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## Message from the Chair



*Dr. Stacy Schaefer with Annie the Llama from CritterVille. Raised by human foster parents, Annie thinks she is a Homo sapien. Photograph by Jim Bauml.*

Greetings!

It is a pleasure to present you with the latest issue of **Clan Destiny**. As I write this at my computer in the department office in Butte Hall, I'd really rather be outside sitting by the creek with a laptop, taking in the fresh colors, the soothing sounds of the creek, and the brisk air, allergens and all. But that is not to be, so I find inspiration from the serene view I have from my window down through the lush vegetation to the creek. If I look just right, I can catch a sparkly light show from the sun-mirrored water of the creek as it flows in ever-moving new illuminated patterns. And yes, I think the same analogy can be applied to all that has happened this year in the department.

### **Welcome to our New Faculty and Staff**

New life has been infused into the department. We have two new cultural faculty members, **Jesse Dizard** and **Brian Brazeal**. Jesse comes to us from his previous post in Juneau, Alaska, and brings expertise in applied and economic anthropology, tourism in Morocco, and water and fishing issues impacting Native Americans in Alaska, Oregon, and Northern California. Brian recently received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. His special areas of research include religion, visual anthropology, economics, and Afro-Brazilian cultures with an emphasis on Candomblé religious practitioners in Brazil. Some have likened Brian to a "young Art Lehman;" others may see similarities between the research interests of Jesse and our esteemed emeritus faculty member Valene Smith in the subjects of tourism and the Arctic.

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Yet, both Jesse and Brian bring their own distinct character to the department, and both have already made significant contributions towards helping chart new directions in the anthropology program: Jesse with his collaborative research project with faculty in Child Development on children's perceptions of war and peace in the United Arab Emirates and in Chico, and Brian's project to add a multi-media component to the ethnolab to support student learning in visual anthropology.

Other new members to the department include **Shannon Damon**, who serves as lab tech for the forensic lab, and **Kevin Dalton**, who has assumed the position of lab tech for the archaeology lab. Both are, or have been, students in our program, and they are also keeping our many activities in these labs alive, even cleaning human and animal samples, as well as providing valuable assistance to faculty and students. Our department ASC, **Stephanie Meyers**, has completed her first year with us and can now officially be called "boss." She keeps everything running smoothly, and efficiently, with wit and humor.

### **Farewell to Our Kin Who Are On To New Adventures**

At the end of last semester, **Carolyn Heinz** decided it was time to realize the joys of retirement and the pursuit of future research projects. She and Don have moved to their house on Vashon Island, Washington. In January, **Greg White** moved on to head the Chico office of the CRM firm, Pacific Legacy. **Joanne Adams** announced at the last department dinner that she will be retiring from teaching at the end of this semester to pursue a long-time research interest in genetic studies. Our trusty student office assistant **Lindsey Shirah** is graduating and will be going on to advanced studies at the University of London, England. We wish all of them luck on their paths ahead.



*Professors David Eaton, Nette Martinez, and Jesse Dizard hard at work at the Department Retreat, January 2008. Photograph by Brian Brazeal.*



*Lab Tech Shannon Damon with grad student Carrie Brown*



*Office Assistant, Lindsey Shirah*

## Message from the Chair Continued

### Research and Travel around the World in 365 days

**Frank Bayham** is serving as the interim director of the Archaeological Research Program as well as our new Consortium of Applied Anthropology Research Programs (CAARP) that serves as an umbrella organization, linking research projects in each subfield within anthropology. He continues his work organizing the Eagle Lake Zooarchaeology conferences and workshops. **Nette Martinez** continues her research on the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve and the Bitner Ranch. **Eric Bartelink** has furthered his bioarchaeology research project by spending the past summer examining collections at the Phoebe Hearst Museum at University of California, Berkeley. All of these research projects offer students an opportunity to become involved literally from the ground up. We are also fully engaged in university efforts to “internationalize” the campus. Many of our faculty began the 2007-2008 academic year after spending the summer abroad. **David Eaton** traveled in the Democratic Republic of Congo, **William Collins** spent time in Syria, **Georgia Fox** initiated an archaeology field school on the Caribbean Island of Antigua, **Turhon Murad** was in Spain investigating those who disappeared during President Franco’s regime, and **P. Wiley** and graduate student **Karen Smith** participated in the study of pre-Columbian remains from a cave deep in the Peruvian hinterland, and I returned to the Huichol Indians in Mexico to continue the collaborative portable solar light project. **Charlie Urbanowicz** continues to cruise the world, sharing his knowledge of the Pacific, World War II, and Darwin to avid cruise ship passengers. **Bill Loker** made it back to Honduras during winter break, and I traveled to Spain during spring break to present a paper on shamanism at a conference organized by Casa America Catalunya. Some of our students have also traveled to research sites and were very successful in collecting data. Recipients of the Art Lehman Award have all returned from the field. Graduate student **Lance Blanchard** went to hurricane-ravaged Louisiana to study the aftermath of the disaster, undergraduate student **Stephanie Clarey** was in Tanzania studying micro financing, and graduate student **Erin Smith** recently returned from Honduras, where she investigated coffee coops in Copán.



*Professors Eric Bartelink, Frank Bayham, Beth Shook, grad student Melanie Beasley and friends at Eagle Lake.*



*David Eaton visiting with Antoine Moubouha MD, director of the CIB clinic in Pokola. Sangha province, Republic of Congo. Moubouha’s shirt says “Les oeuvres d’Abord”, which means “The works first”.*

## Message from the Chair Continued

### Kudos Abound

The kudos just keep coming in to the department from the amazing array of faculty and student achievements. Our graduate students made an impressive showing in Spring 2007. **Melody Yeager** (Museum Studies) was selected to give the students convocation at the university-wide graduate commencement, and **Jonathan Connelly** (Archaeology) won the Outstanding Thesis Award at Chico State.

This last year **Nette Martinez** was awarded both the **Pearls of Wisdom** teaching award as well as the **Outstanding Teacher of the University**. **Congratulations Nette!**

**Eric Bartelink** was awarded an NSF Grant to continue his stable isotope research. **Frank Bayham** just completed his term as outgoing President of the Society of California Archaeology. At one of the recent meetings both **Keith Johnson** and **Mark Kowta** were recognized for their valuable contributions to the field. Undergraduate students **Tanya Kieselbach** and **Sylvie Henri** have been recognized as Outstanding Students in the department. **Brian Denham** won a university student award for his proposed archaeological research project on the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve.

Grad student **Melanie Beasley** (Physical) won the Student Paper Award at the meeting of the Society of California Archeology, and **Traci Van Deest** (Physical) has been awarded the outstanding Thesis Award for the University this year, which is the second year in a row our students have received such a distinctive honor. Go grads, go! And if that's not enough kudos to make us all proud of our department, think again. Thanks to the efforts of graduate students **Carrie Brown** and **Kyle McCormick** and with the supervision of **Eric Bartelink**, the tradition of hosting the Forensic Mini-Conference was revived, and this event brought an impressive host of nationally and internationally renowned forensic specialists to campus. Congratulations to one and all on these impressive achievements.



*Professors Frank Bayham and Nette Martinez with grad student Melanie Beasley*



*Grad students Kyle McCormick, Karen Smith and Kristin Chelotti hard at work in the Human ID lab*



*Professor Eric Bartelink in the Human ID lab*

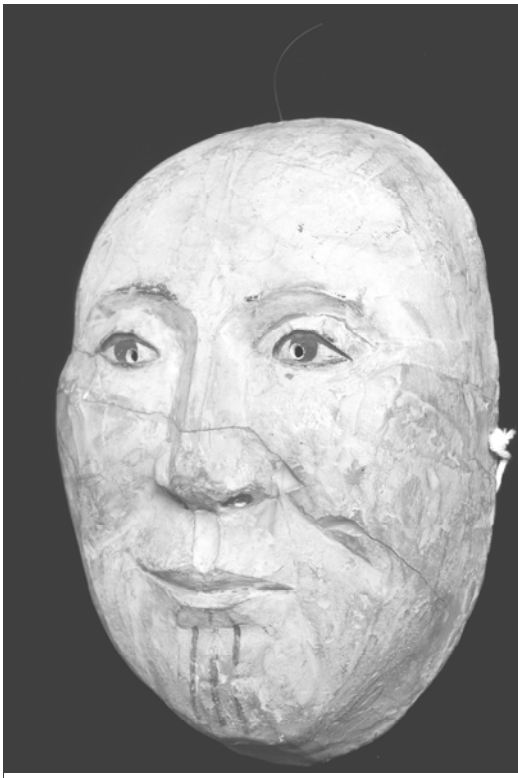
## Message from the Chair Continued

There is plenty more to brag about, but I will let the faculty, staff, and alumni tell their stories on the following pages. I want to thank all of you who contributed to the annual fund and towards our newly-created endowment for the anthropology program. We are eager to see our endowment grow so that in the tough budget years ahead, we can still provide hands-on learning opportunities for our students in the lab and in the field. So please, your support will keep the reciprocity of gift giving going towards promoting learning and achievement among our network of kin.

