen now proudly has seven grandchildren! Sales of paintings and glass art have been great. You can see photos at newzone.org.

1990’s

Carol Bjornestad (BA 1992) Englewood, CO
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Carol is the Office Manager for Adventure Central. Carol, her husband Jeremy, and their five-month-old son Brady moved from San Francisco to Denver just after the new year. They made it into Colorado between storms number 2 and 3. They unpacked the truck during blizzard number 3 and have been socked in by snow almost every weekend since their arrival. Lessons they learned; having all-wheel drive, keeping the kitchen stocked, and owning a snow shovel is important. And finally, moving in the dead of winter is just plain stupid. Once the snow melts they are looking forward to house hunting in suburbia and leaving the cramped city life behind them.

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Henry F. Davis (BA 1993) Dobbins, CA
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Henry has traveled to work throughout California since graduating. He has found many interesting artifacts. Most recently at Owens Lake he found a buried cache of prehistoric tools, the only one ever found at the lake. Also at this project he excavated remains of a prehistoric Big Hornsheep, the only one of those found in the valley floor. Henry has good rapport with the construction crews he works with, and they like his “can do” attitude. Henry’s biggest achievement is being a good dad to his seven children. His children are all doing well, working or going to school. They look to Henry for guidance and friendship. His two grandchildren look to him for jokes and stories and tugging on his beard.

Tracy Hokaj (BA 1998) Tempe, AZ
[tracyhokaj@hotmail.com]

Tracy has been teaching anthropology part time in the Maricopa Community College District for four years. She taught one semester at Arizona State University. She developed the course, Women in Other Cultures, and also teaches the introductory cultural anthropology course and other courses when needed. Tracy also works in one of the campus libraries and finished her Master in Library Science and Information last December.

Geoff Kushnick (BA 1995) Seattle, WA
[kushnick@hotmail.com]

Geoff received his MA from CSU-Sacramento and Ph.D. from U of Washington. He is currently working full-time as Marketing Manager for a commercial real estate firm in Seattle. He’s married to Lasma, whom he met while doing anthropology research in North Sumatra, Indonesia. Geoff is currently working to publish his dissertation articles and get an academic job next year.

Heather McCafferty (BA 1995, MA December 2007)
Chico, CA [heathmcc@aim.com]

Heather is currently teaching cultural anthropology at Butte College and loving it! She is also completing her MA, with an emphasis in Museum Studies by December 2007. Heather is the former owner of a bookstore, was in two bands, and has been a vegetarian chef.

Marlo Eakes Meyer (BA 1999; MA 2002) Brazil
[eakesmeyer@gmail.com] and Matthew Meyer (MA 2001)

Since leaving CSU-Chico Marlo started taking courses toward a Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology at the University of Virginia. Marlo and Matthew gave birth to another beautiful little girl in Virginia on May 4th. Her name is Madeline Quinn Eakes Meyer. She came into this world in less than three hours weighing a whopping 8 lbs 10 oz and measuring 21 inches long. She is eager to chase after her big sister Grace, who turned 3 in December. In August, Marlo quit her job to move to Brazil with Matthew for his Ph.D. fieldwork on a semi-urban syncretic ayahuasca church. They are living in the upper Amazon region of Brazil. Marlo is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom, but is eager to acquire the language and begin collecting data on childbirth and ayahuasca. She is starting to do research for a non-scholarly article regarding the children of ayahuasca.

Bryan Steelman (BA 1998) Portland, OR
[bksteels@yahoo.com]

Bryan owns a restaurant called Por Que No Taqueria in Portland. He decided to open up a taqueria after numerous trips to Latin America and when he realized working for Outward Bound was not going to provide a sufficient income for himself and his wife, Claire Olberding.

Evlyn Turner (BA 1992) Sherwood, OR

She is currently retired, but has been busy with gardening, including those roses from the CSU-C rose garden. She has also been making her presence felt in church and senior activities. So far she has resisted her family’s request to move again to an island in Puget Sound. She still misses CSU-Chico and her professors there. In the infinite wisdom of “bureaucracy,” Evlyn writes, that the small donation she sent to the Anthropology Department was diverted to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. “Sorry!”

2000’s

John Burge (MA 2003) Chico, CA [johnburgecpa@sbcglobal.net] In addition to being a full-time CPA for many years,

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John started an archaeological consulting firm called Burge Archaeological Consulting in late 2005. One year later he has 10+ survey projects completed and is now finishing a project near Redding, where artifacts and archaeological features were actually found. He says, "Thank God, people litter." John's son and daughter, Dylan and Rachel, continue their studies at Duke University and Santa Barbara, respectively. "Thank God for scholarships!"

Erin Carman (BA 2004 and Forensic Certificate)
Fresno, CA [ecarman00@yahoo.com]

Erin is currently teaching full-time at Fresno Unified School District teaching forensic science and chemistry to high school students and "loving it." She is engaged to be married to fellow alumn, **Wayne Andrade** this fall.

Timothy Carr (BA 2005 and CRM Certificate) Mt. Shasta, CA [timothy_m_carr@yahoo.com]

Timothy is currently employed full-time with The Berger Group doing archaeology. He has traveled to Guatemala, Germany, France, and Sweden. He has been on digs in Scotland, Sweden, Colorado, Iowa, Virginia, New Mexico, Nevada, and Vermont. Next stop will be Indiana. He wishes archaeology paid better but is having fun traveling and digging things up. Tim plans to go back to school in a few years. Tim gives thanks to Dr. Greg White for his wisdom and inspiration.

