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# Field Notes

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## Another Successful Year – Thoughts from the Head

Our second year as an independent Department of Anthropology was marked by strongly positive accomplishments, despite the tight budgets at the university. The course enrollments have continued to grow, the number of undergraduate majors has nearly doubled, and we introduced some new courses to our graduate program.

One exciting development has been the recruitment of our new Assistant Professor in environmental anthropology, Dr. Laura Zanotti (from the University of Washington). Professor Zanotti introduced a new course on Environment and Culture during spring semester and in addition to teaching the ever-popular Human Cultural Diversity course, she will also join the rotation for our Ethnographic Analysis graduate course. Her cultural anthropology research has been with the Kayapo Indians of Brazil, and she has experience leading study abroad programs there.

Professor Riall Nolan, who moved into his full-time teaching position in Anthropology this year after several years in the International Programs office, has also become a source of new courses and initiatives. His courses are focused on practical applications of anthropological knowledge, such as the very popular course Using Anthropology in the World, as well as graduate courses in Development Anthropology, Applied Anthropology, and Working Across Cultures.

Another important development has been the growth of the graduate program. Both last year and this year we have had over 30 applicants for our master's and Ph.D. programs, with 6 new grad students last year and 7 this year (see their names and information in this issue). Our graduate students and faculty are conducting research projects in several countries Africa, Asia, and North and South America, and the clusters of topics are helping to develop the strengths and reputation of our programs.



We hope you will enjoy this issue of “Field Notes.” You’ll find information on awards and accomplishments, research of graduate students and faculty, activities of our undergraduates, and alumni news. We treasure your continued interest in our department and look forward to hearing from you. Visit our website often to keep up with what’s happening in Anthropology at Purdue <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/anthropology> or join us on Facebook!



## Anthropology hosts international guests for the 29th Annual Sudan Studies Association Conference

Purdue's Department of Anthropology hosted international guests and Sudan specialists from around the country for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Sudan Studies Association conference entitled, "Sudan's Elections and the Referendum: Choices, Last Chances, A Time for Change?" during the last week of May. Several panel discussions were conducted on topics like Sudan's Reality, Ancient Sudan, Conflict and Justice, Numayri's Administration, the Sudanese Electoral System, Colonialism and Independence, and Darfur. Professor Michele Buzon organized a panel on archaeology in Sudan, and Professors Ellen Gruenbaum and Jay O'Brien, who are members of the SSA Board, were the local hosts.

A special exhibit of provocative photographs was presented by Ryan Spencer Reed, entitled "The Cost of Silence." <http://sudanproject.ryanspencerreed.com/> Undergraduate student Kimberly Miller assisted as docent.

We would like to acknowledge the College of Liberal Arts (Irwin Weiser, Interim Dean) and the Diversity Resource Office (Carolyn Johnson, Director), for their support of the conference. We are especially grateful to Pamela Leap of the Department of Anthropology, Purdue University, for her diligence in managing the many tasks involved in the local arrangements and conference coordination over the past year. Thanks to Purdue Anthropology graduate students Blair Daverman, Conner Wiktorowicz, Anjali Bhardwaj, and Sarah Schrader for their assistance during the conference.

Read more about this event at: [http://www.purdueexponent.org/?module=article&story\\_id=21488](http://www.purdueexponent.org/?module=article&story_id=21488)



*Keynote speaker Peter Bechtold reported to conference attendees on the controversies surrounding the conflict in Sudan's western region, Darfur.*

# Anthropology Annual Awards Reception, April 28, 2010

Student accomplishments as well as faculty recognitions are celebrated each Spring semester at our awards reception, a late afternoon on-campus event open to all.

We are particularly pleased that some of these honors come with a cash award, which recognizes the hard work and talents of our top students.

We hope to welcome more students and alumni at these events in the coming years, to share in the pleasure of presentations of awards such as those listed below, and to honor our graduates. Watch the website for 2011 date!