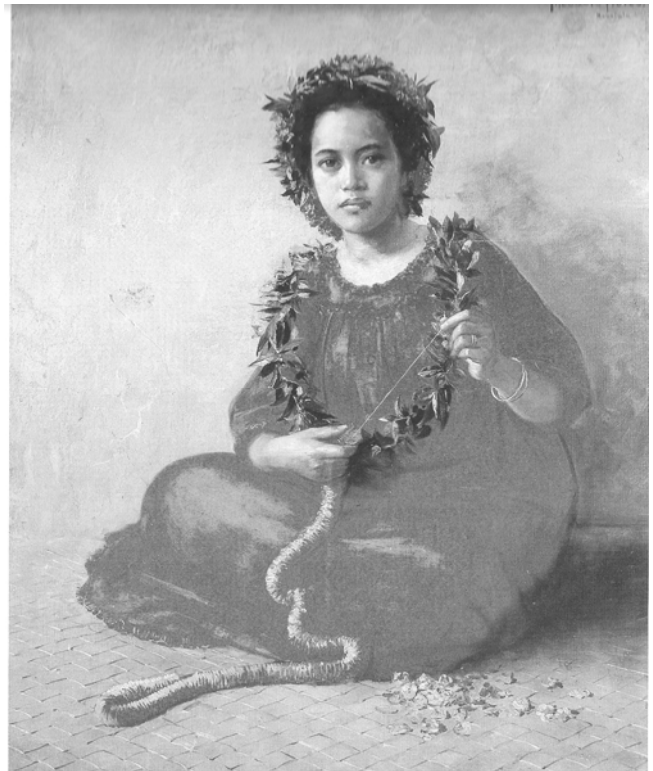
A special note of gratitude goes out to our own pioneering faculty emeritus, **Valene Smith Posey**. Valene has generously donated copies of two movies she made with acclaimed photographer and CSU Chico Emeritus professor **Ira Latour**, **Three Stone Blades** and **The World of Theodore Wores**. Sales of these two classic films will help generate funds for the Museum of Anthropology. Please look inside this issue to learn more. Check out our new department website designed by alumnus **Michael Moretti** at [www.csuchico.edu/anth](http://www.csuchico.edu/anth), and stay tuned for the alumni reunion planned to take place in August 2009. You can be sure it will be a sizzling event!



*Faculty Emeritus, Valene Smith Posey*



*Mask from Valene Smith's collection featured in Three Stone Blades. Photograph by Jeff Teeter.*



*The Lei Maker painting featured in The World of Theodore Wores*

# Bones, Maps and Beakers: The Anthropology Laboratories

## Programs at the Museum of Anthropology Educational Outreach

Over the course of the academic year the museum has engaged in two extended outreach programs with local schools in Chico. One at Chico Country Day (CCD) furnished a weekly presentation and activity in social studies and the arts to their after school program. The other project brought museum studies students to a middle school classroom at Hooker Oak K-8 School to research, design, and transform their classroom into a Renaissance museum.

At the after-school program at CCD, students in art education and anthropology prepared and presented lessons with the guidance of curator **Adrienne Scott** and our graduate, now Anthropology instructor, **Melody Yeager** from January to May. This project will continue next year for the entire academic year.

At Hooker Oak School, 60 seventh and eighth grade students, and their teachers, **Denise Findlay** and **Kevin Barry** teamed up with the Museum of Anthropology's Curator **Adrienne Scott** and Museum Studies Intern **Sarah Blake** to design their own museum exhibition. The exhibition incorporated the concepts of cultural universals to tell the story of Western European societal transition from the medieval time period to the Renaissance. This program also integrated seventh and eighth grade California Standards for social studies, language arts, and science with hands-on skills and techniques of creating a classroom museum. The students were guided in the process of researching, designing, and installing a cohesive exhibit. Part of their instruction included visits to the museum as a museum studies student, **Sarah Blake**, directed the workshop focusing This workshop was the kick-start to getting the students excited about their own museum. Along with the workshop, **Sarah Blake** presented lessons at their school site on label writing and helped them develop their own museum manual of style.

**Keith Johnson**, professor emeritus and museum founder, did the honors of cutting the ribbon for the student's museum grand opening on April 24, 2008. Not only is **Keith Johnson** one of the most influential figures in the museum world (having opened the Museum of Anthropology himself 30 years ago), but he is also the grandfather of one of the eighth graders working on the exhibit. This was a great opportunity for the Museum Studies students and intern to deepen their knowledge and solidify their museum pedagogy skills. We are hoping that this is the start of a new era

of educational outreach programs for the museum and that more opportunities to interface with K-12 classrooms will continue to develop.

As **Dr. Stacy Schaefer** mentioned in the "Message from the Chair," **Dr. Valene Smith Posey** Professor Emeritus has helped the museum re-issue the cultural films in DVD format she and **Ira Latour** made 30 years ago. *Three Stone Blades* is a dramatization of an Inupiat legend of the Bering Straits region and reconstructs aboriginal Eskimo customs and values concerning family, reciprocal sharing, shamanism, and the transmigration of the souls. *Three Stone Blades* was filmed in 1970 in the remote Alaskan village of Point Hope to record "Nannie's Igloo," the last inhabited sod igloo supported by Whale ribs, in the North American Arctic.

*The World of Theodore Wores* retells his story as an artist who became an ethnographer with a palette. His paintings recorded the then existent cultures in Japan, Samoa, San Francisco's Chinatown, and also the Pueblo Indians of the Southwest. On March 24, 2008 the museum hosted a gala event celebrating the re-issuing of these wonderful films and honoring their creators, **Valene Smith Posey** and **Ira Latour**. If you are interested in purchasing either or both of these DVDs, send us an email at [anthromuseum@csuchico.edu](mailto:anthromuseum@csuchico.edu) and we'll set you up; one film for \$25.00 or both for \$40.00. All proceeds go to supporting the museum.



*Museum 2007 Summer Camp. Photograph by Adrienne Scott*

## Anthropology Labs Continued

### CSU-Chico Hosts Forensic Conference

Graduate students in the Anthropology Department “revived” the Forensic Anthropology Conference, last held in the spring semester of 2002. The 5th Annual Forensic Anthropology Conference was held on November 10th and 11th, 2007. **Dr. Eric Bartelink** served as the faculty advisor and stated that “the conference went without a hitch.” Students brought and funded (courtesy of AS Government, AGSA, and CAS) five expert forensic anthropologists to the campus, who gave lectures to the general public on Saturday and held advanced workshops for students on Sunday. Invited speakers included: **Dr. John Byrd** of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command’s Central Identification Laboratory (JPAC-CIL); **Dr. Alison Galloway**, professor and Vice-Provost of Academic Affairs at UC Santa Cruz; **Dr. Todd Fenton**, Professor at Michigan State University; and Drs. **Stephen Ousley** and **Steve Symes**, professors at Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute. Dr. Symes has become a “regular” at CSU-C, having been invited as a conference speaker in 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2007!

The conference was well attended by students, faculty, and the general public. Guest presentations covered topics such as the recovery and identification of US service persons from past military conflicts, trauma analysis, use of facial-photo superimposition, ancestry estimation using craniometric analysis, and forensic taphonomy.

Students are already planning the 6th Annual Forensic Anthropology Conference. Keep an eye out for fliers and postings on the Anthropology Department’s webpage



### The Ethno-Lab is Growing

The department’s Ethnographic Laboratory, located in Butte 305 is about to get a makeover. The Ethno-lab, as it is affectionately known, serves as a meeting space for students and faculty, a multimedia classroom and yes, even as a laboratory for students working on ethnographic projects. Professors **David Eaton** and **Brian Brazeal**, co-directors of the facility, have undertaken an ambitious project to expand, revamp, and revitalize media production facilities for the department. Grants from CELT and RESP have allowed them to purchase computers, cameras, speakers, and more electronic equipment for students and faculty to use as they prepare digital media resources for their classes and in the course of their research. They are adding Macintosh platform capability and powerful photo and video editing software in line with the department’s goal to invigorate and expand the program in visual anthropology. A new coat of paint and a space for the exhibition of ethnographic photography will enhance the aesthetic appeal of a lab at the core of the department. Stay tuned for more exciting developments.

### Northeast Information Center

The Northeast Information Center (NEIC) located in Suite 204 at 25 Main Street, is under contract with the State Office of Historic Preservation and works under the auspices of the CSU, Chico Anthropology Department to house cultural resources records and reports, conduct research, educate students, and conduct public outreach in support of heritage resources. Currently, Dr. Antoinette Martinez is the NEIC Coordinator and Amy Huberland is the Assistant Coordinator. Staff includes Mim Roeder, Adrienne Slattery, Joann Mellon, Rob McCann, and Sally Loker. In addition, Amy Crosland, Melinda Button, and Angel Morgan conducted internships at the NEIC last semester.

