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**Clan Destiny**

# Message from the Chair



Dr. Stacy Schaefer at CSU Chico. Photo by Dr. Bartelink.

Greetings to Anthropology Kin Near and Far:

Hello, hola, aloha! You will be proud to know that the Anthropology Department continues to soar to new heights in our achievements and in recognition of the excellence of our program, which has touched the lives of students and their life paths for close to 40 years. We have always known how great the department, students, and alumni are, and this year our greatness has been acknowledged resoundingly by the College of BSS, the President, Provost and administrators, other CSU campuses, the North State and beyond. Here is a snapshot of this exceptionally amazing year; I am still giddy from all that we have accomplished, and all the monumental kudos that have gone around this year.

## Challenges

But first, I imagine a number of you are wondering how we are doing in the midst of the economic downturn. At the time of this writing, the staff and faculty have just received word that the University (along with CSU campuses system-wide) will be initiating a furlough policy that will essentially cut salaries by close to 10 percent. We are awaiting word on how this will be implemented; the most cited proposal is for employees to take two days of unpaid leave every month. Student tuition has increased 20 percent on top of a 10 percent fee hike enacted two months ago.

We are survivors and will remain wise, innovative, adaptive, and creative. We trust that you too will weather these hard times well. We want to thank all of you who have given to the department over this last year. Your generosity has helped us shine and proudly serve our students. If you would like to support the Department of Anthropology, please see the back page. In our challenging budget times, your contribution will help us continue to offer the high-quality learning environment for which our program is renown.

## Highlights

On the brighter side, **Valene Smith**, Emeritus Professor and our fairy godmother from the Department has promised \$3 million to the Museum of Anthropology, which was founded in 1970 by another one of our own kin, Emeritus Professor **Keith Johnson**. For those of you who know Valene, and for those who don't, she was the third faculty member to arrive to the department in 1967 and has shared her passion for travel, tourism, and museums for many decades. She is a frequent and far-flung traveler who was an essential player in developing the field of the anthropology of tourism, and she was a pioneer in utilizing film-making as a medium for anthropology. **Valene** and the renowned photographer **Ira Latour**, an Emeritus Professor from the Art Department, made the classic films *Three Stone Blades* and *The World of Theodore Wores* and have generously shared the revenue from the distribution of these films with the Museum of Anthropology. With Valene's enduring commitment to Anthropology and her forward-thinking vision, the Museum of Anthropology will continue to grow and flourish in the years ahead as a vital part of the Department of Anthropology. Thank you Valene!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*We all extend our heartfelt condolences to Valene on the loss of her husband, George Posey.*



George Posey with wife Valene Smith Posey and CSU Chico President Paul Zingg, fall 2008.

Another momentous event was the visit of legendary anthropologist **Richard Leakey** to campus on October 3, 2008. The Department of Anthropology and the Museum of Anthropology co-sponsored his visit, and Richard (if I may be so bold as to refer to him on a first-name basis) gave a special class for our anthropology students and faculty and answered questions they posed. In preparation for his visit, the student club, **Chico Anthropological Society**, organized a Leakey trivia night so that members would be very familiar with his work and well-poised to ask penetrating questions. We also had a private "meet and greet" with Richard, at which **Keith and Karen Johnson** and **Mark and Mary Kowta** and others were present.



Dr. Stacy Schaefer with Dr. Richard Leakey.  
Photo by Charlie Urbanowicz.

I learned that Richard Leakey actually came to the department January 30, 1987, on his last speaking engagement at the university, when he toured our labs and facilities. On his more recent visit, he claimed that the highlight of his trip to Chico was receiving from **Sandy Shepherd**, former director of RISE (Resources in Social Studies Education), two bottles of wine from another of our own retired faculty members, **Tom Johnson**. Tom Johnson and his family own the **Roshambo Winery**. Leakey is a wine craftsman, too, and he was exuberant over the gift. Yesssss !!!!!!!!!!! CSU-Chico anthropology kin continue to make their mark on the map, even in wine-making and wine served at Richard Leakey's table in his home in Kenya. An extraordinary member of our clan, **Amy Zelson Mudorff** (M.A.,

1999) was honored this year as the distinguished alumni honoree for the **College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**.



Amy Zelson Mudorff with Gayle Hutchinson, Dean of BSS and CSU Chico President Paul Zingg.

Amy worked for five years as a full-time forensic anthropologist for the New York City Chief Medical Examiner. As noted in the program for the distinguished alumni recognition dinner, “she worked on approximately 250 forensic anthropology cases and served as a core member of the World Trade Center Identification Team.” Amy also “assisted in American Airlines flight 587, the Staten Island Ferry crash, and victims of the Boxing Day Tsunami in Phuket, Thailand... [She] herself is a 9/11 survivor, having been caught in the debris of the collapsing South Tower at the World Trade Center.” In the aftermath of this tragedy, Amy invited a number of our M.A. students to assist in the recovery and identification efforts at Ground Zero. From what I hear, our anthropology department was the best represented of all programs and departments nationwide in this valiant operation. I feel extremely fortunate to have had the chance to get to know Amy when she came to campus as our distinguished alumna honoree. In my mind she is the greatest heroine of all the honorees; she is a brilliant and exceptionally talented humanitarian. Right before her visit to campus, as she was finishing her Ph.D. dissertation at Simon Fraser University, Amy received the thrilling news that she had been selected for the tenure-track position

in forensic anthropology at the University of Tennessee. Good luck to you Amy. We celebrate your achievements!

### More Kudos

Ok, I’m less than half way through all the clan kudos, so to conserve on print space I will have to be more brief with the rest of the news I have to share. Please know that everyone I mention is deserving of at least a full page or more to describe his or her greatness. From the ranks of student, staff, and faculty, our kin have been recognized throughout the University.

**Eric Bartelink**, one of our physical/forensic faculty, received the **Professional Achievement Honors award** for this year. This is of major significance for faculty who are just gaining ground in their professional development. Eric, an alumnus from our program (M.A., 2001), joined the faculty in 2006 with a Ph.D. from Texas A&M.

**Adrienne Scott**, Curator of the Museum of Anthropology, received the **Outstanding Staff Employee Award** for the entire campus. This is also very significant because Adrienne has been working at the university in her position for only seven years. By most standards, staff who have had a longer history of employment and service at the university are the ones who receive this award. This is still another testament to how great our department really is.



Adrienne Scott accepting her award, spring 2009.

**Melanie Beasley**, our M.A. student kin member, received this year's university-wide **Outstanding Thesis Award** for her work *Dietary Trends at the Ellis Landing Site (CA-CCO-295): Stable Carbon and Nitrogen Isotope Analysis of Prehistoric Human Remains from a San Francisco Bay Area Shellmound*. Melanie is very deserving of this award and joins the esteemed list of our recent M.A. graduates, **Traci Van Deest** (2008) (physical/forensic) and **John Connolly** (2007) (archaeology) as recipients of this prestigious university award.

The Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, **Gayle Hutchinson**, initiated a new program that recruits "Student Ambassadors" from each department in the college. Last year faculty in the department nominated our student ambassadors, **Nicole Ramirez**, M.A. student with an archaeology focus and the former President of the Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA), and **Chrisanna Gustafson**, a B.A. student (2009) with a focus on cultural anthropology and film and former President of the Chico Anthropological Society (CAS). Nicole and Chrisanna represented the department so well that we have become known throughout the college as the department of "overachievers"... not a bad reputation to have if you ask me.

To highlight further accomplishments of our "over-achieving" students, here is a thumbnail sketch.

Our graduate students, under the direction of **Ashley Hutchinson** and **Ashley Kendall**, organized the 6<sup>th</sup> **Chico Forensic Conference** in April. Presentations were made by forensic experts **Bradley Adams**, **Steve Symes**, **Roland Wessling**, and **Jason Wiersema** (M.A. 2001).

The Graduate Student Association, under the direction of **Nicole Ramirez** and **Karen Smith Gardner**, and with help from the Chico Anthropological Society, organized the first ever Margaret Mead Film Festival.

Both the Forensic Conference and the Film Festival were so successful that they will be a continuing tradition in the department for the 2009-2010 year. Stay tuned by visiting the department website at [csuchico.edu/anth/](http://csuchico.edu/anth/)

**Lisa Bright**, graduate student with a focus in the physical/forensic program was awarded a **Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve Student Grant** for her research project *Taphonomic Signatures of Animal Scavenging in Northern California*.

**Meredith Patute** (2009) received the **Anthropology Outstanding Student Award**. Meredith consistently maintained an excellent record in all of her classes, was an exemplary team player, and excelled in her museum studies skills and expertise.



Meredith Patute on graduation day, May 2009.

### Still More Awards

This year the department decided to begin another tradition of awards to recognize more of our outstanding students and their work. We have created two new awards that are honorary, but we hope to raise funds for them to be monetary awards in the future.

### Outstanding Undergraduate Research Project in Anthropology

**Raquel Mattson-Prieto (2009)** for her ethnographic research on Latino migrant workers and the health care system. She also received a University Student Creativity Award for this project.

### Outstanding Contribution in Anthropology

**Chrisanna Gustafson (2009)** for her paper *Capturing Public Space: Context and Consequence in Visual Practices* presented at the European Association of Social Anthropologists in 2008 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and for her tireless dedication to the department and to the Chico Anthropological Society.



Chrisanna Gustafson graduation day, May 2009.

**Shaundel Sanchez (2009)** for her ethnographic research *Justifying Equality: Islam in Chico, California*, in which she explored gender roles and religion among the local Muslim community through a documentary film she is completing as well as for her much-appreciated devotion to overseeing the ethnography lab. Shaundel also received a University Student Creativity Award for her project.

### Baby Kin

We welcome two of the youngest members in the department clan. **Beth Shook**, long-time lecturer and expert in DNA analysis, and undergraduate student **Alyssa Ervin** and business partner of Café Coda in town learned within weeks of each other they were pregnant. Over the spring semester they carried their babies with a womb-view to classes. **Joel Douglas Shook** was born on April 12, Easter Sunday, and **Owen Ryan Danielli** was born on May 15 in time for Alyssa to attend her graduation ceremony. Hooray! Let's welcome the new babies into the clan.



Dr. Beth Shook with Alyssa Ervin.

