WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Anthropology

Welcome Back

From Dr. Andrea Sankar, Department Chair



Dear WSU Anthropology Community,

Welcome back to the new academic year and our new space. This promises to be an exciting year for us. We are fortunate to have two new faculty members joining us, Steve Chrisomalis and Rosemary Polanco. Both these young scholars, Steve trained at McGill University and Rosemary at University of Chicago, bring fresh perspectives to educating anthropologists and exciting research agendas. Please stop by their offices, introduce yourself, and welcome them to our community.

We are close to completing our move to FAB. We now have 3 computer labs for students, one shared with the other departments on the 3rd floor, one just for Anthropology grad students, currently called the GPS Lab, and one in Old Main to be used for classes. That is the good news, the bad news is that only 2 are ready for use and it will be several weeks/months before the large shared lab is ready.

We have some new initiatives for undergraduate education and graduate training. More about those soon.

Have a great year,

Andrea

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Dr. Stephen Chrisomalis



Stephen Chrisomalis is a new faculty member in Linguistic Anthropology. Dr. Chrisomalis earned his Ph.D. from McGill University. He joins us with wife, Julia, who is studying library science at WSU, and 3-year-old son, Arthur. Dr. Chrisomalis is eager to work with students in all subfields of anthropology.



Rosemary Polanco is a new appointed Lecturer in the department. She earned her Ph.D. from University of Chicago and recently completed a post-doctoral fellowship at UCSF. Dr. Polanco joins us with her partner, Luke and their 1-year-old son, Esai

Dr. Rosemary Polanco

New Exhibit at Anthropology Museum

The Anthropology Museum is planning to open a new exhibit, Design Anthropology: Constructing Identities in late November. More details soon. The museum is located at 1227 Old Main.

Corktown Archaeology Updates

Dr. Killion, and over 40 students and volunteers participated in Corktown Archaeology Field School this summer. In mid June, more than 500 visitors attended a community open house and dig demonstration. Research continues this fall (volunteers and donors needed!) on analysis and preparations for a faculty-student publication in 2009 and a faculty-student exhibit in 2010 about Corktown Archaeology.

Student News

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Dawn Batts and **Marlo Jenkins** were awarded fellowships by the university.

Ashley Bleumenau finished her research on historic ceramic classification methods with a grant from the Honors Program.

Anne Katz, Lindsey Martin, and Andrea Nevedal received Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) grant award. Andrea also received the SCAN Foundation award and the Murray E. Jackson Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Monica Rodriguez received the NIH/NIA Technical Assistance Workshop award and continues to receive CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (2007-2011). She also served on the SMA/MASA Graduate Mentor Award Committee.

Jayne Yatczak received the Humanities Center Travel Award in the amount of $300.

Chelsea Zuzindlak received the University Summer Stipend for research. She is working on an installation project at the Detroit Historical Society Museum on Chinese Americans and Detroit's Chinatown.

Summer Conferences

Marlo Jenkins presented at a conference on Corporate Ethnography, held at City University of New York in May.

CONGRATULATIONS 2008 Anthropology GRADS!!

ALUMNI UPDATES

Dr. Renee McCoy has been promoted to Director of HIV/AIDS Programs at City of Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion.

Dr. Velma L. Ward was named as 2008 Diversity Award Honoree, through Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Dianna Jakubiec is presently working for a Cultural Resource Management firm in Jackson, MI and has been involved with fieldwork in MO, TN and IL since July.



Melanie Duda Shulte and husband Tim welcome baby Robert Duda Shulte, who was born on June 13, 2008 and weighed 6lbs 14oz and was 20" long. (Photo on left)

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER TRAVEL: AFRICA



William Banks was in Ghana near the town of Suhum studying the role of musical performance in two spirit-possession cults.

Jennifer Ilo VanNuil was in Kigali, Rwanda working with Family Health International on a qualitative research project called Prevention with Positives, which focused on secondary HIV prevention.

Faculty News: Summer Activities

Allen Batteau completed the manuscript of his book, *Technology and Culture*, under contract with the Waveland Press.

Tamara Bray was in Pimampiro, Ecuador working on excavations at the Inca-Caranqui site.

Sherylyn Briller co-authored a book called *Designing an Anthropology Career: Professional Development Exercises*. Dr. Briller also worked on several ongoing research projects and related publications.

Stephen Chrisomalis spent the summer moving his family to Detroit as well as initiating linguistic and ethnographic research with the MathCorps at WSU. He also finished his book *A Comparative History of Numerical Notation*.

Jacalyn Harden was in Washington, DC for the month of June conducting fieldwork for her ongoing research project, *The Bullet and the Veil*.



Dr. Bray being interviewed by local authorities

Thomas Killion stayed (mostly) in Michigan this summer and worked on articles (one now published, one accepted, another submitted, and another started), which all follow up on archaeological research in Veracruz, Mexico. He also directed 3 sections of Corktown Archaeology field school.



Dr. Killion and Dr. Montilus at Workers Row House in Detroit.

Barry Lyons was in Ecuador to conduct interviews and continue work on his research concerning the intercultural bilingual education programs.

Guerin Montilus worked on two articles for publication on topics: Haitian Art and theoretical culture practice and African tradition and practice in Haitian cultural life. He also continued to work on sacrifice in African and Haitian Vodou and Cuban Santeria.

Rosemary Polanco devoted much of her summer to packing and relocating her family from San Francisco Bay area to Detroit.

Andrea Sankar and **Mark Luborsky**, named "Masters of Anthropology" by the Academia Sincica, attended a week-long workshop "Dialoguing with the Masters: Advanced Training in Anthropology" hosted by the Academia Sinica's Institute of Ethnology. The workshop was devoted to work with Taiwanese scholars, universities, institutes and organizations from all over Taiwan.

TRANSITIONS

David Barondess has taken a research position at MSU medical school, which is much closer to home for him. Dr. Barondess will be teaching his last course at WSU this Winter 2009 semester; ANT 7650 Seminar in Physical Anthropology: Contemporary Issues in Primatology.

Susan Frekko is now lecturing at the University of Michigan.

Mathew Wolf-Meyer is enjoying the warm weather in Santa Cruz, CA, and is teaching at UC-Santa Cruz.