In September, 2007, the Northeast Information Center hosted a historic preservation conference at CSU, Chico. The conference, “Cultural and Historical Resources: A Toolbox for Preservation”, was organized by a coalition including the Anthropology, Geography, and History Departments as well as the State Office of Historic Preservation, the Mechoopda Indian Tribe, and the Chico Heritage Association. The primary goals of the conference were to educate planners, University staff, students, and the general public about the CEQA process as it applies to

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historical resources and to provide an overview of cultural, historical, and tribal resources of the North State. Most impressive was the diversity of attendees representing the local community as well as outlying areas of the North State: county and city planners; elected officials; University faculty, staff, and students; Native American tribes; private consultants; museum curators; archivists; librarians; and representatives of neighborhood and advocacy groups. About 200 individuals gathered to participate in the conference, which included a range of presentations focusing on different aspects of historic preservation, a downtown Chico historic walking tour, and an evening reception at the historic Hotel Diamond.

NEIC staff are extremely busy with day-to-day operations involving processing incoming historical and archaeological resource records and investigation reports, as well as conducting record searches for individuals and agencies - delineating known sites and studies within specific project areas, as mandated under State and Federal law. We have completed converting 250 of our base maps into GIS format as part of a Natural Resources Conservation Service/Office of Historic Preservation contract, and are at this time digitizing all new records and reports received at the center into shapefiles to be added to the GIS database. The NEIC and other California Information Centers are currently using a desktop application which links our resource (site) database, report bibliography, and GIS (map) data to conduct record searches for those areas which have been converted to GIS format. 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. To assist in moving forward with our GIS program, the NEIC is seeking grants and/or donations to purchase new, high-quality computer equipment.

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 CSUC 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 eleven 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.

The NEIC maintains historical resources information for the following counties:

Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, and Trinity





## Faculty News

### **Eric Bartelink (2006)**

Eric survived his second year teaching at CSU-Chico and has been enjoying life in Chico. Last year, he taught (or tortured?) another year's worth of students in Formal Methods and also had the opportunity to teach the Human Identification class. Students in Human ID studied a small historic skeletal sample from Nevada and are working to put together a short monograph on the osteological analyses along with Drs. Turhon Murad and Beth Shook. Several papers on the collection were presented by graduate students at conferences this spring.

This past summer, Eric and MA student **Melanie Beasley** developed the Stable Isotope Preparation Laboratory within Plumas Hall and are actively working on several prehistoric dietary projects from sites in the San Francisco Bay area. The Human ID lab has also been bustling with cases over the past year, which has kept us busy. Now "officially" the lab technician, **Shannon Damon** runs the Human ID like a well-oiled machine. Several students have completed or are in the process of completing their internships in the lab, and all have spent immeasurable quality time with the dermestid beetle colony.

In 2007 and 2008, Eric presented at conferences for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the Society for American Archaeology, the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, and the Society for California Archaeology. He is working on several papers related to his dissertation research on prehistoric diet and health patterns in prehistoric central California, and is collaborating with faculty at UC Davis, San Jose State University, and San Francisco State University on future projects. He submitted a chapter entitled "Late Holocene Dietary Change in San Francisco Bay: Stable Isotope Evidence for an Increase in Diet Breadth," to an upcoming edited volume through the University of Utah Press, edited by UC Davis Ph.D. student **Adie Whitaker** and former CSU, Chico, MA graduate **Deanna Grimstead**. Eric also spent four weeks of the summer at UC Berkeley collecting osteological data on collections from inland and coastal sites in the Bay Area. He filled up the rest of the summer backpacking through the Ventana Wilderness in Big Sur and visiting family in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **Frank Bayham (1985)**

When initially asked for an update on his life and times for *Clan Destiny*, Frank said he thought he had just done one! However, he was mistaken, as a year

had passed since he last provided any news for your perusal. Frank thinks he is busier than ever and can not figure out where the year went. He wanted to mention two projects which stood out during the last year. First, he organized and coordinated a three-day workshop for CalTrans on the topic of *osteoarchaeology*, which was held up at the Eagle Lake Field Station in June of 2007. This workshop involved a number of faculty and past students including **Eric Bartelink**, **Jack Broughton** (now at the U. of Utah), **Melanie Beasley**, **Beth Shook**, **Chris O'Brien**, and **Jay Bogiatto**; it was attended by 20+ professional archaeologists. Another project that is just beginning to whet Frank's faunal interests is the analysis of the animal bone material from Kingsley Cave, an important site in the Ishi Wilderness excavated by Martine Baumhoff in the 1950s. These materials from the Phoebe Hearst Museum are part of a repatriation effort coordinated by **Chris O'Brien** of the Lassen National Forest and are being studied by zooarchaeology students.

Frank has gone *incognito* and is now sporting a beard in case you see someone who vaguely resembles him from his formative days. He is happy to announce that his daughter Holly graduated this year from Chico State in Business. Mary will be a senior next year at Chico High School and continues to work in the pizza industry. Jude is making his father proud by successfully completing his first year of graduate school in Economics at the University of Idaho, where he just received a grant to fund his MA thesis research.

### **Brian Brazeal (2007)**

Brian Brazeal completed his dissertation entitled "Blood, Money and Fame: Nago Magic in Bahain Backlands," in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago in August 2007. This represented the culmination of ethnographic research conducted over the last eight years and was funded by the Fulbright Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research



*Dr. Brian Brazeal in Bahia, Brazil.*

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Improvement Grant, the Federal Language and Area Studies Title VI program for Brazilian Portuguese, and Carter G. Woodson Institute for African and African-American Studies at the University of Virginia. A grant from the same institute enabled him to continue his ongoing research projects on African-derived religions in the Bahian interior as well as the trade in colored gemstones in Brazil. He was brought on as the newest tenure-track faculty member in the Department of Anthropology at CSU, Chico. At Chico he has taught the famed "Magic, Witchcraft and Religion" as well as "The Anthropology of Religion." He looks forward to continuing his pedagogical adventures in Magic and Witchcraft and to adding "Language and Culture" to his teaching portfolio in 2008. Grants from GIIS, LAST and The College of BSS have allowed him to present the result of his work to professional colleagues across the country. A Faculty Development Grant will allow him to expand his research into plan-based sorcery in Bahia in collaboration with resident Ethnobotanist, **James Bauml**.

### **William Collins (2004)**

Bill traveled on grant dollars to attend the Symposium on Mesoamerican Archaeology at the Department of Anthropology, University of California, San Diego. Bill also conducted excavations at Yerevan, Armenia, with a team of archaeologists from University of California, Berkeley.



*Professors William Collins and Stacy Schaefer at Chico-Pre-View Day, Summer 2007. Photograph by Charlie Urbanowicz.*

He will also be doing research into environmental carrying capacity at the Mayan power center in Tulum, Mexico, this summer of 2008. Bill currently has an article in press in *Iranica Antica*, "Persian and Urartian occupation of the mound at Erebuni, Yerevan, Armenia." Bill will continue his research in the prehistory of Arabian tribal societies.

### **Jesse Dizard (2007)**

Jesse came to Chico from Juneau, Alaska, where he was the Director of Research and Statewide Program Manager of the Subsistence Division of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Jesse most recently headed a multi-site research project to investigate Native Alaskan local ecological knowledge of rockfishes (Sebastes) through the Gulf of Alaska. He has also conducted research on a variety of topics in Burkina Faso, France, Holland, Mali Mauritania Morocco, Senegal, South Korea, and Vietnam.



*Dr. Jesse Dizard conducting field research in Sitka, Alaska.*

Jesse's book, *Into Fez*, based on doctoral research in Fez, Morocco, is in press. Jesse has also engaged in applied ethnographic work. His research interests include controlling processes, ethnic conflict and cohesion, tourism, Native North American and Circumpolar cultures, and applied anthropology. His current project, in collaboration with colleagues in Child Development, is an international investigation of children's perceptions of conflict, war and natural disasters.

### **David Eaton, Jr. (2005)**

Assistant Professor David Eaton is enjoying his third year in our department, teaching upper-division courses in African studies, medical anthropology, and the history of anthropological theory and method. He also teaches an introductory course in sociocultural

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anthropology in the University's General Education program, and offered a version of this for the Honors program this past fall as well. In fall 2007, he was also a Faculty Fellow in international public health and medical anthropology. In this position, he contributed lectures and leading discussions in sections of University 101 on topics related to the university's first-year Book in Common, Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains* about Paul Farmer's work in bringing first-rate medical care to Haitian villages, Russian prisons, and Colombian shantytowns. In summer 2007, David traveled to the Republic of Congo for a month's field visit, authorized by the Congolese National AIDS Control Program and supported by a CSU Chico Faculty Development Grant. There he renewed contacts with public health and medical specialists in the capital (Brazzaville) and in the northern Sangha region around Ouesso to understand new developments in HIV/AIDS policies, especially those brought by the possibility of treatment with antiretroviral drugs. In the north, he traveled overland to timber camps, riverside villages, and the headquarters of the Nouabale-Ndoki National Park, revisiting sites of earlier fieldwork. He met again a number of old friends, and paid his respects to the families of some who had passed on. He was fascinated to see the immense changes in the country emerging after two recent civil wars, from which the country is still recovering, and the intensified development of the northern forest, with waves of settlers pouring into this remote area as roads, trade, and logging transform the region across its borders with Cameroon. He met again a number of old friends, and paid his respects to the families of others who had passed on.