### Get Ready for the Alumni Reunion

Mark your calendars for the next clan gathering. The weekend of September 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, is the alumni reunion here on campus. Meet your fellow alums, friends, faculty, and current students in the Anthropology Department. Tour the labs, the museum, and the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve with **Nette Martinez**. Visit the creek, Bidwell Park, and your old haunts. And help solve a missing person case; be part of our search effort to find our

lost student “Bernie Bonez,” who disappeared right before the May, 2009, graduation ceremony. We are taking a head count for dinner on Sept. 19, breakfast on Sept 20th, and the tour of Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve for most of the day on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. It is bound to be a sizzling hot as well as a jolly good weekend. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Transitions and Adíos

After having loyally served the department over the last three years, I have completed my term as Chair. As the outgoing Chair of the department, I could not have imagined a more perfect final year. It has been a grand finale with kudos, babies, and firecrackers galore. Please help me in welcoming our next Chair. I am pleased to pass the torch and the gavel to Nette Martinez (B.A. 1983, Ph.D. 1998 UC Berkeley), who incidentally, was recipient of the **Outstanding Teacher Award** for 2008.



Dr. Stacy Schaefer and Dr. Nette Martinez, spring 2009.

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# Bones, Beakers, and Maps: The Anthropology Laboratories

## Museum of Anthropology

This year has been a whirlwind of activity for the museum as faculty, staff, and students have been preparing for the move to a new location on campus, and celebrating our incredibly good fortune. Last August of 2008, **Dr. Valene Smith**, Professor Emeritus of the department, made an official bequest of \$3 million to the Museum of Anthropology. This overwhelmingly and generous promised gift has enabled the museum to move to a much more vibrant and centrally located place on campus and to upgrade this new facility.

The museum's new location will be across from the main entrance of the Merriam Library, formerly the Student Services area. We will be sharing a lobby with the **Janet Turner Print Museum**, which moved to this location earlier in the year. Since its founding by Professor Emeritus **Keith Johnson**, the museum has been evolving to become a state-of-the-art museum facility. Over the years we have not lost sight of this vision and continue to provide students with a dynamic program with hands-on-learning in museum studies. Now with this new location for the museum, we will be able to expand our programming and reach a larger public audience as we become a centerpiece for the university. Thanks to Interrelated Student Activity Funds, the museum now has positions for two work-study students and two student assistants for each semester.

We foresee that this new space will become a hub for the Museum Studies students, and we plan to grow into a having exhibitions year-round where we will host our lectures and other events on site. Come see the grand opening of the new ethnographic exhibition and the new space on Sunday December 13, 2009. The theme will focus on the lives of Arctic peoples to celebrate the original Inuit research of **Dr. Valene Smith**. Hope to see you there. Alumni are especially welcome!



Images from the exhibit on the music of Africa, fall 2009.



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## Northeast Information Center

What is going on at the Northeast Information Center? We are pleased to report that our *space issues* have been resolved, and we can finally claim the entire 204 suite at 25 Main Street. We did have some fun rearranging the furniture (e.g. shelves, file cabinets) at the beginning of the year, and now the place looks pretty spiffy (at least we think so!). We now have room to accommodate our staff as well as the many in-house researchers and student interns that utilize our library.

Much of our time has been focused on maintaining and updating our archive of archaeological and historical records and reports for eleven counties within the North State. This information is utilized to conduct

records searches for planning and development-related projects and is available to students and other researchers (with some restrictions regarding archaeological data). New resource records and investigation reports are being digitized and added to GIS and electronic databases. Additionally, we are now able to conduct records searches electronically (using GIS) for projects falling within the completely digitized regions (134 of our USGS quadrangle maps).

Another new project, cataloging and conserving the NEIC Reference Library, involves an Ellen Deering endowment grant through the Meriam Library. Our library (worn out after years of abuse), which includes historic, ethnographic, and other references pertinent to Northeastern California is finally getting a face-lift! Anthropology graduate student **Sylvie Henry** (B.A. 2008) has been entering pertinent data into our reference library bibliography, and we are currently in the process of replacing or conserving (repairing) our collection of references. The goal is to increase accessibility to our reference materials which are specific to the culture, history, and prehistory of the North State. In the near future, the bibliography will be available online; all of the materials in the NEIC reference library will be accessible to students, researchers, and the general public.

Over the past year, the NEIC has also been involved in public outreach activities. Our staff has lent support to the **Chico Heritage Association** in its efforts to maintain and seek avenues for funding the historic **Old Patrick House** located south of Chico. We have also attended a series of meetings hosted by the City of Chico General Plan, and spearheaded the formation of the **Butte County Cultural Resources Coalition**, a diverse group of cultural resources advocates formed to work with the Butte County Planning Department regarding the Cultural Resources section of its new General Plan.

Our student internship program has been very active. Anthropology students **Amy Crosland, Melinda Button, Angel Morgan, Matt Woods, Erin Baker, Sylvie Henry and History major Ricardo Baracelo** have completed internships at the NEIC. Our staff currently includes **Amy Huberland, Mim Roeder, Adrienne Slattery, Joann Mellon, Rob McCann, Sally Loker, Angel Morgan, and Sylvie Henry.**

After several years of meetings, edits, and rewrites, the **CHRIS Information Centers** and staff from the **State Office of Historic Preservation** have completed a new *Information Center Rules of Operation Manual*. Go to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) web page at [www.ohp.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov) or visit our new NEIC web page at [www.csuchico.edu/neic](http://www.csuchico.edu/neic) to view or download the PDF. At our annual **CHRIS** meeting this year held in Sacramento, we were joined by a number of Federal and State agency representatives. Dialogue with these partner agencies, which included **Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, California Department of Transportation, National Park Service, and State Parks**, focused on the issues of cultural resources data management and GIS development statewide. Overall, the 2008 CHRIS meetings proved successful in bringing together a number of key agencies to discuss the need for a consistent statewide inventory as well as compatibility of database and GIS programs as we move into the future. Please feel free to contact us about internships or research possibilities. Visit our website or call for an appointment at (530) 898-6256.





## Human I.D. Laboratory

Graduate students in the Anthropology Department organized the 6th Annual Forensic Conference, held on April 18th and 19th, 2009. **Dr. Eric Bartelink** served as the faculty advisor and stated that it was yet another successful, student-run event. Students brought and funded (courtesy of AS Government, AGSA, and CAS) four expert forensic experts to the campus, who gave lectures to the general public on Saturday and held advanced workshops for students on Sunday. Invited speakers included: **Dr. Steve Symes**, professor at Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute; **Dr. Brad Adams**, forensic anthropologist for New York City's Office of Chief Medical Examiner; **Dr. Jason Wiersema** (CSU-Chico alum, MA 2001), forensic anthropologist for Harris County Medical Examiner's Office in Houston, Texas; and **Roland Wessling**, Research Officer in Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology at Cranfield University and Forensic Science and Operations Manager for the Inforce Foundation. The conference was well attended by students, faculty, law enforcement, and the general public. Guest presentations covered topics such as the World Trade Center victim recovery effort, forensic anthropology casework in the medical examiner setting, trauma analysis, forensic taphonomy, and the recovery of human remains associated with acts of genocide. Students are already planning the 7th Annual Forensic Anthropology Conference. Keep an eye out for fliers and postings on the Anthropology Department's webpage.



Anthropology Physical Faculty and Staff:  
Shannon Clinkerbeard, Dr. Beth Shook, Dr.  
Eric Bartelink, Dr. P. Willey, and Dr. Turhon  
Murad.

## Archaeology Laboratory

Over this last year the Archaeology Lab has been improved through the addition of new chairs and shelves. **Kevin Dalton, Lab Supervisor**, has been busy organizing and upgrading the facilities to ensure that the Lab continues to provide students with the skills that make them valuable contributors to any cultural resource program. The lab is still in need of a range of survey, excavation, and laboratory equipment. If you have some equipment that you are will to donate please contact Kevin at [kddalton@csuchico.edu](mailto:kddalton@csuchico.edu).

During the spring 2009 semester, students in the Zooarchaeology course analyzed faunal remains from two locations, Kingsley Cave in northeastern California, and Taos Pueblo in northern New Mexico. The Taos Pueblo collection was sent to CSU Chico by a former student, **Sunday Eiselt**. Sunday is currently an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Southern Methodist University; she leads a community-based archaeological field project at the Ranchos de Taos Plaza and in the surrounding Taos region. The Zooarchaeology class identified a variety of domestic and wild animals from both Kingsley Cave and Taos Pueblo archaeological collections.

This fall Lisa Westwood is teaching the Archaeological Field Methods class. Students in the class will be recording, mapping, documenting, and partially excavating the historical flume tender's cabin along the Big Chico Creek. The flume tender's cabin is believed to have been constructed sometime after 1870 and is likely associated with the Butte Flume and Lumber Company. The primary objectives of the field course will be to teach students proper archaeological techniques, attempt to determine whether or not this cabin is the remnant of "The Palace" cabin, as reported by previous studies, and to contribute to the National Register of Historic Places evaluation of significance of the site. We are looking forward to another great year in the Archaeology Lab!



Anthropology Archeology Faculty and Staff:  
Kevin Dalton, Dr. Georgia Fox, Dr. Nette  
Martinez, Dr. Frank Bayham, and Dr. William  
Collins.

## Ethnographic, Visual, and Digital Media labs

There's lots of new life in our enhanced cultural anthropology labs in Butte 305, 303, and 303A. Fresh paint, new decor, and upgraded equipment in these rooms are keeping them in the center of many projects in our department. Co-directors **Brian Brazeal** and **David Eaton** are most grateful for the generous support from BSS and University grants that has made this possible, building on the dedicated earlier work of other faculty and students, and for crucial help from BSS IT guru **David Philhour**, student lab monitors **Shaundel Sanchez** and **Tanya Kieselbach**, and many others.

In the Ethnolab (305), we've streamlined the room design to show off our video and book libraries and our rarer journal sets that aren't easily available online. We've cleared the windows to give plenty of light for our tropical plants – cardamom, fishtail palm, and Mexican pepperleaf – part of our collections thanks to resident ethnobotanist **Jim Bauml**. Adorning another wall are huge color prints from faculty fieldwork in Brazil, Mexico, Morocco, Tonga, and Congo. By the door, overlooking the big seminar table, is Lono, a Polynesian fishing and fertility god (in the form of a wooden carving from Rarotonga in the Cook Islands, loaned by Professor Emeritus **Charlie Urbanowicz**). Faster PCs, sleeker

monitors, and double-sided laser printing are there for all to use, and in addition to ArcGIS, Atlas.ti, and SPSS we're hoping for Adobe suite software and aiming for full videoconferencing shortly. And our new projection and sound system rocks, so you can really feel the reggae and *rumba* in our multimedia presentations.