*The 2010 Anthropology Awards Reception – numerous awards await presentation on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 28, 2010, in Stewart Center.*

## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS 2009-2010

### **April Callis**

– Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship for 2010-2011

### **Carolyn Jost**

– Bilsland Strategic Initiatives Fellowship for 2010-11

### **Evelyn Latour**

– Ross Fellowship, awarded in Fall 2010 - 4 yr. support

### **Sarah Schrader**

– Purdue Research Grant

### **Katie Smith**

– Ingestive Behavioral Research Center Training Grant - 2 yr. support

### **Elizabeth Wirtz**

– NSF (National Science Foundation) Fellowship

## Graduating Seniors 2010

Monya Anderson  
Hannah Bergeman  
Sarah Boutwell  
Brittney Bowman  
Kevin Casimer  
Marisa Demko  
Allison Frank  
Ariel Holden  
Ilse Jaksic  
Neil Kasiak  
Ryan O'Beirne  
Erin O'Callaghan  
Kristen Schebler  
Katherine Schulenburg  
Tabatha Tyler  
Linda Woosley  
Jarrod Wright

***We are proud and delighted to feature some of our students who have made great strides in their work during the past 2009-2010 academic year.***

### **WALTER HIRSCH AWARD – Katie Smith**

The Walter Hirsch Endowment was established on Feb 24, 2000, as a memorial to the late Walter Hirsch, to provide support for data-collection at the dissertation stage for Anthropology and Sociology doctoral students. This year two Anthropology graduate students were considered for the award. This year's Anthropology recipient, who will receive \$1,500, is **Katie Smith**, for her project on nutrition and stress with captive gorillas. Read more about Katie's work later in this newsletter.



### **ANTHROPOLOGY 2010 UNDERGRAD HONORS THESIS & OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR - Moyna Anderson**



This year's O. Michael Watson Outstanding Graduating Senior Award was Moyna Anderson, who also received Honors in Anthropology at graduation. Her honors thesis, supervised by Dr. Sharon Williams, was entitled, "The First Humans? And Other Neanderthal Questions." We are very pleased to report that Moyna will be starting her Ph.D. program at the University of Oregon in the fall, and she plans to continue her interest in the Neanderthals.

### **ANTHROPOLOGY LITERARY AWARD FOR ETHNOGRAPHIC ESSAY- Dane Mehringer**

Department of Anthropology Award for an Ethnographic Essay went to Dane Mehringer for his creative piece, "This is Not a Game," which opened with as description of the Afghan "goat grabbing" game known as *buzkashi*. He also won an award for the best play written by a student at the Purdue Literary Awards event in May, for his play "Tzarbomba."

### **OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD – Carolyn Jost Robinson**

The Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award recipient this year is Carolyn Jost Robinson. She has been very helpful to the teaching mission of the department with her work as the lead TA for the Introduction to Human Biology and Evolution course that was taught by Dr. Victoria Gibbon. Carolyn also filled in when Melissa Remis was on sabbatical, teaching the Primate Behavior course and taught Introduction to Human Evolution in the summer session. Carolyn has also received a Bilsland Strategic Initiative Fellowship for 2010-2011 to work on developing a campus-wide Africa interest group while she works on analysis of her data from her research last year in the Central African Republic.

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## OUTSTANDING FACULTY TEACHING AWARD – Dr. Andrew Buckser

Congratulations to Professor Andy Buckser for winning this year's Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award! Noted for his dry humor, his highly organized lectures, and his deep love for the field of anthropology, our winner tries to see through the eyes of his students: he is always mindful of research, examples, new writings, anecdotes, illustrations, and film clips that could be useful to help his students to experience deep learning about the human cultural diversity he so passionately wants them to understand. Gleaned from the nomination papers, here are some of the comments of students:

- “He makes the class exciting and does a great job of keeping the class intrigued.”
- “He has an amazing ability to hold our attention by using interesting stories and humor, while still teaching the vital course information. It is very evident that he has a strong passion for cultural anthropology.”
- “His lectures flow brilliantly from point A to B to C, he knows how to make the material as interesting as possible, and he really, truly seems to care about his students. He’s just an overall great guy.”
- “Professor Buckser is AWESOME.”

Dr. Buckser's teaching repertoire includes introductory and theory courses at all levels. Here are the main courses he's known for:

### **ANTH 10000 INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY**

A general introduction to anthropology's holistic approach to human nature and behavior. A basic survey of biocultural development and evolutionary process, and of human uniformity and diversity through time and across space.

### **ANTH 20500 HUMAN CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

Using concepts and models of cultural anthropology, this course will survey the principal cultural types of the world and their distribution, and will undertake a detailed analysis of societies representative of each type.

### **ANTH 34100 CULTURE AND PERSONALITY**

A cross-cultural social psychology perspective stressing the interplay of culture and the individual and the social processes by which culture affects personality, affect, cognition and the self. Studies comparing the Western world with other cultural areas will be used to provide comparative perspectives.