David has worked hard with other faculty to help consolidate new opportunities for the department's programs in cultural anthropology, especially in environmental studies, in medical anthropology, and in our laboratory facilities for visual anthropology and digital media. He's also serving this year as coordinator of African Studies on campus, and as primary faculty organizer for the university's task force on the internationalization of the curriculum. He strongly supports study and travel abroad, and is delighted to work with students to plan, propose, and develop internships and research overseas, especially on the African continent.

### **Georgia Fox (2001)**

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Georgia was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, beginning in the fall semester of 2007. This was preceded by Georgia's first archaeological field season on the Caribbean island of Antigua, where she

is excavating a 300-year-old sugar plantation site. Several Chico students participated, and another field season is planned for the summer of 2008, which includes an extended stay, thanks to the CSUC Office of Sponsored Programs, which awarded Georgia a Summer Scholar's Grant, for the summer of 2008, to conduct archival research in the National Archives of Antigua and Barbuda. This research will be immensely helpful for Georgia to begin drafting a book on the British in the Caribbean during the spring semester of 2009, as part of a sabbatical leave that was granted by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Georgia also presented her preliminary findings at the annual Society for American Archeology conference, held in Vancouver, B.C., in March 2008. Another paper by Georgia was presented at the Society for California Archeology April 2008 meetings, in addition to a poster that was presented on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, where graduate student, **Katherine Koplan** and colleague, **Dr. Eric Bartelink**, presented a poster, "Coming Unglued: The Use of Acrylic Resin Adhesives in Forensic Reconstruction." Georgia served as third author on the poster; all three attended the conference in Washington D.C.



*Student Jaylene Crosby in the field in Antigua.  
Photograph by Georgia Fox.*

This past fall Georgia, along with Curator **Adrienne Scott**, and the students in the ANTH 467 *Museum Exhibit Research, Design and Installation* course created the exhibition, *From Cave Art to Email: Language and Meaning in Human Cultures*, which opened on December 9, 2007, and was on exhibit until May 23rd. For the next exhibit, Georgia is planning to feature African music, so stay tuned for our next exhibition at the Museum of Anthropology. The Museum, which Georgia co-directs with **Dr. Stacy Schaefer**, is planning a much anticipated move to Plumas 121, where the museum will be located next

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to the department's other lab facilities, making this a cohesive unit for the Department's hands-on educational endeavors. The African music exhibit will include a celebration of the Museum's move to the Plumas Courtyard. Meanwhile, **Adrienne Scott**, the Museum's Curator, is busy preparing the Museum's educational outreach programs, along with the Annual American Visions Photography Competition, a national photograph competition that is curated by students in the Museum Studies Program.

Along these lines, our reputation must be growing fast, for the Butte County Supervisor's Office has awarded Georgia a contract to redesign the exhibition on Butte County in the State Capital Building, in Sacramento. MA student **Heather McCafferty** has been chosen to design and implement this project under Georgia's supervision.

### **Bill Loker (1996)**

Bill Loker continues his foray into the academic administrative sphere as Dean of Undergraduate Education at CSU, Chico. This means he has less time to torture anthropology students, but does his best to inflict learning with the limited time he has in the classroom. A HUGE highlight was accompanying anthropology graduate student, **Erin Smith**, to Honduras where she is carrying out research with a local coffee cooperative on the marketing of Fair Trade, organic coffee. Erin has been researching the US-end of the coffee "commodity chain" for some time, and spent time in Honduras researching the producer-end of things. We all hope for great success, insights, and publications out of this research.

After years of trying, it also appears that Loker and the department will finally get a course on the **Anthropology of Food** established in the curriculum, as part of an upper division theme in General Education. There is a lot of interest in this course among the faculty and (hopefully) among students, too. The course was initially worked out by students (now alumni) **Matt Brickley and Stephanie Demiris** way back in 1999. The wheels of academia do, indeed, grind slowly. ...and don't forget, send money to the Department of Anthropology! Lots of money and soon.

### **Antoinette Martinez (1999)**

Nette Martinez has several exciting accomplishments to report this year. The 2007-2008 academic year began with a very successful historic preservation conference. "Cultural and Historical Resources: A Toolbox for Preservation," which was spearheaded by the Northeast Information center (NEIC) and provided

an opportunity to share information on basic components of cultural and historical preservation with city and local governments, regional agencies, and local Native American groups. This was a first of its kind event and drew a capacity crowd. Professor Martinez conducted another field class on the Big Chico Ecological Reserve in fall 2007. This season focused on a "homestead" site and provided hands-on excavation and field experience for CSU students as well as artifacts and data for the ANTH 482 Laboratory Methods class this spring.

She is also very happy to announce the arrival of Archaeology Laboratory Supervisor, **Kevin Dalton**, who was hired in January 2008. He has already contributed to the success of the lab classes and the overall functioning of the archaeology lab (Plumas 117). Finally, Nette has been honored to receive two teaching awards. The first was the Pearls of Wisdom Award which is awarded by the undergraduates for excellence in education. The second award was the Outstanding Teacher Award. This award is determined by a university wide committee composed of faculty. During the spring 2008 semester, undergraduate student **Brian Denham** received a student research grant for an archaeological project. Under the supervision of Dr. Martinez, this research will investigate a prehistoric site called Picnic Rock, located on the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER). The site was surveyed in 2004 and was found to contain possible house depressions, bedrock mortars, midden deposits, and a variety of stone tools. The research conducted at Picnic Rock will add to the knowledge of contextual and temporal relationships among sites on the reserve. Field work is scheduled for the fall 2008 semester.

### **Turhon Murad (1972)**

Dr. Murad spent the month of July traveling throughout Spain, from the Pyrenees to Andalusia and from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. Some of his time was spent working with local archeologists in their attempt to uncover mass graves of those killed by the Franco regime during the Spanish Civil War, but he also had the opportunity to spend some time working at the early man site at Atapuerca. In all, July was a wonderful month. More recently, however, the months of November and December left something to be desired for Turhon. He had a heart attack the Friday before Thanksgiving while in class, and on December 21<sup>st</sup> underwent bypass surgery. All is now well, and as of this spring (2008) Turhon has returned to the classroom. Indeed, in early February Turhon testified in what had become a cold case homicide that dates back to 1992. Turhon feels great to get that particular

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case behind him. Turhon's wife, Jackie, is fine and continuing to work as the University's Chief Evaluator in the Advising Office. This year will mark their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Their sons Mark and Todd are both finally out of the house and on their own. Todd is a student of ITT's program in Sacramento, while Mark is a chef in the wine country. All in all every thing is good.

### **Charlie Urbanowicz (1973)**

Charlie continues to participate in FERP, the Faculty Early Retirement Program, and teaches in the fall semester; his second career as a lecturer on cruise ships continues. Since December 2004, he has provided lectures on nine Pacific cruises: on the *Amsterdam*, the *Pacific Princess*, the *Paul Gauguin*, the *Ryndam*, the *Sapphire Princess*, and the *Tahitian Princess*, as well as the *Queen Elizabeth 2*, and in April 2008 he lectured on the *Zaandam*, for multiple cruises to the islands of Hawaii! Lectures cover Pacific anthropology as well as Gauguin, Darwin, and World War II in the Pacific. Charlie has always enjoyed teaching and sharing information and continues to make Anthropology as simple as the ABCs, defining anthropology as the "Appreciation of Basic Cultural Diversity Everywhere."

In the fall, Charlie teaches one "JUMBO" Introductory Lower Division Cultural Anthropology course (now ANTH 113 and formerly known as ANTH 13), as well as the "History and Theory" seminar. In fall 2007, he was able to teach "Peoples and Cultures of the Pacific" for the first time in a decade and hopes to get one more Pacific course scheduled for fall 2009 (his final FERP semester)!



*Dr. Charlie Urbanowicz.*

Since lecturing on cruise ships, Charlie and his wife Sadie have crossed the Pacific numerous times, with several stops on various islands in Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia. In January 2008 they cruised out of San Diego to Hawaii and then south to

French Polynesia, Where they smoothly switched ships and joined a cruise heading to Samoa, Tonga, New Zealand, and Australia. Charlie and Sadie were first in the Polynesian Kingdom of Tonga for part of his Ph.D. research in 1970 and 1971 and hadn't been back until February of 2007 and were again there in early February 2008. It was fascinating to see the changes in almost four decades as well as changes in less than a year. On one of their cruises, to the island of New Britain, Sadie and Charlie were in Rabaul, while a nearby volcano belched steam every 10 minutes for the entire day over the harbor, making the Captain of the cruise ship nervous: the "ring-of-fire" is a true Pacific phenomena! Although cruising can be exciting and fun (Charlie and Sadie have met people who have made multiple round-the-world cruises and some people who have cruised for 1,000s of days!), Charlie did get miserably sea sick again while crossing the Tasman Sea.