In the new visual lab next door (303 and 303A) we've rustled up a raft of Mac G4s to power our visual anthropology methods class. Students produced documentaries of religious experience in Chico in this course this past spring. Matched with production monitors, hard drives, and film editing software, these computers complement the equipment we've installed in 303A that can digitize, copy, transfer, and edit video seamlessly across VHS and DVD formats. Our new dSLR and video cameras, lenses, lights, tripods, microphones, and digital voice recorders live in 303A together with our most powerful Mac workstation, and a sheeted scanner is available in 303 to turn paper documents into pdf's. Posters and photographs from faculty and student ethnography hang on the walls in both rooms. The labs are lively and lovely overall, we feel, offering multiple platforms for creative work, and with even better things to come in future – stay tuned...



Anthropology Ethnographic Lab Butte 305, Photo by Dr. David Eaton.

## Faculty News

### Antoinette Martinez (1999)

The 2008-2009 academic year was a busy one for me! I started the year with the honor of accepting the 2007-2008 Outstanding Teacher Award at the CELT Conference, dinner with the President's invited scholar Richard Leakey, and an invitation to participate in the President's North State bus trip. One of the goals of the bus tour was to promote local Native American issues, and I have been involved with several activities in this area. For the 2009 Society for California Archaeology meetings I was invited to be on the panel called *Where Sky and Earth Meet: Native People and CRM Professionals on the Same Trail, Part 111: Collaborative Research: Making Archaeology Relevant to Indians Today*. I also attended the Redding "White Papers" discussion and committee meetings for Native American Heritage month. Several Native American representatives were invited to participate in my California Indians class and the students loved it.

As for professional achievements, I was invited to be a plenary speaker for the SCA 2009 meetings in March and contributed to the theme "*Eventful*" *Archaeology: Considering the Concept in California*. I finally finished the report on the Bitner Ranch project in Nevada, published an article in the series *Archaeology in America*, and began work on a text for Cataclysmic Events in Human Prehistory. I plan on developing the plenary talk, "*Events*" *that Have Transformed our Discipline and Profession*, for publication.

As the faculty coordinator of the Northeast Information Center, I am proud to announce the establishment of the *Butte County Cultural Resources Coalition*, comprised of ten individuals representing CSU Chico Anthropology, Geography, and History Departments; the Northeast Information Center; Plumas National Forest; State Parks; the Mechoopda Indian Tribe; Butte County Historical Society; and Chico

Heritage Association, which is working with the Butte County Planning Department on the proposed Cultural Resources policies to be included in the new Butte County General Plan. Efforts also include a recently submitted NEH grant application for the Northeast Information Center (NEIC), seeking funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to digitize a portion of our extensive collection of cultural resource and report location maps, populate associated resource and report databases, and scan archaeological and historical resource records.

I have also continued to carry the usual teaching load, including UNIV 101, the ongoing research at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, and several exciting MA theses.

### Georgia Fox (2001)

Bells are ringing....well almost! This academic year rings in several projects for me, including the conservation and preservation of two ship's bells and sounding lead recovered off the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Marine Sanctuary by National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) archaeologists and research scientists aboard NOAA's research vessel *Hi'ialakai* Under a \$15,000 federal contract through NOAA, the artifacts are being treated in the Heritage Resources Conservation Laboratory in the Plumas Courtyard complex, adjacent to the Archaeology and Human ID labs. Too dense for traditional x-ray, local radiologist Dr. Greg Lauten kindly offered to CT-Scan the bells at North State Radiology in Chico. The scans revealed some very interesting discoveries. One bell, recovered from the USS *Saginaw*, a US Navy steamship which wrecked off the Kure Atoll in 1872, had a large chunk of coral lodged in it, which former Anthropology student, **Robert Patterson** (B.A 2008), carefully removed.

The other bell, retrieved from the shipwreck of the New Bedford whaling vessel, *Parker*, which sunk at the reef in 1842, revealed a

crosspiece made of wood and iron, which was carefully removed and is now in conservation treatment. In collaboration with the Chemistry Department and **Drs. Randy Miller, James Postma,** and chemistry student **Chun Chong,** both bells were analyzed for their metal content by applying x-ray fluorescence and atomic absorption analysis, revealing the *Parker* as solid copper, and the *Saginaw* bell as bronze. Additionally, CSU Chico Department of Anthropology alumnus, **Dr. Mike Pendleton** (M.A. 1980), is examining wood samples from the *Parker's* crosspiece at the Texas A&M University Microscopy and Imaging Center, where Mike is a specialist in scanning electron microscopy. Mike will be studying the wood in the hopes that the wood species can be identified. The bells project should be completed by the late fall of 2009. The lab also now sports a much needed new stereoscopic microscope and vacuum chamber and pump, thanks to a generous Strategic Performance Fund grant, awarded by Dean Gayle Hutchinson of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and generously supported by Dr. Stacy Schaefer.

Another project was completed thanks to former graduate student **Heather McCafferty** (M.A. 2007), who designed and implemented Butte County's exhibition in the State Capitol Building in Sacramento.

Another project is the Betty's Hope archaeological field school, which was first held in 2007, and then again in 2008. Following the second archaeological field season at Betty's Hope, a sugar plantation on the island of Antigua, we held our third session this past summer of 2009 which included several Chico State students, including students from the Department of Civil Engineering (CE), the second year of a joint collaboration between Anthropology and CE. Last field season, a number of objects were found, including seven coins, some children's toys, and sewing notions, as well as piles of English ceramics and nails. The field school was recently certified by Register of Professional Archaeologists.

This past session we concentrated on the Great House area finding floors and foundation walls. I presented the latest findings from Betty's Hope at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meeting held in Toronto, Canada, this past January, which was partially funded by a BSS Travel Grant.

During the fall of 2008 I along with Guest Curators and Anthropology faculty members **Drs. Brian Brazeal and David Eaton, Curator Adrienne Scott,** and the students in the ANTH 467 *Museum Exhibit Research, Design, and Installation* course, created the current exhibition, "Flash of the Spirit: The Music of Africa and Beyond," which opened on December 7, 2008, and was on exhibit until May 23, 2009.

In March, colleague, **Molly Gleeson,** Conservator at the San Diego Museum of Man, and I presented our second "Care of Basketry for California Tribes" workshop at the Clarke Museum in Eureka. The workshop was headed by graduate student and Cultural Coordinator for the Wiyot Cultural Center, Hélène Rouvier.



Betty's Hope Archaeological Field School, Antigua 2009. Photo by Dr. Georgia Fox.

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

This academic year, P was on leave, continuing work on several long-term projects and daydreaming about others. The leave permitted him to travel to several of the Seventh Cavalry's 19<sup>th</sup> century postings

in the Central and Northern Plains, and to visit research colleagues in Nebraska, where they plotted their next great epic publication, *Post-Traumatic-Stress-Disorder among Seventh Cavalry Troopers*. Research, which began a mere eight years ago with data collection, is now in the analysis phase.

In addition to continuing research on the Seventh Cavalry, he returned to another of his old research loves--those 4500-year-old footprints an hour-and-a-half's journey deep in a Tennessee cave. With an archaeologist, modern trackers, and **Kyle McCormick** (M.A. 2009 who used the data for his thesis), he visited the prehistoric footprints in August. There they initiated several avenues of research. On a related matter, he and several co-authors published an article concerning prehistoric footprints across North America.

In February, P presented a keynote address at the University of South Dakota, where 30 years earlier he and co-researchers were documenting skeletons from the prehistoric Crow Creek Site massacre. The Crow Creek information was the basis of his dissertation and first book. As **Ashley Kendell** (another Chico State graduate student) considers Crow Creek scalping information as the basis for her thesis, P and two of the original researchers are considering a Crow Creek retrospective. The leave was great for reviving old projects.

P continued work in forensic anthropology. He was in his 12<sup>th</sup> year as a consultant for the US Central Identification Laboratory, where MIAs' remains are identified. And one of our graduate students (**Carrie Brown** M.A. 2009) was among five students selected from a nationwide pool to attend the inaugural CIL Forensic Academy. In addition, he published a chapter on stature estimation *World Archaeological Congress Handbook of Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology*.

Wife Judy remained co-owner of ChicoMap Works (still located in Duffy's "Towers"), drawing maps and performing GIS magic. Together, they continued day hiking the trails and countryside of Northern California, although fires and air quality limited hikes last summer.



Dr. P. Willey, Spring 2009.

### **David Eaton (2005)**

David Eaton has just completed his fourth year in our department, and in fall 2008, he had the privilege of teaching our Core Seminar for incoming master's students. This course introduces students to graduate-level anthropology across its main subfields, and hosts research presentations by other faculty through the term. (Side benefit: David has learned more archaeology at CSU Chico than in all his previous formation!) Students also prepared and presented original papers; topics ranged from the phylogeny of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* to the cultural ecology of Julian Steward, and from Taiwanese *poē* divination to cross-cultural perspectives on child abuse in the US.

In spring 2009, David also taught the second year of his version of our undergraduate course in the history of anthropological method and theory, also taught across disciplinary subfields. Students debated recent work by scholars such as Deacon, Diamond, Mithen, Kirch,

Rosaldo, and Kondo, considering them in the deeper context of earlier sources by Aristotle, Ibn Khaldun, Marx, Darwin, Malinowski, Boas, Mead, Hurston, Lévi-Strauss, and many others. David also continues to teach *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology* in both large lecture and smaller Honors classes, as well as *Medical Anthropology* and *Continuity and Change in Africa*.

David's especially stoked to teach a newly approved course on 'Nature, Culture, Environment' that continues his commitment to biological and environmental studies. On campus, he's been on panels and given papers on infectious disease and human ecologies, on ethical challenges in international public health, on the strengths and weaknesses of the evolutionary psychology, and on population futures in central Africa. He's also recently presented papers at the AAA national meetings on the challenges of unprecedented urbanization in the republics of Congo, and on earth's current and intensifying mass extinction – an under-recognized crisis that is the great evolutionary event of our epoch. On these latter topics, he was glad to help welcome recent campus visitors David Quammen (*Song of the Dodo*), Richard Leakey (*The Sixth Extinction*), and Elizabeth Kolbert (*Field Notes from a Catastrophe*).

David's passion for African studies has been realized in several new ways recently, including work with Meriam Library Special Collections Supervisor Deborah Besnard to archive research photographs, video, and sound recordings of our late and much-missed Professor Art Lehmann. Art's main research with pygmies in southwestern Central African Republic was only a few hours upstream from David's field sites in northern Republic of Congo, and their work shares many topics of religion, magic, healing, and performance.