### **ANTH 37300 ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION**

Anthropological theories of the origin, development, and functions of religion, ritual, and myth. Data drawn from western and non-western societies, with special emphasis on the relationship of religion to social structure, cultural patterns, and social change.

### **ANTH 67300 SEMINAR: ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION**

Explores anthropological approaches to studying the place of religion in human experience. Considers different theories that anthropologists have developed for understanding religion - symbolic, materialist, evolutionary, psychological, and others - and how they fit with ethnographic data on religion in different cultures.



*Welcome to our new  
Graduate Students for  
2010-2011*



This fall we are pleased to welcome a diverse group of 7 new students, selected from the 32 applications we received. They will join the 24 on-going graduate students—14 of whom will be in residence on campus this fall. Here are the new students:

**Jonas Ecke** will be in the Master's program in Cultural Anthropology, with Prof. Riall Nolan as his advisor. Jonas comes to us from Germany, and he has a Bachelor's in Political Science from the University of Bremen and a Master's in Sociology from Aalborg University in Kenya.

**Sirisha Kandukuri** was admitted into the PhD program in Biological Anthropology in Fall 2009, but she deferred her admission until this fall. Prof. Sharon Williams will be her advisor. Sirisha comes to us from India and holds a Bachelor's in Economics from the Osmania University and a Master's in Anthropology from the University of Hyderabad in India.

**Evelyn Latour** received a Ross Fellowship to begin her graduate studies in Cultural Anthropology with Prof. Laura Zanotti as her advisor. Evelyn comes to us from Illinois and has a Bachelor's in Anthropology from the University of Victoria.

**Nur adlina Maulod** was admitted into the Master's program in Cultural Anthropology and is planning to work with Prof. Evie Blackwood as her advisor. She has a Bachelor's and a Master's in Sociology from the National University of Singapore.

**Sarah Soffer** was admitted into the Master's program in Biological Anthropology. Prof. Melissa Remis will be her advisor. Sarah comes to us from Missouri and has a Bachelor's in Anthropology and Psychology from Missouri State University.

**Diana Steele** was admitted into the Master's program in Cultural Anthropology. Prof. Laura Zanotti will be her advisor. Diana comes to us from Indiana and has a Bachelor's in Psychology from the University of Oklahoma.

**Jennifer Studebaker** will be in the Master's program in Biological Anthropology with Prof. Sharon Williams as her advisor. Jennifer is from Indiana and has a Bachelor's in Anthropology from Indiana University.

***Our continuing Graduate Students*** For all or part of this coming year, the following students will be on campus: Jeremy Beach, Anjali Bhardwaj, Blair Daverman, Heather Frigiola, Chris Herrin, Diana Howell, Kyle Jones, Carolyn Jost, Ryan Plis, Sarah Schrader, Yoshiko Tsuji, Verity Whalen, Conner Wiktorowicz, and Elizabeth Wirtz. Those who will be mostly away from campus this fall conducting research or writing their dissertations are: April Callis, Brad Codr, Lesley Daspit, Stacy Enslow, Franco Lai, Katja Pettinen, Katie Smith, Richard Weld, and Brandi Wren. We will use our newsletter and website to keep you up-to-date about their progress!

### GRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED

This spring, KALLIOPI CHRISTADOULAKI completed her Ph.D. on “Honor and Shame Reconsidered: Negotiations of Identity and Community in Karpathos” under the supervision of Dr. Andy Buckser and was awarded the degree in May.

SARAH SCHRADER completed her MS degree "A Bioarchaeological Investigation of Activity Patterns in New Kingdom Nubia" with Michele Buzon as her supervisor.

This summer, RYAN PLIS completed his MS on “Negotiations and Expression of Lesbian and Queer Identities” under the supervision of Professor Evelyn Blackwood.

*Congratulations to all!*



Graduate student **April Callis** has recently completed her PhD field research in Lexington, Kentucky, on sexual identity construction. Specifically, she examined the ways that identities such as bisexual, queer, and pansexual are conceptualized, focusing on participants' use of religious, political and media-based discourses to negotiate labels that fall outside of societal norms. By asking how participants conceptualize these sexualities, she hopes to address the ways that emergent identities are placed in and refigure schemas of sexuality, shifting the binary paradigm away from notions of stable, fixed identities towards a more fluid model.

April conducted 15 months of participant observation at sexuality-based community organizations, establishments and events. The primary location for her research was the University of Kentucky's OUTsource. Beyond this, she also carried out fieldwork with Lexington Fairness, a group dedicated to equality for people of all genders and sexualities, Bluegrass Pride Center's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), and TransKY, an organization for transgendered individuals in central Kentucky.