When on land in various Pacific locations, Charlie and Sadie make it a point to see as many museums and botanical gardens as possible and Sadie is becoming interested in providing some lectures on certain cruises. On one of their stops in Australia in 2007, Charlie and Sadie flew to Uluru (formerly known as Ayres Rock), and while they did not climb the monolith, sacred to indigenous Australians, they did walk around it and saw some marvelous rock art. Anthropology is still a wonderful subject and if you are interested in an on-going "Pacific Bibliography" with maps of the cruises. Please check out <http://www.csuchico.edu/~curban/PacificReferences.html>. Son Tom and wife Julia still live in the area and Sadie and Charlie are delighted to be able to spend more time with them and their two children (now ages ten and twelve). Time does fly and Charlie says enjoy every moment!

### **P. Willey (1989)**

All-in-all, this past year has been a great one. Last Spring P became the 12<sup>th</sup> inductee to the Connective Tissue Hall of Fame. Also, last spring he received accolades from two Iraqi Kurdish groups as well as the Regime Crimes Liaison Office for collecting evidence from bodies of the Anfal Campaign victims. The evidence his team collected was presented before the Iraqi High Tribunal in trials involving former Iraqi officials. Last summer, with two Chico State students, three Peruvian archaeologists, and an assortment of US cavers, he documented a burial cave of the pre-Incan Chachapoya Culture in Northern Peru. It was an amazing site. You couldn't walk anywhere in nearly mile-long cave without seeing human remains, either human bones or mummies. Following publication of a brief article in a *Lewis and*

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*Clark Magazine*, Tom Lowry and P's book on the same subject (*Mystery of the Bones: Syphilis, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the Arikara Indians*) is nearing completion. Look for it soon on the *New York Times* Nonfiction Best Seller List. Late last year, he became a charter member of the FBI and Department of Defense's Scientific Working Group on Forensic Anthropology. In January, they had the inaugural meeting in Honolulu; this summer the second meeting will be in Washington, D.C. P continues working as a consultant for the Department of Defense's Central Identification Laboratory. Of all the fascinating work the lab does, he recently reviewed the identification of Iceman 2—a service member lost during a training flight in 1942 and discovered last August in a Sierra Nevada glacier. Perhaps best of all, P was awarded a difference-in-pay leave for 2008-2009 Academic year, to research the health and illness of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Seventh Calvary members. Things move ahead on the home front, as well. Judy, in addition to the usual challenges of home repairs and husband maintenance, became co-owner of Chicomap Works, a cartography and GIS business housed in an office above Duffy's Tavern Co.

### Part-Time Faculty News

#### **Mike Findlay (1986)**

Mike completed the text, *The Olmec, Maya, and Aztecs: An Introduction to Ancient Mesoamerica*. He will use it in the fall in his Anthropology 33 class at Butte College.

#### **Beth Shook (2003)**

Beth is rounding out her fourth year with the Department of Anthropology and in the past year has been busy with a whole host of classes ranging from GE classes in Physical and Cultural Anthropology and surviving "University Life," to North American Indians, Formal Methods, and a graduate seminar in her specialty: Molecular Anthropology. In the rare spare moments (mostly over the summer and winter breaks), she has recently been able to work on two different ancient DNA projects as a Research Associate at the University of California Davis. The first is a collaborative project with **Eric Bartelink** and **Turhon Murad** and a number of Chico's physical anthropology graduate students to analyze a historic population from Eureka County, Nevada. Her role has been to analyze mitochondrial DNA to assess maternal DNA ancestry to help identify the ancestry of this population the results were a bit surprising;

making the project quite fun! Additionally, she has collaborated with Heritage Resource Consultants (of La Mirada, CA) to attempt to analyze DNA samples from ORA 83 and ORA 85 sites from Orange County California. Beth has spoken on some of her research, including her analysis of historical events impact on Ojibwa mtDNA patterns at conferences and at the Anthropology Forum, and presented a general lesson: "ancient DNA 101" to the Comparative Osteoarchaeology Workshop organized by Frank Bayham. You can also be watching for a couple of her papers, including one entitled "Using Ancient mtDNA to Reconstruct the Population History of Northeastern North America" to be published this spring in the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*.

#### **Lisa Westwood (2004)**

This was a busy year for Lisa. In June, she became the Cultural Resources Manager for Northern California ECORP Consulting, Inc. in Rocklin, managing large archaeological survey, evaluation, and data recovery projects. As a result of this new position, Lisa transitioned into teaching occasional online classes. In October, she received the **Exemplary Online Instruction Award** for her online class, *ANTH 112: Society, Time, and Archaeology*.

#### **David Scott Wilson (2006)**

D. Scott Wilson, Ph.D. began as a full-time instructor in cultural anthropology during the Fall Semester of 2006. He has been teaching large sections of Magic, Witchcraft and Religion, as well as introductory courses and senior-level seminars in ethnographic field methods and applied anthropology. This year Dr. Wilson and his students conducted an ethnographic assessment of needs for persons with disabilities in the Chico area in cooperation with the staff and clients of Independent Living Services of Northern California. Data produced from this study is being used to broaden awareness and inform policy decisions in Sacramento and Washington D.C. For her senior honors project with Dr. Wilson, Chico anthropology student **Gail Eatough-Smith** has created a graphics-based booklet researched, designed, and tested to help health care practitioners communicate complex treatment regimens to low-literacy and non-English speaking patients with AIDS. During a visit to Cambodia last summer, Dr. Wilson laid the groundwork with NGOs operating in Ratanakiri Province for an applied project there designed to illuminate the nature of miscommunications and cross purposes between international NGOs and their Cambodian stakeholders. He has also begun work on

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a monograph on street ethnography utilizing data he obtained in ethnographic projects comprising five years of direct fieldwork in four ethnographic settings.

### **Melanie Beasley (2008)**

Melanie Beasley finished her MA thesis in May 2008. Her research focused on the dietary trends of prehistoric people from a Bay Area shellmound site based on stable carbon and nitrogen isotope analysis. In Fall 2007, she stepped in to teach Survey in Forensic Science when **Dr. Murad** fell ill and continued teaching it in the Spring semester until he could return to his teaching duties. She also taught two courses of Intro to Physical Anthropology at Butte Community College in spring 2008. Currently, Melanie runs the new Stable Isotope Preparation Lab (SIPL) under the direction of **Dr. Bartelink**. Dr. Bartelink recently got an NSF grant to continue funding the work on a collaborative project with UC Davis, which Melanie will be working on for the next academic year. This year Melanie presented at three conferences (AAFS, SAA, and SCA), and she won the Society for California Archaeology Student Paper Award. Melanie plans on applying for PhD programs in the fall for a start date of fall 2009.

## **Staff News**

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### **Kevin Dalton (2007)**

As of January 2008, Kevin returned to CSU Chico as the Archaeological Laboratory Supervisor. He spent the last two years as an Archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management in Northeastern California and as an Archaeologist for Cultural Surveys Hawaii, a CRM company based on the island of Oahu. Kevin has been accepted to the Masters Program in Anthropology at Chico and plans to conduct research in the Western Great Basin.

### **Shannon Damon (2007)**

Since graduating in December 2007, Shannon has continued to work for CSU, Chico as the Human ID Lab Supervisor. She traveled to Washington D.C. in February for the American Academy of Forensic Science meetings. Shannon also received the award for "Outstanding Anthropology Student" for the 2006-2007 academic year.

### **Karen Cebra (2004)**

Karen Cebra came to Chico State in the fall of 2004 as the instructor of the course "Introduction to

Forensic Science." Her background includes a BA from the University of Pennsylvania in Biology, an MS from Michigan State University in Zoology and an MS from the University of California Davis in Forensic Science. Before teaching at Chico State, she taught a variety of courses in Biology, Zoology, and Forensic Science to a wide audience at a number of places. She has an extensive background in the care and maintenance of taxonomic museum collections of birds and mammals from her work as Collections Manager, first at the Michigan State University Museum and then at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. She coordinated the Marine Mammal Stranding Network for San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sonoma, and Marin Counties, a federal program to document and understand mortality of marine mammals, before coming to Chico State. She is also a member of the Wildlife Processing Unit of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network and participated in the processing and documentation of wildlife lost during the recent Cosco Bussan oil spill in San Francisco Bay.

She became Laboratory Supervisor of the Human ID Lab under Dr. Turhon Murad in 2005. She prepared human skeletons for analysis and identified non-human material for law enforcement and other interested parties. She improved and implemented increased use of a dermestid colony to clean skeletons and presented these ideas at the 2006 AAFS meetings thanks to Dr. Murad, who was willing to do the presentation when she could not attend. Unfortunately, due to a serious car accident in 2006, she had to leave Chico State. She is currently in a transitional state, working independently on forensic cases whenever possible and hoping to maintain a relationship with all the wonderful people she has come to know at Chico State.