Deb and her library staff have also helped David enormously by digitizing thousands of his own research slides and negatives. He's used these already, for example, in

talks in our Anthropology Forum on his teaching, travels, and research in Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and (what was then) Zaire, and in a February 2009 article in *Inside Chico State* entitled 'Kivu's troubles', on the devastation of eastern DR Congo in the wake of the Rwandan genocide.

Some of these images were also infused into the Museum of Anthropology's 2008-09 exhibition 'Flash of the spirit: music in Africa and beyond,' developed together with Georgia Fox, Adrienne Scott, Brian Brazeal, and all the students of our fall 2008 course on museum exhibit preparation. Like others involved, David poured huge energies into the exhibition, which combined beautiful displays of rare instruments with finely worked images, texts, maps, and recordings from the African continent as well as from Brazil and the Caribbean.

David continues to work with Brian, David Philhour, and others to further enhance the department's digital media facilities, including Skype videoconferencing for our upgraded Ethnolab. This summer, he'll be writing up materials from his recent field visit in the Republic of Congo, and working on his book on his longer-term research there. He gives much time to promoting international and African studies on campus and in the Chico community, is exploring future research possibilities in Gabon and Tanzania, and hopes soon to visit Chico's study abroad programs at the University of Legon in Accra, Ghana.



Dr. David Eaton with friends at Cathedrale Brazzaville.

### Brian Brazeal (2007)

Brian Brazeal had a busy year presenting in conferences, forums, photo exhibitions, and poster sessions all over the country and right here in Chico. He addressed topics as diverse as poisoning, emerald dealing, reggae music, religious tolerance, forensic photography, and ecology to audiences of anthropologists, ethnobotanists, scholars of religion, sustainability professionals and law enforcement agents. Along with **David Eaton**, he inaugurated a new laboratory dedicated to visual anthropology. He also developed a course where students learn to make ethnographic documentaries. He is proud to say that his students' efforts resulted in an admirable series of short films revealing the vibrant religious traditions of the North State.



Dr. Brian Brazeal contemplates the future of visual anthropology on the streets of Manhattan.

The summer took Brian to Bahia, Brazil, where he continued his research projects on Afro-Brazilian religions and on the international trade in emeralds. He co-curated an exhibit titled "Flash of the Spirit: The Music of Africa and Beyond" at the Museum of Anthropology and even found time to work the turntables at the opening. This semester he is looking forward to publishing articles and photographs from his Brazilian research and teaching some of his favorite classes on the anthropology of religion and ethnographic field methods.

### Charlie Urbanowicz (1973)

In August 2009, Charlie began his fifth (and final) year of FERP, the Faculty Early Retirement Program. Since he has only been teaching in the fall semester for the past four years, his campus activities only occur in the fall. In fall 2008, he had his somewhat "typical" teaching schedule of 150 students in Introductory Cultural Anthropology, 25 students in History and Theory, and 45 students in a Social Science course. He authored no grants, received no awards, and provided but one guest lecture entitled "Personal Comments on Anthropology and Darwin" for Dr. Eaton's ANTH 600 seminar. If interested, that lecture was accompanied by a web page, <http://www.csuchico.edu/~curbanowicz/ANTH600Fall2008.html>.

Charlie, however, in anticipation of full retirement in December 2009, was busy in attempting to (1) clean out his Butte 202 office, (2) clean out his Butte 202 office, and (3) clean out his Butte 202 office since he has accumulated quite a bit of "stuff" since beginning his career at Chico in August 1973. In addition to a task worthy of Sisyphus, he was also busy developing his second career as a lecturer on cruise ships. In January 2009, he and his wife Sadie were flown to South America to provide some lectures, over a twelve-day period, for a 57-day Holland American cruise around South America. Charlie and Sadie flew into Recife, Brazil, and flew out of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and as the cruise continued, Charlie and Sadie returned to California; they then spent a week unpacking and repacking for a 30-day cruise across the Pacific Ocean. Flying to French Polynesia on February 12, 2009, on February 13, they began a cruise in Tahiti and on March 13, 2009, they flew back to California from Guam, returning to Chico on the same calendar day they left Guam! Charlie was excited about this particular cruise: after originating and cruising through Polynesia, they cruised through Melanesia, and ended up in Micronesia! Charlie gave several lectures and Sadie, who has also begun

lecturing on Pacific topics on their cruises, also provided guest lectures on the cruise.



We will miss you Charlie!

Incidentally, this particular February-March 2009 Pacific cruise was fascinating in that it was a relatively small vessel (less than 80 guests) and Charlie and Sadie landed on some very small islands, some of which were only visited two-to-three times a year from anyone from the "outside" world. They did visit some larger islands and in addition to a second visit to Guadalcanal (and the location of a pivotal World War II battle on "bloody ridge"), Charlie and Sadie went to the island of Tikopia, made famous by the research and publications of Sir Raymond Firth.

In addition to Pacific lecture topics for cruises, Charlie is developing World War II lectures dealing with Europe and North Africa as well as some "generic" lectures covering various anthropological subjects. As written before, he has always enjoyed teaching and sharing information and continues to make Anthropology as simple as the ABCs, defining anthropology as the "Appreciation or the Acceptance of Basic Cultural Diversity Everywhere." In anticipation of lecturing on cruises around the world, Charlie created a "work-in-progress" page and it can be viewed at <http://www.csuchico.edu/~curbanowicz/CruiseReferences.html>.

In spring 2009, Charlie and Sadie took their grandchildren (Lisi now 12 and Andrew now 11) and their parents, son Tom and Julia, to

Washington, D.C., for the "Smithsonian" experience! Tom and Julia still live in the area and Tom, who received a degree in English from Chico State in 1995 is now the "Director of Engineering" for a local computer company. (If you think there is a lot of "jargon" in anthropology, the computer world is equally jargon-laden!). Although Charlie and Sadie still enjoy travel they are delighted to spend time in Chico with family and friends. Time does fly and Charlie says "enjoy every moment!"

### **William Loker (1996)**

In addition to his administrative duties, Bill worked with graduate student, Erin Smith, on her MA thesis on Fair Trade coffee. Bill taught a new course on *Anthropology of Food*, a GE upper division theme, for first time in spring 2009 and published a couple of chapters in books on his research in Honduras. Bill strived to make the world a better place by reforming GE at Chico State, and other sundry deanly activities!

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

Turhon is fast approaching real retirement, rather than his continuing FERP. He is slowly withdrawing from his forensic work, although he will continue to teach for the California DOJ and POST as long as they will have him. This past year has been very good. He attended the AAFS meetings in Denver as well as a number of local meetings for the Cal. DOJ. He and Jackie took a cruise along the Mexican Rivera this past January and are making plans to cruise portions of Europe. His health is fine and he sold his Harley, but replaced it with a Porsche 911. Indeed, it is difficult for him to talk about the new car without grinning from ear to ear.

Jackie is continuing to work as the Director of Evaluations on campus and enjoys traveling with Turhon. She would like to cruise the Mediterranean while Turhon wants to cruise the Baltic. Given the fact that Turhon got his new car, Jackie is very likely to win the next major decision.



Todd is attending the Sacramento Culinary Arts program, while Mark makes more than just a little spending money buying and selling cars. He enjoys being his own mechanic when he is not forced to keep his Dad's new car in great condition. Basically all is well with all of the Murads.



Dr. Turhon Murad with wife Jackie, spring 2009.

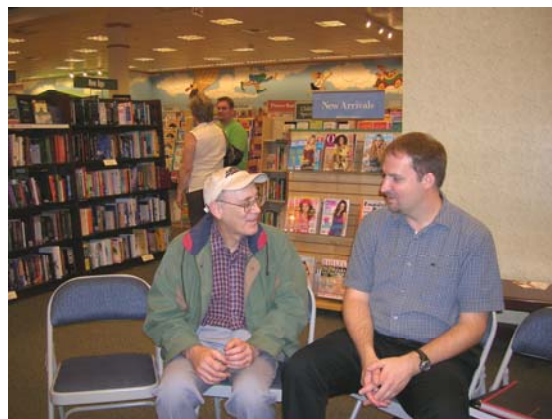
### Eric Bartelink (2006)

Dr. Bartelink finished his third year with the Department of Anthropology and has enjoyed teaching both introductory and upper division courses in physical anthropology. He could not have survived 2008 without the help of his fabulous TAs, **Kate Kolpan, Lisa Bright, Nicole Ramirez, and Leanna Flaherty**. This spring, the new course *Bioarchaeology* kept Eric on his toes.

Last year was a productive one for Eric, and he apparently hasn't learned the word no! He and fellow UC Davis collaborator Dr. Jelmer Eerkens received funding from the National Science Foundation for "Bioarchaeological Signatures of Sedentism in the California Delta," in support of paleodietary research on skeletal remains from central California. This grant funds a paid position for **Melanie Beasley** (M.A. 2008 CSU stable isotope lab technician and fellow research collaborator). Eric and Melanie are studying ancient human diets at Marsh Creek (CCO-548), using stable carbon and nitrogen isotope analysis and are working closely with researchers at UC

Davis and in the Department of Chemistry at CSU-C.

Last June, **Dr. Bartelink, Dr. Murad, Melanie Beasley, Kevin Dalton, Dr. Fox, Dr. Brazeal, and Roland Wessling** (Cranfield University, UK) taught "Forensic Archaeology: Field Recovery Methods" to 25 undergraduate and graduate students. The week-long course involved lectures, workshops, and field exercises, culminating with the "macabre" task of locating buried plastic skeletons. The course went smoothly and the students braved the 100-degree heat, not to mention the beginnings of the Humboldt fire that rolled in and blanketed Chico for the summer. Eric then ventured off to Tutuila, American Samoa, to analyze prehistoric skeletons excavated through the local power authority. This is a collaborative effort on the analysis of diet and disease in prehistoric Polynesia with project director Phil Johnson (Texas A&M University). Eric received funding through a CSU-C Internal Research Grant to write up the research this summer. He enjoyed life in American Samoa and hopes to return sometime soon. In July, Eric assisted **Dr. Bayham** and crew with the Comparative Osteoarchaeology workshop at Eagle Lake, and also attended the Stanley J. Olsen Zooarchaeology Conference.



Dr. Eric Bartelink at Barnes & Noble book event, fall 2008.