Megan Conn (BA 2003) Redding, CA
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Megan is the Volunteer Coordinator at Turtle Bay Exploration Park in Redding. [Megan is the third CSU-Chico graduate to be employed at Turtle Bay.] Since her CSU-C graduation, Megan is a 2004 Graduate Archaeological Field School - Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation and UMASS Boston collaborative project 2006 National Association of Interpretation Certified Guide. Upon returning from field school in Connecticut and a month-long trip to Iceland in 2004, Megan ventured on a series of rugged archaeological projects throughout California and Nevada for several CRM firms. In Spring 2005, she joined the museum world by taking a position at Turtle Bay Exploration Park where she recruits, trains, and manages the museum's volunteers and docents. Megan married Josh Stoudt (2003 MA Psychology) on November 4th, 2006, at the Women's Club in Chico. They met at the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Sym-

posium in 2003, one week before graduating! In her spare time, Megan dances with the Shasta Scottish Country Dancers and volunteers with American Field Service, a foreign exchange organization.

Natalie Gorman Giebicke (BA 2004 and Museum Studies Certificate) Chico, CA
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Only four months after graduation, Natalie married her college sweetheart, worked for a year in a legal office and then became employed with the Chico Museum as the Program Assistant and Manager. After only eight months with the Chico Museum she was offered and accepted a job on the CSU-Chico campus by the Housing Department where she is currently the Coordinator for Conference, Food Services, and Off-campus housing and she loves it! She says that it is great to be back on campus. Although Natalie is not currently using her skills from Museum Studies, she is thankful for the experience and has gained because of it.

Jeanne Goetz (BA 2005) Madoel, CA
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Jeanne writes that she is a full-time archaeologist with the Klamath National Forest.

Julia Linzey Ibarra (BA 2001) Oceanside, CA
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After leaving CSU-Chico Julia went back to Belize as staff and completed another field season of excavation. When she returned to San Diego she took an internship at a nearby archaeological firm. After the internship, she was hired as a field crew member and also worked as a lab assistant. Eventually, she became the company's assistant archaeologist/receptionist. Julia did complete a few graduate courses at San Diego State University and worked part-time at the South Coastal Information Center. In May of 2003 Julia married a Marine helicopter pilot and became Mrs. Ibarra. In October 2005, Rosaline Antoinette was born. A second child (a boy) is due this spring. Julia is currently a stay-at-home mom, selling candles through PartyLite and sewing personalized planners. She still plans to complete her research and earn her M.A. After experiencing other anthropology programs, Julia realized just how dedicated and professional the instructors and staff are at CSU-Chico. She feels blessed to have earned her undergraduate degree at such a top-notch

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program. Furthermore, Julia's life didn't go as she had planned but she would not change a thing. "Happiness truly comes in unexpected ways."

Elizabeth Kallenbach (MA 2003 Museum Studies emphasis) Eugene, OR [oak@uoregon.edu]

Elizabeth writes that she loves living in Oregon and shares her life with husband **Chris Ruiz**, also a CSU-Chico MA grad, Museum Studies, 2004. Both she and Chris work fulltime at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History in the research division. Most exciting personally is fixing up an old house they bought in Eugene. It requires quite a bit of wood striping!

Amie Krager (BA 2004 and Museum Studies Certificate) [Amiewong@sbcglobal.net]

After graduating, Amie spent the summer in Munich, Germany, interning at an architectural firm learning CAD. Then she got an internship at Lewis & Williams, an exhibit design, fabrication, and installation company located in Napa, California. Soon after Amie was hired fulltime as an exhibit and graphic designer involved in museum and state park projects including; the de Young, the Asian Art Museum, Bothe-Napa Valley State Park Visitors Center, Fort Ord Dunes State Park, and Pine Grove Visitor Center.

Carolyn Orbann (MA 2006) Columbia MO [Carolyn_orbann@yahoo.com]

Carolyn is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program at UM Columbia in anthropology, where she is also a graduate teaching and research assistant. Prior to moving to Missouri she worked for two years as the Archaeological Technician for Joshua Tree National Park in California. During her time there, she was detailed to work for FEMA in the Gulf Coast clean up after Hurricane Katrina. In addition, she spent two weeks last year in Nicaragua volunteering with CultureLink, a group that records archaeological sites on the Island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua.

Kirsten Spall Spore (BA 2002) Antelope, CA [kikils@aol.com]

After graduating from CSU-C, Kirsten returned for a teaching credential and has since been teaching 7th and 8th grade English at Natomas Charter School. She married James Spore (Cal Poly SLO) in Whitehouse, Ja-

maica. They have also traveled to several places in Mexico. They had their first child in February 2007.

Read any good books, lately? Here's what a few professors in anthropology say they are reading this summer:

Bill Collins: In addition to professional readings, he plans to read *Memories of d'Hadrien* by Marguerite Yourcenar; *Ulysses* by James Joyce; *The Adventures of Ibn Battuta: A Muslim Traveller of the Fourth Century* by Ross Dunn; *In Search of Lost Time Vol 2 of In Remembrance of Things Past* by Marcel Proust.

Georgia Fox: *The World of Philip Marlowe* by David Riggs. This book reveals the treacherous world of Elizabethan England and Marlowe's double life as a playwright, poet, and spy.

Bill Loker: *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, Tracy Kidder; *The Worst Hard Time*, Timothy Egan; *World System, Earth System* by Carole Crumley; *The Brothers Karamazov*, Fyodor Dostoyevsky; and comic books.

Beth Shook: *Race to the Finish: Identity and Governance in an Age of Genomics* by Jenny Rearden. She also plans to read some fiction.

Charlie Urbanowicz: First things first: *Harry Potter and the Deadly Hallows* by JK Rowling; *World Without End* by Ken Follett.

What's on your summer's reading list?

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