### **Stephanie Meyers (2007)**

Stephanie has finally completed her first year in the department and what an experience it has been! She is proud to work with such friendly, diverse and hardworking faculty and staff within the department. Stephanie has increased her "Anthropology" vocabulary thanks to the entire faculty and she looks forward to another year of learning new areas of Anthropology. On a more personal note, Stephanie is still zooming away on her Yamaha quad up in the hills of Paradise and can be seen cruising her classic 1967 Camaro around Paradise and Chico. Stephanie will be working all summer, even on her "month" off. However, she will enjoy a few days in Southern California with her parents and her 10-year-old niece, who is coming out from St. Louis, MO.

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### **Adrienne Scott**

Ok. Officially, Adrienne has rewritten this opening sentence more than three times, searching for just the right way to engage the anthropology graduates in a quick update of my Chico lifestyle. One version began with quoting Louis Carroll's Jabberwocky, just because she thought she could weave it into some deeper cultural/philosophical notions of how this can transcend meaning, but it left her cold, honestly. She just had to realize that she just liked the sound and feel of *brillig* and *slithy toves gimbling* in the *wabe* for no other purpose or meaning. So there, she got it in. And what that must mean is that she's content with the sound and feeling of life in Chico, without having to excavate for deeper reasons. As we begin to shift into summer hours on campus, she looks forward to the museum summer camp Monday –Thursday, half-day catch up and clean up on Fridays, followed by leisurely long weekends.

Philip, Hannah, and Adrienne have some short regional trips planned for the summer, as well. First, they head to Santa Cruz to show Hannah and her friends the boardwalk, ocean, and the campus there. Later in July they will join half of Chico in Grass Valley for the World Music Festival. Finally, they will visit her brother and family in Boulder, Colorado, just before High School starts for Hannah.

Well, that about says it all. Next time you are on campus, stop in at the museum. Adrienne would love to see you.

## Retired Faculty

### **Keith Johnson (1963-2002)**

Keith retired from the Butte County Historical Society Museum Steering Committee, but he and Karen continue to serve as docents at the Museum. Keith is a new board member of the Bidwell Mansion Association and recently published an article in the *BCHS Diggin's* (vol. 51, no. 1) entitled, "Annie K. Bidwell's 'Lost' Year- 1886." Last year Keith was honored by the Society for California Archaeology with its Lifetime Achievement Award presented by SCA President, Frank Bayham. On a personal note, Keith and Karen celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were married in 1957 soon after graduating from UCLA in Anthropology. Karen continues her interest in Girl Scout history and attended the Girl Scout Conference in Denver last year. Each year Keith hosts a Super Bowl party for his Anthro buddies, a tradition begun decades ago when James Myers and Art

Lehmann were still around.

### **Valene Smith Posey (1967-1998)**

Beginning in 2007, the Society for Applied Anthropology decided to offer a Valene Smith Award for student posters in Tourism, in honor of her pioneering research in Anthropology of Tourism. Valene and husband George snorkeled in Seychelles, drank Guinness in Ireland, and enjoyed the paddle-wheeler on the Columbia River. Valene would like everyone to visit the new Museum of Anthropology this year.

### **Trudy Waldroop (1980-2004)**

What a very interesting year 2007 was with lots of excitement and changes. During the first 5 ½ months of the year Trudy and husband Dan had a great time going out to lunch (geezer day at a nearby casino), dinners, concerts (Bill Medley, Michael McDonald, Gladys Knight), movies, little day trips, plus a trip to the far northern and southern Oregon coasts for a week in March. In April, Trudy and her sister took a "road trip" to Orange County to visit their surviving aunt (age 94) in Newport Beach and also got together with several other cousins in the area whom they had not seen in many decades. In late April, Trudy finished editing and writing a couple of articles for the 2007 issue of *Clan Destiny*. This was the biggest issue ever. Throughout the year several of Trudy's high school alumni "reconnected," had potlucks, and went to plays.

From May 30 to June 11, Trudy and Dan went on a fabulous cruise to Alaska. They flew to Fairbanks, spending two nights there. Then they traveled via train or coach over the next three days south (Denali National Park, Talkeetna, and Anchorage) to board their ship at Whittier. They spend the remaining seven days on the ship, "which was wonderful!" They docked and took a city tour of Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan and cruised to Vancouver to catch their plane home. Every place they went was so different. The weather was great, better than most days, the locals said. They did see some whales, otters, moose, and tons of bald eagles.

Then their family unexpectedly grew by four. Trudy and Dan adopted an abandoned (how could anyone do that?) Springer Spaniel female and her three puppies! The pups are about 10 months old now. During the rest of the summer Trudy and Dan spent at least two weeks at a time at their place outside Chester and came back down for a few days (to do laundry, pay bills, renew prescriptions), then back up for another two weeks. One weekend in September they came home to no AC! Luckily, it wasn't that hot



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the rest of the month. In Chester, Dan finished the foundation/floor to their small storage building. Slides and roof will go up this summer. The puppies really loved it up there; so much more room to play and run and take little excursions several times during the day. "We couldn't believe some of the treasures they proudly brought home," Trudy shares, "most of which we had to take away."

Trudy worked again on campus in the Department of Anthropology from late September 2006 to February 2007, which she says was great fun, especially over the holidays. Then she worked in the Academic Human Resources and Labor Relations office from September to December 2007. "A very interesting office and nice to see former colleagues drop in." Consequently, Dan and she haven't gotten out much since the "kids arrival." While Trudy was at work, Dan was staying home with the doggies as they are not comfortable leaving them by themselves just yet, so they take turns being home with them while the other person goes to work or does errands.

Last December they ventured to the Anthro dinner with the dogs in tow in the back of the pickup. Also, as of May 17<sup>th</sup> of this year, Trudy will be installed as President of the California Business and Professional Women's Organization. Her term will last one year, and she is looking forward to the experience.

*Trudy wishes all the alums, present and former faculty, and staff a wonderful year in 2008!*

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## In and around Chico

**North.** Fifth Sun Empire, a locally grown company that designs graphics that appear on T-shirts for companies like Pepsi, Miller beer, Hispanic soccer teams, and Chevrolet, has moved into a new building at the airport. Also new at the airport, Fed EX has proposed a new 35K-sq-ft expansion of its transfer facility. Wal-Mart headquarters has just announced they plan to withdraw their proposal to open a super center at Hwy 99 and Garner Lane. They still plan to pursue expansion of the existing store on Forest Avenue. Dan Gambel RV has closed his doors. So far the store in Anderson and AZ are still open. DeGarmo Terraces, a 25K-sq-ft retail center will go in on The Esplanade across from the DeGarmo Park. About 40 homes are planned adjacent there as well. The former Albatross restaurant on The Esplanade, north of Eaton Road, has been remodeled inside and reopened after being closed for several years as The Enchanted Garden. On west Hwy. 32 a new name in Justin Leathers has changed his business name to Justinstalls and is all about car stereo installations, plus he can now install audio systems in boats, RVs

and, trucks. He also offers other services such as alarms, GPS systems, plus mobile and marine installations. Just down the street is the new location of All Wood Unfinished Furniture from Mangrove Avenue.

**East Avenue.** Health insurance provider Blue Shield of CA's Chico office on West East Avenue will be closed by the end of October due to a consolidation of operations with Redding; 150 jobs will be affected. Continuing east on East Avenue past the Esplanade, Chuck Patterson Auto just opened its new and larger office and repair building on the same site as the former one. At the far east end, Long's Drug Stores opened a new but smaller store across the street from PV (Pleasant Valley) High School. Most of Terrace Pharmacy's former employees went to the new Long's pharmacy.

**South.** Chico Mall will be expanding by 80K-sq-ft after tearing down the old Troutman's building and adding a divided addition that will be close to Kohl's. It's supposed to be an 'open' mall. Carl's Jr. at the Chico Mall has added fast-food Mexican fare with a variety of Mexican meals as well as a salsa bar. There is one more Shell Oil gas station in town, at Forest Avenue and Baney Lane. Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. expanded to increase warehouse and storage capacity and covered the parking area with solar panels for extra power. In early April, SNB was listed in the Brewers Association's annual ranking as the second-favorite draft brew in the country. Sadly, Sierra Nevada lost its Vice-President Steve Harrison now deceased. Costco opened its new huge (120,000+ sq ft) store, next door to the former store, last October. The former store was torn down and a parking lot in its place. The 16-pump gas station is now finally open, just behind the former store. Stoplights have been installed at the two entrances. Sportsman's Warehouse, a sporting goods company, plans to demolish the old Grocery Outlet on E. Park Avenue and Dr. MLK Parkway and build a new 49K-sq-ft store. They hope to open this fall.