Eric contributed three short papers to the *Encyclopedia of Forensic Science* and also an article entitled "A Bioarchaeological Examination of Health and Diet in Mainland

and Coastal Central California” to the *Newsletter of the Society for Archaeological Sciences* with his colleague Dr. Cassady Yoder (Radford University). He and Dr. Yoder presented this research at the Society for American Archaeology (Vancouver) and the Society for California Archaeology (Burbank, CA) annual meetings. For 2009, Eric second-authored “Paleoepidemiological Patterns of Interpersonal Aggression in a Prehistoric Central California Population from CA-ALA-329” (with R. Jurmain, A. Leventhal, V. Bellifemine, I. Nechayev, M. Atwood, and D. DiGiuseppe) for the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*; “DNA Preservation of Skeletal Elements from the World Trade Center Disaster: Recommendations for Mass Fatality Management” (with A.Z. Mundorff and E. Mar-Cash) for the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*; and “Effects of Different Sample Preparation Methods on Stable Carbon and Oxygen Isotope Values of Bone Apatite: A Comparison of Two Treatment Protocols” (with C.J. Yoder), for the journal *Archaeometry*.

The Human ID lab has been bustling this past year. The flow of cases was steady throughout the fall (keeping us all busy), and a several graduate students also had the opportunity to analyze human skeletal remains through a local CRM project. Shannon Clinkenbeard continues to masterfully run the ID lab and has conducted numerous K-12 and college tours. Several students have completed or are in the process of completing their internships in the lab, and are showing the dermestid beetle colony much love.

Through the gracious support of Stacy Schaefer, Stephanie Meyers, and the department, the Physical Anthropology Lab received Strategic Performance Funds from the College of BSS to purchase badly needed teaching casts. We are happy to add the likes of *Homo floresiensis*, *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*, and *Kenyanthropus platyops* to our teaching collection, and look forward to receiving additional paleopathology casts in the mail

soon. Eric is looking forward to 2009 being another good year.

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

Jesse was awarded and received a Strategic Performance Grant from the College of BSS in 2009 to explore local ecological knowledge of customary and traditional wildlife resource management practices among North State native communities.

Jesse also presented at the Middle Eastern Studies conference at CSU Fresno in October 2008 *Teaching about the Middle East*, and was the recipient of the *Phi Eta Sigma Outstanding Teaching Award* for 2008. Published his book *Into Fez* September 2008.



Dr. Jesse Dizard in the Yukon, Summer 2009.

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

As I write this and reflect on the past year, it is mid-July and I recently returned from visiting three different archaeological field schools in Peru and Panama. I made the

obligatory pilgrimage to Machu Picchu and participated in a sort of Andean site blessing ceremony where a llama fetus was sacrificed among other things. I also got to see "Juanita," the mummified, frozen ice princess recovered from Mount Empato. Two of these field schools were run by former students who took *Zooarchaeology and Field Ecology* during the summer in the early 1990s. I made this trip as part of ongoing discussions with the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA to do Zooarchaeology and Field Ecology at Eagle Lake again in 2010 as part of their program of archaeological field schools at UCLA. And speaking of Eagle Lake, we just finished the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Zooarchaeology Conference at the Eagle Lake Field Station, which makes this the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of zooarchaeology-related activities at that locale! This iteration of what has now become something of a tradition involved a number of past students as well as colleagues from the University of Arizona and the University of Utah and was uniformly viewed by all as a success. Uniquely, this may be the only conference to hold a fishing derby for all interested participants awarding prizes for the biggest, prettiest, and ugliest rainbow trout taken! Sadly, tough economic conditions in the state and the university have made the future of the Eagle Lake Field Station something of a question mark. Among a number of courses and educational endeavors over the past year, few were more memorable than the ever-taxing Saturday course, Archaeological Site Survey, in the fall of 2008. Students had the opportunity to discover, learn about, experience and record archaeological sites in Whiskeytown and Lava Beds National Parks, the Eagle Lake Field Station, remote BLM lands near Snowstorm Mountain in NE California, and the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve. They shared their experiences and perspectives on the class in the Anthropology Forum in February 2009, and I continue to be impressed by the camaraderie and personal bonds developed among students in cooperative field endeavors. May they live on!

I have an exciting new research project planned for my sabbatical this coming fall (2009) linked to the Lassen National Forest repatriation efforts of archaeofaunal material associated with Ishi. Ishi, as you may recall, was the last surviving member of Yahi Yana tribe who walked out of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in 1911 near Oroville, California. He became famous as the purported "last wild Indian," and lived, befriended and was studied by faculty at UC Berkeley until his death from tuberculosis in 1916. One of the localities perhaps frequented by Ishi and members of his tribe was Kingsley Cave excavated by Martin Baumhoff in 1953. The repatriation of the human remains from Kingsley Cave brought to light a large quantity of faunal material which may hold information on how Ishi and his band survived nearly 50 years in refuge in the rugged, inaccessible reaches of the Sierra foothills. Along with colleagues **Antoinette Martinez** and **Christopher O'Brien**, we will begin efforts to seek funding to analyze the faunal material and reflect on their broader anthropological significance.

Last, and on a personal note, life is good and I see myself aging against the backdrop my children's maturation. Jude will soon be 26 and just completed his MA in Economics from the U. of Idaho; he has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Washington State U. and is interested in natural resource economics. I am looking forward to another of our dad-son wilderness experiences this August. Holly is 23 and graduated last December from Chico State in Business Management. She is working hard, and will be applying to law schools this coming fall. And my baby, Mary, is no longer a little girl at 18. She recently graduated from Chico High, and will be starting Chico State as a Construction Management major (?) in the fall.



Dr. Frank Bayham at Machu Pichu, Summer 2009.

## Part-Time Faculty

### Beth Shook (2003)

I completed my fifth year with the department (where has the time gone!). This year I was finally able to teach my specialty: ANTH 412: *Human Variation* for the first time. It was a hit for both me and students (I hope!), as we covered population genetics and tried to answer the good ol' question of nature versus nurture. After five years, I now have a wide repertoire of classes that I can teach from many anthropology disciplines, but still enjoys the classics of Survey of Physical Anthropology (for the GE students) and Formal Methods (for the anthropology majors). This year I, with the help of the other Physical Anthropology faculty, received a CELT grant to convert the Physical Anthropology Teaching Lab (Butte 301) into a "smart" classroom. No more chalkboard and dirty walls as we will now have a projector and white board and a spruced up room! On a slightly different, and even better note, I had a big change in her life this year. On Easter (April 12th) at 10:34AM, my husband Chad and I welcomed our son Joel Douglas Shook to the world. Joel weighed in at a whopping 9 pounds 7 ounces, and was 20 ½ inches in length, and is doing just great! Mom is learning much in her new role and enjoying every day.

### Melanie Beasley (2008)

Melanie was very busy during the Spring 2009 semester teaching five classes of the Survey of Physical Anthropology courses between CSU Chico and Butte Community College. Last summer after finishing her MA thesis, Melanie spent three months in Tucson, Arizona, working on the skeletal analysis of a 1300+ individual historic cemetery. Additionally, Melanie coordinated the first Forensic Archaeology Methods workshop with Dr. Eric Bartelink and the third annual Comparative Osteoarchaeology workshop with Dr. Frank Bayham. When she returned to Chico in the fall, Melanie continued her work in the Stable Isotope Preparation Lab (SILP) under the direction of Dr. Bartelink. Melanie is completing the stable isotope work with Dr. Bartelink on a NSF grant funded collaborative project with UC Davis that are looking at the dietary trends from a prehistoric site in Central California. This year she also presented her research at two conferences (AAPA and SCA) and won the CSU Chico 2009 Outstanding Thesis Award for the campus. Sadly Melanie will be leaving Chico in September to start her PhD program with the Department of Anthropology at UC San Diego.

### Lisa Westwood (2004)

Lisa continues to teach online courses while working full time at ECORP Consulting, Inc., an environmental consulting firm headquartered in Rocklin, near Sacramento. There, she is the Cultural Resources Manager for Northern California, and has been working on a lot of complex Section 106 projects throughout the region. When she's not working or teaching, and thanks to some mental downtime during her daily commute, Lisa has been writing archaeology-themed novels. The first, called *The Last Baktun*, is a story about three undergraduate archaeology students from Sierra State (a stand-in for Chico State) who – what else – save the world from ending in 2012. The sequel takes place in 2022, when the same three students, now all grown up,

travel to the moon for an archaeological adventure. The story for the sequel arose after Lisa nominated the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Site on the moon to the National Register of Historic Places. She has been working with NASA in an effort to see her nomination result in listing on the Register, and as of April 2009, the nomination was being reviewed by NASA's attorneys and Federal Preservation Officer. It is the first time that a historic resource not located on Earth has been nominated for the National Register, and if successful, it will be the first listed resource of its kind – and long overdue.



Heather McCafferty in front of her new exhibit.

### **Heather McCafferty (2008)**

Heather McCafferty has been busy since graduating with her Masters Degree in Anthropology with an emphasis in Museum Studies in May 2008. She completed a contract with the County of Butte and the University Foundation to research, design, and install a new exhibit on Butte County in the State Capitol Building in Sacramento. She has also enjoyed teaching anthropology courses at Butte College and Chico State. This summer Heather created and taught a new summer camp topic at the Museum of Anthropology called, *Food Cultures*. The campers planted a garden,

made pizza, and met a local free-range chicken farmer! Currently, Heather is working on creating a new course on the Anthropology of Sustainability at Butte College.

## **Anthropology Staff**

### **Adrienne Scott**

Adrienne has been at the University for only seven years, but in that short time, in her capacity as Museum of Anthropology Curator, she has managed to make an impression on campus beyond the walls of the department. This spring she was awarded **Outstanding Staff Employee** of the year. This honor is bestowed on one deserving staff member annually. She is the 38<sup>th</sup> recipient of this award in as many years. She was quite surprised by the recognition, since, as she put it, "To be able to do a job well, you need fabulous people to work with, I have that in the department and across campus. The honor and recognition for doing a job you love is an unexpected bonus."

This summer she took a family trip to her hometown of St. Louis, Missouri, planned in between the semester's end and the start of Museum's summer camp. She and her family also took some short camping trips to Northern California for music festivals.

### **Shannon Clinkinbeard (formerly Damon)**

Shannon is closing in on her second full year as the Human ID Lab Supervisor and is still loving every minute. This was a busy year for Shannon personally as she got married and bought her first home, both in the month of May! Shannon has also been accepted to the Masters Program in Anthropology at Chico and looks forward to contributing to the next Forensic Anthropology conference and going to the American Academy of Forensic Science meetings in February 2010.