Currently, April is living in Lexington, working on transcribing her interviews and coding all of her data. She will begin dissertation write-up this summer, aided by her recently received Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship Award.

And this from **Katy Smith**: I am in the 2nd year of the Anthropology PhD program where I specialize in primate behavior and captive primate health and well-being. Data collection for my dissertation will be conducted from June to December of 2010 at the Oklahoma City Zoo where I will study the relationships between diet, nutrition and health among zoo-housed gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*). As gorillas

### Anthropology High School Outreach Spring 2010

On February 18<sup>th</sup> 2010, Anthropology Graduate Students Katie Smith, Carolyn Robinson, and Diana Howell visited Scott Royer's anthropology class at McCutcheon High School in Lafayette to speak to the students about biological anthropology. The anthropology class consisted of 11 sophomores, juniors, and seniors who had chosen anthropology as an elective. The students asked a lot of focused questions about the nature of field research. The visit was a success, and it was determined that graduate students from other sub-disciplines would return to speak to the class.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Graduate Students Anjali Bhardwaj, Kyle Jones, and Diana Howell returned to Mr. Royer's classroom to talk about cultural and applied anthropology. Once again the discussion was lively and the students asked questions on a wide spectrum of issues ranging from the political significance of Peruvian Hip Hop lyrics to women's health issues in India.

The success of these visits has instigated an effort to encourage future outreach sessions to other schools in the area.

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are among humans' closest relatives and presumably eat a diet in the wild similar to the one eaten by our early ancestors, this project will use captive gorillas as a model species to examine the extent of behavioral and physiological flexibility and adaptations to diet and dietary changes over our evolutionary history. Captive zoo gorillas are uniquely situated as subjects of anthropological research; in many ways their daily experiences can be compared to the post-industrial human lifestyle. Both have relatively low activity levels and rarely experience shortages of food. These factors may contribute to shared chronic health issues such as obesity, diabetes and heart health problems. This study will also contribute to the management of captive gorillas, who consume diets that are nutritionally very different from what they consume in the wild.

Upon my return to Purdue I will conduct laboratory analysis fecal and saliva samples in conjunction with behavioral analysis. By examining the similarities between human and gorilla health parameters in response to a modern diet of domesticated fruits and vegetables, and limited movement throughout the day, we can begin to better understand dietary and behavioral flexibility and their relationship to the evolution of hominids. This study will also aid in examining relationships between diet, nutrition, and health and contribute to our understandings of the health impacts of alternate captive primate diets.

**Katja Pettinen** is completing her PhD dissertation, which is based on fieldwork conducted in northern California, on the meanings of family and kinship for parents of adult lesbian and gay children.

## **ANTHROPOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEADERS**

The Department of Anthropology is proud of the student leaders who have participated in activities throughout the year. Our department's undergraduate student organization, PAST, was led by President Kelsey VanVoorst, Secretary Andrea Ochab and Treasurer Erika Salazar. The PAST officers for 2010-2011 are President Kelsey VanVoorst, Vice-President Rachel Duttlinger, Secretary Andrea Ochab, and Treasurer Erika Salazar. Their faculty advisor, Dr. Kory Cooper, always says he doesn't have to do much—the students plan and lead their own activities.

Another small group of undergrad students, dubbed "the Excited Group" for their enthusiasm, put together some interview footage for an informational video on the department. They are Kristen Schebler, Meghann Stevens, Devika Gireesh, and Dane Mehringer. Stay tuned, in case it is posted on You-Tube!

## **ANTH Student Data-Growing Numbers:**

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Fall 2009 – Majors – 84 Undergrad Students – B.A.  
27 Graduate Students  
Minors – 80 Students - B.A.

Spring 2010 – Majors – 98 Undergrad Students - B.A.  
26 Graduate Students  
Minors – 107 Students - B.A.  
Graduates with B.A. – 14 ( May 2010)

Fall 2010 – Majors – 70 Undergrad Students – B.A.  
Minors – 78 Students - B.A.

(As of 5/26/10) – official count done in September 2010

### **Field Schools 2010**

Don Pattee - Dayton

Kasey Cranfill - Indigenous People - Univ. of Maryland, with Dr. Laura Zanotti

Rachel Duttlinger – Univ. of Mass - Forensic Anthropology

Allison Flynn - Cero Castillo Archaeological Project

Kelsey Van Voorst -Lyminge Field School - Canterbury, England

Kevin Jones - IPFW Field School - IPFW field school.