**Downtown and in Between.** La Comida is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Employees are all wearing signature tee shirts. They had a celebration on March 1. It is still located on Mangrove Avenue. Also on Mangrove Avenue is the new Beth's Potpourri, which sells discounted, upper-end clothing and accessories for men, women, and children. She also stocks bedding, housewares, and electronics. Former buildings at the NW corner of Mangrove and Vallombrosa were flattened and a new retail center opened with several eateries.

Crush 201, an upscale dinner restaurant, has opened where Chevy's once was, Broadway and W. 2<sup>nd</sup>

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Street. Powell's Sweet Shoppe opened in the former location of the Redwood Forest Restaurant on E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The former Oser's building (Third and Main Streets) is being remodeled as well as the vacant Viking Furniture at E. Sixth and Broadway. Nantucket plans to move into this building. Local retail store goes national: Lulu's Fashion Lounge of 12 years on Main Street is owned by a mother and daughter who also own Trucker on Broadway and Gigi's Shoe Parlor on W. Second Street. Their successful website is unique in that everything pictured can be found in one of the 3 Chico stores – and fashions were modeled and photographed in a downtown loft. In February, the owners were invited to New York to put together a fashion show for an affiliate of the TV show "Good Morning America." Since then their merchandise has been on the cover or appeared by more than 20 national magazines like Seventeen, Glamour, and Redbook. Way to go Lulu's. On April 3, the 12<sup>th</sup> season of the Thursday Night Market opened when Broadway and some side streets are closed to accommodate local produce, products, and fun.

The market is opened from 6-9 PM every Thursday through September. And yes, the Saturday Farmers' Market is still in operation from 7 AM to 1 PM year-round. Goodbye Marge Maddux the pharmacist at now closed Terrace Pharmacy on E. First Avenue near Longfellow. She retired last October after 42 years at Terrace and is 83 years young!

### Miscellaneous

Businesses that closed their doors last year include boat-maker Design Concepts, Miller Buick-Oldsmobile, Koret apparel distributor losing 140 jobs, and just recently Market Café on E. 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. Mother Julie Atlas and her 11-year-old daughter and partner have created a chocolate bar wrapper called Chico Chocolate featuring Chico photographs taken by mom.

The Chico Unified School District is trying to meet its budget cuts (\$8.5M) having laid off 120 employees from teachers, counselors, and nurses and plan to close Cohasset and Forest Ranch elementary schools.

**Correction:** In the spring 2007 issue, it was reported that Whitman Avenue (Costco located) was renamed the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. It is actually the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Parkway*, which is now over one year old. Because the name is fairly long it has become known simply as MLK Parkway.

## Alumni News

### **1960s:**

**Elizabeth Schmidt** (BA 1969) Castle Rock, WA

Elizabeth Schmidt retired from the Federal Housing Authority in 1995. She has remained active since then. She currently swims three miles a day with a view toward a possible swim of the English Channel. She also lifts free weights three days a week and is known locally as an inspiration to older people for fitness. She also is involved in wildlife projects and is currently working to promote her husband Jeffrey's (class of 1968) most recent book, a novel, "*The Legend of Susej*" Elizabeth's oldest son, Ryan, a Ph.D. from Pepperdine, is the Vice-Principal of Orville Wright Middle School in the Los Angeles School District and her other son, Blair, is a Sergeant in the Washington State Patrol. Elizabeth vacations in California, her favorite state, once a year. She also cares for two pet wolves, Cheyenne and Mist, and a pet coyote, Nicky, who roams free. Elizabeth continues to be an avid reader since college and has a profound interest in politics.

### **1970s:**

**Dave Doyel** (BA 1969 with minor in Psychology; MA 1972) Scottsdale, AZ, [ddoyel@cox.net]

Dave currently works for the U.S. Air Force as an archaeologist. He would like to give his regards to friends and colleagues and to invite them to contact him if they wish. Dave is doing well and hopes the same for all of his fellow Anthropology alumni!

**John "Johnny" D. Moore** (MA 1972) Quincy, CA [Johnny@sugarpineaviators.com]

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 3/4<sup>th</sup> 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 Junitsu. Johnny says he is enjoying life and looking forward to everything in 2008- except taxes. His motto is, "I want to live until next happy hour!"

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**Gail L. (Fiorini) Jenner** (BA 1973; Minor English) Etna, CA [gfiordini@sisqtel.net]

After leaving Chico State, Gail completed education coursework and credential update classes as well as attended professional writing conferences and workshops. Gail continues to work on various writing projects.

Her fourth book, the third to be published by Arcadia Publishing, was released August 2007. *The State of Jefferson: Then and Now* was co-authored with Bernita Tickner. Presently she is completing her second novel; her first novel, *Across the Sweet Grass Hills*, won the 2002 Willa Literary Award for Best Softcover Fiction, from Women Writing the West. She is also working on her second screenplay and publishes a bi-weekly historical column in her local weekly paper. For more, check out her website at [www.gailjenner.com](http://www.gailjenner.com) or her blog at [gailjenner.blogspot.com](http://gailjenner.blogspot.com).

On a personal note, Gail has been married over 36 years and has four grandchildren with one more on the way. Gail teaches part-time and is a speaker and presenter at writer's groups, conferences, and at teacher workshops.

**Doug Crispin** (BA 1974) Eugene, OR [d2crispin@aol.com]

Doug just completed his 35<sup>th</sup> summer working in State and National Parks. He is employed by Oregon State Parks as a park ranger at Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site. Thompson's Mills is Oregon's oldest water-powered mill and opened as Oregon's newest state park in December 2007.

**William G. White** (BA 1977; Minor Native American Studies) Salem, OR [wwhite@sricrm.com]

Employed with Statistical Research, Inc. as a Project Director, William has supervised many interesting CRM projects in Nevada. In 2006 and 2007, William and his archaeological crews documented 158 historic period mining sites. Recently, he directed a data recovery project at the Halfway House Stage Station east of Carson City. Working out of SRI's Woodland, California office, he is allowed to work on reports by telecommuting from his Salem, Oregon home. When not working on CRM projects, he is busy remodeling his 1947 farm house to "green" standards and enjoys watching the electric meter go backward after going solar. His wife, Sally, of 18 years teaches science to middle school children and both enjoy raising earthworms and working in their organic garden and orchard.

**Alberto Sieira Flores** (BA 1979) Marysville, CA [alberto729@peoplepe.com]

Still an avid diver, Al plans to see more of Mexico underwater this year. He also plans on reaching his Master Diver Level this summer, writing, "It'll be fun!" He will be in Cancun for two weeks, allowing him to "log up those dives" for his examination. Hopefully by the end of the trip he will return to the United States as a certified Master Diver. After that, Al plans on going pro and reaching the Instructor Level within 2 years (that's 60 dives!). When he's not diving, Al works for Yuba County Schools as a substitute teacher.

**Mary L. Maniery** (BA 1976; MA 1979) Sacramento, CA [mlmaniery@aol.com]

Mary reports that she and husband Gary celebrated 25 years as business owners (PAR Environmental Services, Inc) AND 25 years of marriage in 2007. Their youngest is getting ready for college in fall 2008 but, despite encouragement from Mom to go to CSUC, will be attending University of Nevada, Reno. On a professional note, Mary is one of the contributors to *Archaeology in America: An Encyclopedia* (Edited by Francis P. McManamon, Ph.D. Chief Archaeologist, National Park Service), due for release in the next few months. Her section is on Central California Historical Archaeology.

### 1980s

**Elaine C. Brown** (BA 1976; MA 1980) West Nyack, NY [perezbrown@verizon.net]

Elaine is currently employed by Cornell Cooperative Extension doing horticulture work.

**Dorothy Wenzel** (BA & Certificate in Museology 1980; MA 1984) Hollywood, MD [echaney@chesapeake.net]

Dorothy currently works at Patuxent High School in Lusby Calvert County) Maryland, where she teaches Anthropology, Criminal Investigation, Criminal Law, and Advanced Placement Psychology. Since leaving Chico, Dorothy, has continued her training and education. Dorothy attended both the 2006 Supreme Court Teacher's Institute and the 2004 Goucher University Advanced Placement Summer Teacher's Institute for Psychology. In 2003, she received the Certificate of Achievement from the Maryland Justice Training Fellow: Maryland Bar Center and the Citizen Law-Related Education Program.

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Dorothy and her husband Ed Chaney continue to travel. They spent three weeks in Italy last year roaming throughout Rome, Umbria, and Venice. This year they will return to England to explore the Cotswolds and catch up with Dorothy's sister, who is living in Winchester. This spring Dorothy and Ed will also be having bookshelves built into two of the walls in their den to store all of the books they have amassed- mostly anthropology! They thought it was time to let go of the college "stacks of crates" look.