## Stephanie Meyers

Stephanie has almost completed three years with the department; time does fly. She took time in July to visit family in Laguna Beach, California, and her former hometown of St. Louis, Missouri, more specific to Fairgrove, Missouri, a very small town outside of Springfield. She continues to enjoy camping and riding her ATV. She can still be seen cruising Paradise California in her 1967 Camero. She has also purchased a home in Paradise this past spring and is in full construction mode.

## Kevin Dalton

Kevin is entering into his second year of the graduate program. He continues to move forward with his Masters thesis research while overseeing activities in the Archaeology Lab and working for the Archaeological Research Program. Kevin's thesis research explores how hunter-gatherer groups and the bow and arrow transformed natural landscapes into productive hunting areas. He recently gave a presentation on this topic at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Stanley J. Olsen Eagle Lake Zooarchaeological Conference.



Anthropology Staff: Kevin Dalton, Adrienne Scott, Stephanie Meyers, and Shannon Clinkinbeard.

## Retired Faculty

### Valene Smith (1967-1998)

My days and life continue to be filled with activity sorting slides from a 50-year plan of global travel, and starting an autobiography. The challenge of helping to fund a new Museum of Anthropology is uppermost, and we hope our alums will spread the word to employers, grand parents and friends. There are "big dollars" out there, someplace, for individuals who seek legitimate projects of enduring value. And perhaps a place to donate and preserve their own private collections; ethnic jewelry, posters, baskets, textiles, the list is endless. Look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Alumni Reunion.

### Keith L Johnson (1963-2002)

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Keith and Karen finally retired fully from their long volunteer association (17 years) with the Butte County Historical Society and Museum. Keith continues his analysis of the Antelope Cave, Arizona, archaeological collection and co-authored an article, "A Trick from a Prehistoric Arizona Coprolite," published in the *Journal of Parasitology*. Karen continues to work on Girl Scout history projects. They took a number of short trips, the longest to Zion National Park, another to Antelope Cave for some on-site research, another to the Calaveras Redwoods, and last summer spent several days camping with the UCLA Archaeology Field School on Santa Catalina Island, where Keith delivered an illustrated lecture about UCLA's archaeological research on the Island in the 1950s and early 60s. At home they donate several hours each month to Park Watch and enjoy walking in Bidwell Park.

### Trudy Waldroop (1980-2004)

It hasn't worked out for me to go back to work at CSU since our last year – but I am not complaining. Since May 2008, I have

been serving as President of the California Federation of Business and Professional Women and have truly been having a good time. Husband Dan and dog-family are great and are such fun and joy. We, well my husband, got the storage building on our property outside of Chester finished last November. This summer we'll get it plumbed and enjoy it. Have lots of events already scheduled this summer: 45<sup>th</sup> high school reunion, surprise 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party for my sister and her husband, national convention of National Association of Parliamentarians in S.F.

I sincerely hope all is well with our alumni. I am so looking forward to attending our department's reunion. Hope many of you will attend. It's great fun to see former colleagues and get caught up.

## Alumni News

**Jeremy Hains** (BA 2003 Chico State)  
Flagstaff, AZ [[jhainese@fs.fed.us](mailto:jhainese@fs.fed.us)]

These days we're living in Flagstaff, Arizona. I'm an archaeologist with the Coconino National Forest, though most of my meaningful time is spent chasing after my daughters Ava (3 years old) and Corinna (6 years old). We love Flagstaff, though we'll always consider Chico our second home. Every summer we faithfully visit for a dip in Big Chico Creek and a run around "Caper Acres." And, of course, the brewery. ¡Viva Chico!

**Bryan Steelman** (BA 1998 Chico State)  
Portland, OR [[bksteels@porquenotacos.com](mailto:bksteels@porquenotacos.com)]

Bryan left Chico and hopped around the country for a while guiding whitewater rafting, teaching Outward Bound skills, learning to make wine and playing GM at a New York City restaurant. He finally landed in Portland where he lives with his wife, Claire Olberding. Claire teaches middle school and Bryan has two restaurants called

Por Que No Taqueria, where he is putting his degree in Anthro at last to good practice.

**Allyson S. Hallback** (BA 1998 Chico State)  
(MS teaching credential Chico State)  
(working on MA in Education)  
Davis, CA [[allysonsh@yahoo.com](mailto:allysonsh@yahoo.com)]

Allyson is currently a Kindergarten teacher.

**Janice Wiser** (MA 1971 Chico State)  
(Portland state-teaching certificate)  
(Clackamas College-accounting) Oregon  
City, OR [[jcwiser@hotmail.com](mailto:jcwiser@hotmail.com)]

Janice is currently in Accounting. She has been married for 38 years and has two kids.

**Sarah Clarke** (MA 2005 Chico State) (St. Mary's Graduate School Currently) Santa Rosa, CA [[missclarke@gmail.com](mailto:missclarke@gmail.com)]

When Sarah graduated with a degree in Anthropology she decided to stay at Chico State to get a teaching credential. She taught English in San Lorenzo, California. While there she taught Forensics for the Boys and Girls Club. Currently she is teaching World History at Elsie Allen High School in Santa Rosa, California.

**Cathleen Patterson** (MA 2007 Chico State)  
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Cathleen spends summers in Flagstaff, Arizona, working at the Museum of Northern Arizona.

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After graduation, Paul worked as a research diver for the Institute for National Archeology based at Texas A&M. He contributed to excavations of a Civil War blockade runner sunk in Galveston Bay. Later Paul moved to the Yucaton peninsula of Mexico, where he taught scuba diving and conducted independent research on the Maya. He focused on Cenotes (underground river caverns) and the ruins of

Tulum and Coba. Paul then returned home to the Bay-Area and married his beautiful long-time girlfriend Ashley Hall in the summer of 2006. They moved to the Napa Valley that fall and now are enjoying life and working in the wine industry.

**Kristin V. Lundberg** (MA 1996 Chico State) (Ph. D. 2008 University of Kansas) Aurora, Co [[LundbergKristin@hotmail.com](mailto:LundbergKristin@hotmail.com)]

Kirstin was awarded a Ph.D. in medical anthropology in May 2008 from the University of Kansas. The title of her dissertation is "Women Weaving Well-being: The Social Reproduction of Health in Laos." Funding for her doctoral studies and research was provided by a NIH (National Institute of Health) fellowship.

**John Burge** (MA 2004 Chico State) Chico, CA [[jburge@johnburgeCPA.com](mailto:jburge@johnburgeCPA.com)]

John walked across Nevada this past summer surveying a proposed natural gas live route. John is now in the market for new boots. John's son Dylan is A.B.O in botany at Duke University, and his daughter Rachel graduated from x-ray school and is working at a clinic in San Jose. John's mother Marie passed away recently at the age of 98, surrounded by her loving family.

**Malina Lia Reveal** (BA 2006 Chico State) Chico, CA [[malina.reveal@gmail.com](mailto:malina.reveal@gmail.com)]

Malina Lia Reveal lived in England for the last year and a half completing a Master's of Science in Forensic and Biological Anthropology. She was a Bournemouth Scholar 2007-2008 school year recipient. Malina returned to Chico in October 2008. Malina is also an independent consultant for Kenyon International Emergency Services Inc., and a mortuary support team member for the purpose of Human Identification of Disaster Victims.

**Donna North** (BA 1974 Chico State) Central Point, OR [[djnrunut@aol.com](mailto:djnrunut@aol.com)]  
Her husband died on July seventh 2008 of a massive stroke. Orlyn was 76 years old, had

had three heart surgeries involving eleven bypasses, three stents and a pacemaker/defibrillator. While teaching in Southern California Donna had a triple bypass surgery and developed diabetes. In spite of their questionable health, they have enjoyed retirement. Donna will continue to travel as much as possible, is enjoying her nine grandchildren, quilting, and playing cards.

**Mark Weeks** (BA 1977 Chico State) Salt Lake City, UT [[markweeks@q.com](mailto:markweeks@q.com)]

Mark is employed at Delta Airlines as a flight attendant, a position he has held for thirty years. He feels his education, with emphasis on anthropology and psychology, has helped him enjoy his life in the skies and contribute to the world in general. He remains grateful to all his teachers in life.

**Pam Kruger** (BA 1991 Chico State) (MA CSU Northridge) Chico, CA [[pkruiger@csuchico.edu](mailto:pkruiger@csuchico.edu)]

Pam is happy to say she is back on campus, working in the Special Collections of Meriam Library with the university archive and manuscript collections. She has been married to Bob Kruger for 15 years and owns AVL Looms, a manufacturer of hand-weaving equipment. She wishes she could say she is a weaver as a result but, with three little girls she is quite busy. Pam's daughters are Ava, 10 and Talia, 7 and baby Claire 1 year in February.

**Bonnie Pendleton** (MA 1981 Chico State) (Ph. D. Texas A&M University) Professor of Integrated Pest Management-Entomology, Department of Agricultural Sciences, Canyon, TX [[bpendleton@wtamu.edu](mailto:bpendleton@wtamu.edu)]

Bonnie Pendleton teaches entomology and weed control for Agricultural Sciences at West Texas A&M University, where she serves on Faculty Senate and five university committees, chairs WT Women's Dorm Treats for 1,000 students, coaches the entomology quiz team, advises Ag Ambassadors and Farm and Ranch Club,



and coordinates scholarships for 200 students. She traveled to Africa twice in 2008 as Co-Coordinator of the West Africa regional program for the International Sorghum and Millet CRSP funded by US Agency for International Development. Bonnie was Communications Chair for the Association of International Agriculture and Rural Development and traveled to Washington, DC, in June. She is entomology chair for Sorghum Improvement Conference of North America. Bonnie is Vice-Chair of the Program Committee for the Entomological Society of America, President and on 8 committees for Southwestern Branch of ESA, and Editor of Southwestern Entomologist journal. She is Rotaract Director for the Rotary District, advises the WT Rotaract Club, and is International Director and pianist for Canyon Rotary. Bonnie and Mike celebrated their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary on a Rotary cruise in Alaska in August. They enjoyed seeing Bonnie's sister and brother-in-law and brother, sister-in-law, and nephew at national ESA meetings in Reno in November.

**Shannon Gilbert** (MA 1997 Chico State)  
Dillon, MT [[sgilbert@bresnan.net](mailto:sgilbert@bresnan.net)]

Shannon lives in Dillon, Montana, with her husband, Mike. She works as a consultant for the BLM, and is an associate with the Philip L. Wright Zoological Museum at the University of Montana.