Ashley Ruse - Southeast Missouri State - 2010 - Archaeological Field School - Native American villages.

Patricia Glen - England: The Lyminge Archaeological Project (going to Lyminge) or Ireland: The Timoleaque Archeological Project For Jamestown Summer Field School

Mary Keller - Belize with Dr. Laura Zanotti

## **ALUMNI UPDATE – Amanda Barron**

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Amanda Barron (nee Banasiak) graduated with a B.A. from Purdue University in 2009. She completed a double major, in Anthropology and Psychology. Anthropology, being her primary degree, has always been her major interest, since she was a little girl. Amanda finished her Anthropology requirements in two years, and loved every minute of it. “My father used to tell me stories of old cultures and societies, and since then, the interest has just flourished! He’s the one that got me hooked.” she said. “I loved being part of the Anthropology Department, and the studies going on within that department are fascinating.” During Amanda’s senior year, she had some family medical problems, but she made it, “especially with the large amounts of help and understanding from the professors and TAs. Their doors were always open.” she adds.

Also during her time in the Department of Anthropology, Amanda was President of the Purdue Anthropology Society (PAST). “We really got to do a bunch of awesome things,” exclaimed Barron. Every meeting, there was always an ethnic snack and a professor, ready to talk about everything from their interests to graduate school preparation. “One of our most successful meetings was one we called a grad panel, which was essentially three professors and three graduate students answering any questions anyone had about continuing on with school,” she recalls. The Anthropology Society organized and participated in a trip to the Chicago Field Museum, a tour of Prophetstown State Park, fundraising booths at Purdue’s Springfest, and a European Feast Fest for fellow campus students.

Since then, Amanda has stayed busy. Between a trip to England, participating as a field technician in two archaeological excavations, and aiding the Tippecanoe County Historical Society in running a field school simulation program for local area high school students, Amanda found time to get married. Summer of 2010, Amanda was a part of an archaeological excavation led by Dr. Mark Schurr of Notre Dame University, near her hometown as a unit supervisor. “I am so excited. I was part of this dig two summers ago, and it will be nice to see some familiar faces”, she added. Come August, she will be relocating to Bloomington, IN, to live with her husband who will be attending medical school there. She is hoping to go back to school next fall to work on her Master’s of Museum Studies. Near the end of this interview, Amanda just wanted to communicate her feelings and gratitude, by expressing “Thank you Purdue, and the Purdue Anthropology Department, for the education, the confidence, and the friendships, you have given me. Let the good times roll!!!”

**Alumni: Send us your news, to include in the next issue of our Anthropology “Field Notes” newsletter.**



# Anthropology Faculty at Purdue

**Myrdene Anderson** (PhD, Yale U, 1978; Assoc. Prof.) Social systems theory, cultural ecology, anthropological linguistics, semiotics, qualitative methodology; Lapland and circumpolar regions  
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**Evelyn Blackwood** (PhD, Stanford U, 1993; Professor) Gender and sexuality, sexual identities, transgender studies, globalization, kinship; Island Southeast Asia [blackwood@purdue.edu](mailto:blackwood@purdue.edu)

**Richard E Blanton** (PhD, U of Michigan, 1970; Professor) Archaeology, economic anthropology, built environment, regional analysis, cultural ecology, evolution of early states and civilizations; New World, Mesoamerica [blantonr@purdue.edu](mailto:blantonr@purdue.edu)

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**H. Kory Cooper** (PhD, U of Alberta, 2007; Asst. Prof.) Hunter-gatherers of northwest North America, archaeometallurgy, geoarchaeology, technology and social complexity; Northwestern North America, Near East [hkcooper@purdue.edu](mailto:hkcooper@purdue.edu)

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#### **Emeritus Faculty:**

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#### **New Faculty Publications:**

##### **\* Evelyn Blackwood**

2010. "Lesbians," modernity and global translation: Female sexualities in Indonesia. In *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality, Health and Rights*. Peter Aggleton and Richard Parker, eds. London: Routledge.

September 2010 - Professor Evelyn Blackwood's new monograph, *Falling into the Lesbi World: Desire and Difference in Indonesia*, to be published by the University of Hawaii Press.