**Michael Pendleton** (MA 1980; Ph.D. 1993  
Texas A&M) College Station, TX  
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Mike is still working at the Texas A&M Microscopy and Imaging Center. This year he co-taught the class in scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and gave presentations (with other people) at microscopy meetings in Fort Lauderdale (FL), Fort Worth, and Dallas about such topics as 1) why cattle prefer one variety of sorghum leaves compared to other varieties 2) methods of control of the red imported fire and 3) the identification of salt glands in varieties of turf grass using SEM x-ray analysis. He co-authored a paper in *Microscopy Today Magazine* on a method of coating specimens with metal (in vapor) for SEM. He had an article accepted for the January 2008 issue of the *Internet Journal of Biological Anthropology* (a discovery of possible psychotropic drug use in New Mexico at 1300 AD) and had an article published in the January-February (2008) issue of the *Armourer Magazine for Militaria Collectors* (the use of SEM x-ray analysis to identify fake military artifacts for collectors and museum curators). He attended the Entomological Society of America (ESA) meeting in San Diego (CA) with Bonnie in late December of 2007 and will be presenting a paper at the Southwestern Branch meeting of the ESA February (2008) concerning a simple and inexpensive way to coat sorghum weevils with metal for observation using SEM. Bonnie (his wife, CSU, Chico 1981 MA Anthropology) will accompany him on a cruise to Alaska out of Seattle in August (2008) just after they both attend a national microscopy meeting in Albuquerque.

Mike's job is never boring at the university and he never knows what problem will come in a box from someone. An archaeologist in California specializing in ceramic analysis will be sending Mike southwestern potters shards to examine with x-ray spectrometry using scanning electron microscopy. At Mike's center at Texas A&M, they just had a new transmission electron microscope installed and another new

scanning electron microscope is being installed now, and after the staff gets all of the microscopes working well they will have to move them to a new building in 2009.

Mike has been going to Houston twice a year to the MD Anderson Cancer Center, and his lymphoma cancer seems to be in remission. After adding up the charges that were covered by his university medical insurance, the cost of curing him was in excess of \$80,000, almost all of which was paid by Blue Cross

Bonnie has adopted two more abandoned cats in the house, one of which is blind. As long as the furniture is not moved, the blind kitty gets around the house well, and most visitors do not even notice that the cat is blind. Bonnie's research as an Associate Professor at West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas, is coming along well, and she makes at least two trips to different areas of Africa each year to discuss the development of new sorghum varieties. She is still opposed to the use of sorghum for ethanol production as this makes the grain more expensive for poor Africans who rely on this grain for food.

**Bonnie (Williams) Pendleton** (BA 1977,  
Biological Sciences, MA 1981, Anthropology)  
Canyon, TX [bpendleton@mail.wtamu.edu]

Bonnie Pendleton taught Field Crop Entomology and Economic Entomology courses to a record number of students at West Texas A&M University in 2007. She does collaborative research to manage insect pests of field crops, especially sorghum, in the Texas Panhandle and with scientists in 8 African countries. Her proposal for the Sorghum, Millet and Other Grains Collaborative Research Support Program (INTSORMIL/SMOG CRSP) was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development to make her the only U.S. entomologist and only female involved with the program for the U.S., Africa, and Central America. She was selected Co-Coordinator of scientists in five countries involved in the INTSORMIL West Africa Regional Program and traveled to West Africa twice during the year. Bonnie also became Editor of the *Southwestern Entomologist Journal* and Editor of the newsletter for the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development. She is President and serves on eight committees of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America. She also is Rotaract Director for District Rotary and International Director and pianist for Canyon Rotary Club. Bonnie and Mike flew to meet at professional meetings in Washington, D.C., San Diego, and Fort Worth. They plan to go on a Rotary cruise to Alaska to celebrate their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August. Bonnie has three mouseketeers (feral cats) for company. The

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youngest, whom the vet believes is half bobcat, was the charming, sweet, and happy "little buddy" of an Air Force recruiter who was shipped overnight to Iraq for two years.

**Sarah Heigho Nunes** (MA 1984, Certificate in Museology) San Jose, CA  
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Sarah continues her career in Human Resources. She received professional certification from IMPA-HR (International Public Management Association-Human Resources) and was promoted to Employment Division Manager. On a personal note, Sarah and her husband John celebrated 22 years of marriage this year. Daughter Christina graduated from eighth grade and is now a freshmen at Notre Dame High School (private Catholic school for girls).

### 1990s:

**Amanda Johnson** (BA 1990) Wheatland, CA  
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Wheatland is growing a little. There's a stoplight now-big time! Amanda's husband, Jim, a farmer, is thriving. He's doing community supported agriculture and has 40 subscribers to his farm. Saturdays June through September Amanda sells at the Farmer's Market in Yuba City. She wears a bowtie as part of her uniform-farmer chic. Amanda is starting certified Financial Planning coursework in 2008 and should be done with her certified Divorce Financial Analyst designation any hour now. She just finished year six as an advisor and likes it very much. Who knew?

Kristen hopes that everyone is doing well!

**Julie Cassidy** (MA 1991) Mt. Shasta, CA  
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Julie Cassidy has been married 20 years this past August. She has one sixteen-year-old daughter (good luck). Her daughter talks about going to Chico State for college. Julie feels that she has no right to dissuade her from attending a great school, great education! Although her first love and interest is in prehistoric archaeology, she finds herself this year studying and determining the eligibility to the National Register, a large railroad logging system- the McCloud Lumber Company. Some of her most rewarding days have been working with Native American Tribes, planting native plants grown right in the Forest Service at Mt. Shasta. Just another form of "digging" in the dirt!

**Evelyn L. Turner** (BA Anthropology; minor Spanish 1994; RS BA 1999) Sherwood, OR

Evelyn says retirement really does mean more time to read books and care for her roses from the Chico State rose garden. Two study groups keep her brain functioning and occasional visits to family on an island in Puget Sound keeps her in touch.

**Geoff Kushnick** (BA 1995) Seattle, WA

Geoff and his wife, Lasma, have a new baby boy, Freddie, born January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Geoff is an Anthropology lecturer at University of Washington, Tacoma, and is on the look-out for a tenure-track job.

**Joseph L Cavaletto** (BA 1998; MS Kinesiology Texas A&M) Oceano, CA  
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Joseph has been working with his brother-in-law, Adrian Alvorado, for the last four years managing their family avocado orchard in Nipomo. The past year Joseph bought a house in Oceana with his brother Cy.

**Ann Maurer Glowacki** (BA 1998) Humble, TX  
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Ann and husband, Shawn, welcomed son Jaxson on August 18, 2007. She is currently busy with being a stay-at-home mom. She says that she and her husband cannot wait to bring him to Chico!

### 2000s:

**Cynthia Vallor** (BA 2000) Concord, CA

After graduating from Chico in 2000, Cynthia (Cindi), worked for three years in the San Francisco Bay Area before moving to Boston, Massachusetts, to pursue her Masters Degree in Business Administration from Northeastern University. Upon completing the MBA with a specialization in Corporate Finance, Cynthia returned to the East San Francisco Bay Area and has worked for Kaiser Permanente's Electronic Medical Record project as a Senior Financial Consultant. Cynthia is currently training to run a marathon in June with Team in Training and raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, where at least 75 percent of all funds raised go directly to help cancer patients and/or research to find a cure for blood cancers. Cynthia would like to ask her fellow Anthropology Alumni to support her in her San Diego Rock & Roll Marathon with the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society's Team in Training! If you are interested,

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Thanks!

**Kristen Spall** (BA 2001, Anthropology and English; 2002 English Teaching Credential)  
Antelope, CA [kikils@aol.com]

Kristen Spall celebrated the birth of her first baby, Robert, this year. She began teaching English Expressions, a class that encompasses performing arts, crafts, and fine arts at Natomas Charter School in Sacramento. Keeping with her Chico roots, Kristen also serves as the Finance Advisor for the Eta Rho Chapter of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority at Chico State.

**Megan Conn** (BA 2003) Redding, CA

During a five-month interlude in Portland, Oregon, Megan experienced a crash course in nonprofit fundraising through a position in Development at the Oregon Ballet Theatre. She still wonders if she is quite possibly the only trained archaeologist who also worked for a professional ballet company! Megan and husband Josh have since returned to sunny California, where Megan has rejoined Turtle Bay Exploration Park as Development Coordinator. She's greatly enjoying supporting her local museum.

**Craig Hauer** (MA 2005) [chauer@sbcglobal.net]

Craig is currently a Project Archaeologist at MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., where he is in charge of several projects. Despite obligations at work and his passion for archaeology, Craig has been devoting most of his time to his lovely daughter, Corinne, who will be one year old at the beginning of the year. Craig has led a multitude of projects in Nevada and California. Most recently, he conducted a survey near the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge in western Nevada. This survey resulted in the re-recording of three rock shelters, and the discovery of isolated artifacts and lithic scatter. One of the rock shelters contained over 200 pictographs. Diagnostic artifacts indicate prehistoric peoples have utilized the area for the last 7,000 years. Craig has also been involved in the training of Washoe Native American Cultural Monitors for the last three years. Currently, Craig is preparing several articles concerning prehistoric mobility, shifts in lithic technology, and the distribution of bow stave trees in Nevada.



*Dr. Fox with students from the Chico Anthropological Society. They spent a day museum hopping in the San Francisco Bay Area.*



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