**Tani Meadows** (1996 Chico State) (Cultural Resource Management Certificate Chico State) Three Rivers, CA  
[[tmeadows@inreach.com](mailto:tmeadows@inreach.com)]

For the last three years, Tani has been working for the National Parks Service's Inventory and Monitoring Program, Sierra Nevada Network (Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Yosemite and Devils Postpile). It's a program that inventories and monitors all the parks' natural resources. Before that she worked for the USGS in Sequoia National Park on a forest demography crew that studies how climate change is affecting

tree mortality. She's been married to her husband, Bob, for 17 years and has an 8-year-old son, Andrew.

**Leslie Bramall (Kathleen)** (BA 1971 Chico State) (MA 1973 Chico State) (JD JFK school of Law) Folsom, CA  
[[lbramall@pacbell.net](mailto:lbramall@pacbell.net)].

Leslie is currently retired.

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

Doug completed his 36<sup>th</sup> summer working in the State and National Parks. He is working at Thompson's Mills, Oregon's oldest water-powered mill. This year Oregon celebrates its 150-year birthday and is a good time to be involved in cultural resources preservation and restoration. He is looking into the question of leather machine drive belts from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. DNA testing should help tell if his old mill/state park has a bison-hide leather machine belt from this sad time period of American history.

**Michael Pendleton** (1980 Chico State)  
(Ph.D. Texas A&M University) College Station, TX [[mpendleton@mic.tamu.edu](mailto:mpendleton@mic.tamu.edu)]

Mike is still working at the Texas A&M Microscopy and Imaging Center teaching people how to operate a scanning electron microscope (SEM) and obtaining pictures of objects on the scope for businesses, students, and professors. Again this year Mike co-taught the class in SEM and gave presentations (with other people) at the Microscopy & Microanalysis meeting in Albuquerque, the Meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Reno, the Society of Southwestern Entomologists in Fort Worth, and the Texas Society for Microscopy meeting in Austin, Texas. These presentations concerned the observation of salt glands on turf grass and the use of x-ray analysis to determine the best method of coating insects for SEM observation. He is also working with specimens of pottery dated from 1100-1300 AD from the American Museum of Natural History in

New York and has observed changes in the weight percent of calcium detected by x-ray analysis over the cross section of broken shreds. This change indicates how high the firing temperature was and how the heat was transferred into the pottery during the firing by the Anasazi potters. Mike is also using backscatter SEM to locate starch concentrations in different types of sorghum seeds. The patterns of starch can be interpreted to predict how resistant to insects these seeds will be in storage. Bonnie (Mike's wife, also a Chico alumni) obtains the newest varieties of sorghum from seed companies and the growers need to be able to predict how long the seeds will last when stored.

Bonnie and Mike went on a week-long cruise to Alaska along the inland passage in August. The weather was great, with the ocean at "dead calm" most of the time. Mike was surprised to learn that the state capital, Juneau, cannot be reached by road, only by ship or floatplane. Also, it seems that most of the people on the cruise did not want to be outside on the decks despite the sunny weather with temperatures in the 60s (F) most of the time, so Bonnie and Mike had the run of the outside decks of a huge cruise ship for most of the trip. A new FEI Technai transmission electron microscope and a new Quanta SEM are installed and working in Mike's center. The center where Mike works will be moving all their microscopes (some weigh several tons), vacuum coatiers, an ion mill, microtomes and offices to the new building at Texas A&M beginning in April 2009. Mike's SEM will be the last scope to move because he will be co-teaching a SEM class next spring, and he hopes to be able to use the scope for the class without moving it.

Mike is going to Houston three days a month (until September 2009) because he is serving on the Federal Grand Jury. It is quite interesting and he is learning a lot about the legal system at the federal level. Mike's cancer seems to still be in remission and he still gets checked in Houston every two years now. The five-year survival rate for his type of cancer is only 65 percent, but so far he is ok. Bonnie's research work with

sorghum is still going well, and she still has to go to Africa (several countries) twice a year to check with her co-workers across the continent. She is the real scientist in the family and Mike worries every time she goes there. Malaria shots only work for 1 or 2 strains of many types present in Africa and the politics can change faster than the weather. Yes, Mike started his 1955 Nash Metropolitan in October and it still runs. Mike's mother Gloria passed away this year and her dementia made life difficult for her, but she is in a better place now with Mike's father.

**Sarah Tisch** (BA 1981 Chico State, 2 majors: Anthropology and International relations) (Ph.D. Political Science 1986) (MA Political Science 1984 State University of New York at Binghamton) Silver Spring, MD [[stisch@verison.net](mailto:stisch@verison.net)]  
Training since leaving CSU-Chico: PhD Political Science 1986, and MA Political Science Political Science 1984, State University of New York at Binghamton

Dr. Sarah J. Tisch has 22 years of experience in international development in the areas of gender, democracy and governance, and program management and currently works for Chemonics's International ([www.chemonics.com](http://www.chemonics.com)). She has served as a gender specialist in a variety of sectors, including governance, civil society, agribusiness, education, employment, information technology, and environment. Dr. Tisch is currently the gender specialist for the MCC Threshold Indonesia Control of Corruption project. As well, she was Chief of Party for the USAID Women's Legal Rights Initiative, supervising implementation of project offices in Benin, Madagascar, Rwanda, Albania, Guatemala, and South Africa and activities in Mozambique, Lesotho, and Swaziland. She also leads Chemonics Gender Practice, which provides expert advice to projects. Previously, she served as the managing director for Winrock International's Leadership and Human Development Division which has an emphasis on women's leadership in Africa, women's

economic empowerment, anti-trafficking of women and development of women's NGOs in the former Soviet Union, and a women's legal literacy project in Uzbekistan. Dr. Tisch has served as Chief of Party for a USAID telecommunications and Internet policy project and a USAID Farmer-to-Farmer project in Russia and she has a doctorate in political science from Binghamton University (State University of New York) and has lived in Nepal, the Philippines, and Russia.

**Alberto Flores** (BA 1979 Chico State) (MA Chapman) Marysville, CA  
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It's official! Al is a certified Divemaster. Al spent Nov. and Dec. of 2008 in Cozumel at a National Geographic PADI IDC Academy. He mastered in seven weeks what takes most divers years to accomplish. Al writes: "The experience was incredible and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I'm still suffering from sensory overload. Seeing the world's second largest reef system up close puts me in a very exclusive club. You get to dive with people from all over the world too." Keep listening to Coast to Coast AM Al says.

**Michael J. Holt** (BA 2000 Chico State) Battle Mountain, NV [\[michael-holt@blm.gov\]](mailto:michael-holt@blm.gov)  
Training since leaving CSU Chico: Some graduate-level work at Idaho State University-Pocatello (Archaeometry)

Ever since graduating in spring of 2000 from Chico State, Mike has continued to excel in his career archaeology. As an archaeological specialist in particular, the employ of the Federal Government for the forest service, Cultural & Environment Management of military lands, and the Bureau of Land Management, Mike has enjoyed his success forged from a combination of CSU, Chico, and professional motivations and goals. Currently, Mike is a valued member of the Bureau of Land Management team of varied scientific specialist disciplines. He has been recognized for his technical and problem

solving abilities in his discipline and beyond. Archaeological expeditions have taken Mike to exotic locales including the Yucatan Peninsula and the great Alaskan Interior.

**Evelyn L. Turner** (BA 1992/1999 Chico State) Sherwood, OR

Evelyn had little to share until December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Snow had been promised; since no snow had arrived, it should be okay to drive to church. By the end of service it not only had been snowing, it was already thick on the streets. That was the beginning of two weeks of "house arrest." In the gardens the total snowfall measured fourteen inches, heavy enough to break some branches from the Chico State roses. With the melting of the snow and ice she is "on the road again" for errands and fun things. January 6<sup>th</sup> brought family together for Evelyn's birthday, number 90.

**Mari Conroy** (BA 1999 Chico State) Camino, CA [\[culturekick@hotmail.com\]](mailto:culturekick@hotmail.com)  
Training since leaving CSU Chico: Folsom / El Dorado College; Shasta College-Science, Redding- Dental Hygiene

I just graduated from Shasta College and I am now a registered Dental Hygienist. I live in Camino, CA, El Dorado County. I am getting married in May in Coloma, California. I plan on traveling and having children with my husband who also graduated from Chico. Thank you so much!

**JoElle Donahue Hernandez** (MA 1993 Chico State) Campbell, CA  
[\[bioarch@yahoo.com\]](mailto:bioarch@yahoo.com)

Training since leaving CSU Chico: teaching credential at Santa Clara University.

JoElle is enjoying teaching science part-time to middle-school-age students and is still active in city volunteer opportunities, mostly with the Historic Preservation Board for the city of Campbell. She and her family had a great time traveling to Italy last summer and look forward to more travel in the future.

**Susan Stanborough-Oilar** (BA 1997 Chico State) Redding, CA [[soilar30@yahoo.com](mailto:soilar30@yahoo.com)]  
Training since leaving CSU Chico: Penn State-Online GIS Certificate, CSU Sacramento graduate student M.A. in Anthropology, in progress.

Married and divorced, she has two beautiful children, son Michael, "Mo," Oilar 9-years old, daughter Courtney Oilar 7-years old. She is a new homeowner, with first house purchase in 2005. She was hired on with State Parks in 2004, then Caltrans 2005 to present. Susan is working toward an M.A. degree in Anthropology at CSU Sacramento and was accepted into the grad program fall 2006.

**Courtney Antrim** (1996 Chico State) Santa Cruz, CA [[katcourtney@yahoo.com](mailto:katcourtney@yahoo.com)]

In 2007, after living in Chico and working at Magoon Signs for 11 years, Courtney returned to Santa Cruz, her childhood hometown. There she found her niche for carpentry while helping her sister and brother-in-law build their own home. She also met and fell in love with her fiancé, Aaron Webb, who was the master carpenter on the job. They will be married this year. An artist at heart, Courtney is continuing her fascination and exploration with the process of batik fabric dying and is teaching others about this unique form of art. She is looking forward to hearing about other members of her class and hopefully seeing them at the Anthropology dinner in summer 2009.

**Mary Williams Manieri** (Chico State) Sacramento, CA

In fall 2008, our youngest child headed off to college. I pushed hard for CSUC, but she chose University of Nevada-Reno. She is signed up for an Intro to Archaeology class for spring, though, so I have hope. I can't believe we have been operating our business, PAR Environmental Services, since 1982. We have a dozen dedicated people, all who enjoy their jobs, and work is challenging and fun. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the summer reunion.