##### **\* Richard Blanton**

2010 Collective action and adaptive socio-ecological cycles in pre-modern states. *Cross-Cultural Research* 44: 41-59.

2010 Richard Blanton and Lane Fargher. Evaluating causal factors in market development in premodern states: A comparative study, with critical comments on the history of ideas about markets. In *The Evolution of Markets and Market Systems in the Premodern World*. Christopher Garraty and Barbara Stark, eds. University of Colorado Press.

##### **\* Kevin Vaughn**

2010 J. Eerkens, K. Vaughn, M. Linares, C. Conlee, K. Schreiber, M. Glascock, N. Tripcevich. Spatio-temporal patterns in obsidian consumption in the Southern Nasca Region, Peru. *Journal of Archaeological Science*.

2010 Kevin Vaughn's edited volume "The Evolution of Leadership: Transitions in Decision Making from Small-Scale to Middle-Range Societies" (Jelmer Eerkens and John Kantner, co-editors) was published by the School for Advanced Research Press.

**For a complete list of our faculty publications, please visit**

<http://cla.purdue.edu/anthropology/news/publications.html>

## More from the Field:

**Dr. Michele Buzon**, accompanied by grad student, Sarah Schrader, spent the winter conducting archaeological fieldwork at the site of Tombos in northern Sudan. Dr. Buzon will spend the summer with her students organizing and analyzing the human skeletal remains excavated from this Napatan-period cemetery.

**Sarah Schrader** had an excellent experience in Sudan and is looking forward to returning for further excavations next year. Sarah completed her Masters thesis entitled "A Bioarchaeological Investigation of Activity Patterns in New Kingdom Nubia." This summer she was enrolled in an Arabic language program at The University of California at Santa Barbara. Sarah's PhD project will further research skeletal markers of activity patterns in Ancient Nubia, incorporating skeletal material from recent excavations and various museum collections."

**Dr. Kevin Vaughn** directed an international team of archaeologists this summer in Peru on a National Geographic Society sponsored project entitled "Early Mining and Metallurgy on the South Coast of Peru". Archaeologists from the United States, Peru, Canada and Argentina were involved in the project along with students from Purdue, University of California Davis, Stanford and the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru.

Also, Kevin Vaughn appeared on the Discovery Channel program 'Solving History with Olly Steeds' focusing on the Nasca Lines. The showed aired in January, 2010.

**Dr. Ian Lindsay** spent the summer of 2010 in Armenia, where he is continuing his work on his archaeological project on Bronze Age sites.

**Dr. Sharon Williams** has been working with the World Health Organization on a multi-country study of aging which has taken her to South Africa, Australia, and India this spring and summer.

**Drs. Ellen Gruenbaum and Laura Zanotti** traveled to Eldoret, Kenya, in June to work on setting up a Maymester study abroad project for Purdue students, planned to begin in 2011. See the department website for a brief description and photos of their trip.

**Dr. Myrdene Anderson** traveled to her field sites in the far north—Saamiland—and the Pacific Northwest.

**Dr. Riall Nolan** made a trip to Senegal this summer to visit the community where he had done field research as a graduate student.

**Dr. Brian Kelly** continues his research on club drug subcultures in New York and has started a new project on methamphetamine use in China funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health.

**Friday, August 13, 2010**

### **ANTHROPOLOGY IN PURDUE DAY AT INDIANA STATE FAIR**

Our department participated in the 2010 Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis, along with the College of Liberal Arts for Purdue Day. Ellen Gruenbaum, Head, and assistant Pam Leap represented the department and met with a lot of people there came to the university's "tent city" to see what the many colleges of Purdue have to offer. Our Anthropology display was made up of clothing and head gear from the Sudan and books written by our faculty.

**Monday, August 23, 2010**

### **CLASSES START for the new academic year.**

**November 17-21, 2010**

### **American Anthropological Association, 109th Annual Meeting in New Orleans.**

AAA will conduct the 109th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, where the river meets the sea. The boundary between river and sea, between water and earth, is shifting. The circulation of people and other living organisms, of material things, and of ideas in such zones of passage constitutes some of the central social and physical processes of concern to all kinds of anthropologists, historically and in the present. New Orleans has inspired the theme of the 2010 AAA Annual Meeting: "Circulation." Read more about this event at <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/index.cfm>

**Saturday, December 11, 2010**

### **CLASSES END for Fall Semester.**



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Tax-deductible donations to Purdue's Department of Anthropology are always appreciated. Your gifts enable us to enrich the experiences of our students through such things as research support, teaching materials, and recognition of students' accomplishments. We'd like to be able to support student trips to museums and help support other projects. Someday, we may even be able to offer Anthropology Scholarships!

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