**Nancy Valente** (MA 1998 Chico State) Mill Valley, CA [[nvalente@mindspring](mailto:nvalente@mindspring)]

Nancy is currently self-employed as a financial analyst.

**Leif Syrdahl** (MA 1993 Chico State) Porterville, CA [[leifricki@att.net](mailto:leifricki@att.net)]

Leif Syrdahl graduated from Chico State in 1993 with a Masters in Anthropology (cultural emphasis) and has been working in higher education ever since. He is currently working as a part-time anthropology instructor at two community colleges in California (Porterville College and College of the Sequoias), with hopes of finding a full-time teaching position. He has been married for 18 years to Rickelle Syrdahl, who also graduated from Chico State in 1993 ( M.S. in biology) and they have one daughter named Kaelyn Ann Syrdahl who just turned seven. Leif has been very active in the Community College Association (CTA/NEA) and is currently the CCA part-time executive officer for Kern Community College District. His advice to graduates, who want to become teachers, is to never give up your dream of becoming a teacher and make sure you join your local teachers' union right away. His advice to current students is to stay in college as long as you can!!!

**Jeffrey Wodehouse Clark** (BA 1970 Chico State) Manton, CA

Staying alive and surviving the disastrous stock market crash of fall 2008. Wishing you all much aloha and good health!!

**Diane Wren** (BA 1978 Chico State) Mill Valley, CA

Has a spouse, Mike Pfothauer, and is married with two children, Rory (21), and Amelia (16); co-owner with husband of osprey packs since '85; Lived in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 2003-2008, overseeing manufacturing of our products and teaching English.

**Susan Fuhr- Dunn** (MA 1982 Chico State)  
Sacramento County, CA

Susan Fuhr–Dunn was honored for 25 years of service to Sacramento County by the Board of Supervisors in Oct. 2008. She is currently working for the Probation Department conducting International affairs investigations. Her husband works for a private law firm in Sacramento. Her 28-year old-son is a wild land firefighter for El Dorado National Forest. For vacation, Susan enjoys sailing in the Caribbean with her family and friends.

**Amanda Johnson** (1990 Chico State)  
Wheatland, CA

Amanda and her husband Jim Muck are still living happily in Wheatland, a small town now equipped with two stop lights! Amanda began her 8<sup>th</sup> year as a financial planner in December 2008. She completed an educational program leading to a certification as a Divorce Financial Analysts. She has no intention of exercising her newfound skills personally, and she and Jim are looking forward to celebrating their 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this October. Jim continues to farm and run a community supported Agriculture (check him out at [jimsproduce.net](http://jimsproduce.net)). They hope to attend the reunion dinner!

**Arlene Ward** (BA 2004 Chico State)  
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Arlene completed four years of passionate involvement as the Cultural Coordinator for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico, California. During this time, community relationship building was focused to introduce a more complete history and identity of the Mechoopda people. Arlene also worked to involve the Tribal people so that a broader perspective of the cultural desires, goals and significance of the Mechoopda people could be realized and to educate the non-Indian community of the non-written story of the Mechoopda. During this time the Mechoopda Tribe signed memoranda of understandings with CSU

Chico and the City of Chico that provides a foundation and guiding principals for successful and meaningful government-to-government conciliation. Arlene continues to be re-elected to Tribal Council of the Mechoopda and currently is serving a two year term as Tribal Secretary. Arlene's son, Adam, is also an alumni of CSUC, who currently works for Eclipsys Company, and her daughter, Sara, is attending UNLV with a major in international marketing. Adams' daughter Bella Elaine is Arlene's first grandchild. Bella is a 3-year-old delight to the entire family. Arlene's father, Luther L. Clements, is a descendent of the Mechoopda village along Butte Creek with her grandfather Luther G. Clements and great-grandfather George Clements. She is equally proud of her Hispanic heritage through her mother, Christie Sara Delgado, whose father rode with Poncho Villas troops in Mexico until Pasqual Delgado brought his father to California in the early 1920s. She now resides in the 100-year-old homestead. Arlene's career as secretary, in the engineering and governing fields ended as police dispatcher, staying 12 years in law enforcement as secretary to the Police Chief in the late 1980s and 1990s. At the age of 50, Arlene decided on a career change that would enhance her abilities and skills to work with her Mechoopda Tribal family. Her plans resulted in her return to school; that is, CSU to earn a degree in Anthropology and a certificate in Museum Studies accomplished in spring 2004. That brings Arlene full circle to the beginning of her journey in 1999 to work with and for the Mechoopda tribe as she retired as Cultural Coordinator in 2008. Arlene continues her journey and broadens her circle of life and has begun a career in the museum field with the Far West Heritage Association which governs the Chico Museum and Patrick Ranch Museum and whose mission is to tell the ordinary story of extraordinary people in the history and heritage of Chico, and Butte County. Arlene began another visionary walk in 1999 to someday realize a cultural center/museum to share the cultural heritage and history of the Mechoopda Maidu. "You have to know who you are."

Ms. Ward acknowledges the Mechoopda tribal friends and the CSUC family who have supported and encouraged her in her life's journey

**Cathy Burton** (MA 1991 Chico State)  
Indianapolis, IN [ [cburton@eiteljor.com](mailto:cburton@eiteljor.com) ]

I received my MA in Cultural Anthropology in 1991. My husband, Don Fisher, and I moved to Indianapolis, Indiana in 1992 for a job I took as Educator/Curator of World Cultures at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. I've been here at the Eiteljorg for almost 12 years. We have a son who will be a high school freshman in the fall. Feel free to pass my contact information along to anyone interested in our museum or the Museum Studies MA at IUPUI. Here is my division's part of our web site: [http://www.eiteljorg/ejm\\_EducationActivities/default.asp](http://www.eiteljorg/ejm_EducationActivities/default.asp). It is a work in progress

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**Steve Jenevein** (BA 1995) (Oregon State University) (MAIS spring 2009) Applied Anthropology, Soil Science, and Geography. OR

**John Carbone** (1974 Chico State) Novato, CA



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## **In Memory**

At press time we had an unfortunate event happen to one of our long-time part-time faculty members, Joanne Adams.

We are sad to report that Joanne Adams passed away on August 7, 2009.

We asked Dr. Turhon Murad to reflect on his thoughts about Joanne Adams.

### **Joanne Adams (Cannon - Colbert)**

Jackie and I met Joanne during the first week of June 1972, the period during which I arrived for my job interview. I remember specifically because she was the only undergraduate that continued to remain on campus at the close of the previous spring semester. She always spoke highly of the Anthropology Department and each of the faculty, and that was no less true during my visit. At the time of my visit I had an opportunity to tour what was to become Butte Hall, which had not yet been completed. During the tour I was accompanied by Joanne and John Dewey, the sole physical anthropologist on campus at that time, and they pointed out where the labs, classrooms, Department and faculty offices, were to be. Indeed, I learned that Butte 313 was to become my office.

By the time I arrived, at the end of August, Butte Hall had become furnished as had all the new anthropology facilities. I learned that all the furnishings in the Physical Lab had been ordered by Joanne and she had become the first Physical Anthropology Lab Assistant. As I had come to learn, she was extremely well organized and efficient, and could always be counted on to get done whatever task was expected of her. I remember sitting and talking to her for hours on how to identify the bones of the human skeleton. She took the task seriously and was later able to teach Maggie Gislow (a blind student interested in Museum Studies) how to identify and side all the bones by touch. Among all the things for which Joanne could be admired, her interest in

helping students was chief among them. Upon getting her MA and completing her thesis on the Genetic Counseling Center at the University of San Francisco Medical School, she began to teach various classes in Anthropology, as well as BSS's Social Science program. In addition, she occasionally taught at Butte College, indeed she provided her talents wherever they were needed. She was an anthropologist par excellence, well versed in the holistic four-field approach. She had taught, but additionally during her extended ties to CSU, Chico she had become a Secretary in the Sociology, and Psychology Departments, two very large departments in BSS. It was not uncommon for such departments to often require someone with the organizational, and personnel skills like those possessed by Joanne. In her capacity as a staff member Joanne excelled to later become the local representative for the California State University Employees Union (CSUEU) and the California State Employees Association (CSEA). Joanne was a talented tenacious steward in both the CSUEU and CSEA, and was frequently recognized for being equal to any task she was confronted with as the leader of the CSU staff.

As a person Joanne was very talented, respectful, and polite. Also, however, she could always be counted upon to give anyone a piece-of-her-mind if she thought it was deserved, a quality that assisted her in dealing with administrators and sometimes others. Additionally, if she were to offer someone a piece of her mind, I would suggest that they would have been wise to have accepted it because her mind was very sharp.

Although she had retired as a staff member a few years ago, it wasn't until last spring that she retired from her part-time teaching position in the Anthropology Department. In spite of her retirement however, she continued to be politically active. Indeed, at the time of her death she had been involved in local politics by assisting the local Democratic Party. During the

celebration of Joanne's life, her son Randy said in jest, her working for Democratic causes in Butte County would have been enough to kill anyone.

Joanne will be missed by all that knew her, certainly I will miss her, and consider myself lucky to have known her. - T. Murad

Joanne's memorial service was held in Chico on August 13, 2009. The family has set up a scholarship fund in memory of Joanne. The Joanne Adams Memorial Anthropology Scholarship.



Joanne Adams in 2005.



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**ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT**  
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**46<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion**  
**September 19 and 20, 2009**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

1:00pm	Registration/check-in	President's Mansion (341 Mansion Ave)
2:00-4:00pm	Open-house:	Department Office (Butte 311) Ethnographic & Visual
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2:00-4:00	Missing Student Mystery Adventure	See back for more information
5:00-6:00	Refreshments	President's Mansion
6:00-8:30	Dinner (see menu on back)	President's Mansion

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Breakfast (no host) at Nash's Restaurant

**OR**

9:00-2:00pm Tour of Chico Creek Ecological Reserve with Dr. Martinez  
(Bring water and a bag lunch)

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Dinner rolls with butter  
Potato Salad  
Fresh summer corn salad with tomatoes and basil  
Grilled salmon with tuscan-citrus marinade  
Grilled and seasoned tri-tip  
Chocolate pound cake with white chocolate cream and fresh berries  
Ice tea, ice water, coffee

Catering by: Shelley from Creative Catering

### **Missing Student Mystery Adventure**

Help solve a missing person case; be part of our effort to find our lost student “Benie Bonez” who disappeared right before the May, 2009 graduation. Clues will lead you through campus on Bernie’s last days before he disappeared. Will this mystery require a search and rescue team or a search and recovery team? Come find out as you help us locate “Bernie Bonez.”