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The Department of Anthropology of Binghamton University is happy to send to you our newsletter, Volume 2, Number 1. As my predecessor as chair of the department, Charlie Cobb, said in Volume 1, we see this newsletter as a principal way of keeping alumni and other friends of our department abreast of department achievements, activities and interests, and to provide a forum where alumni may do the same. As you may see in the following pages, over the last year the department's graduate students and faculty have been busy, and the sample of these achievements that is included in our newsletter gives but a hint of the wide array of interests and activities that involve us in our professional and intellectual lives both here in Binghamton and in many far-flung places.

There have been many notable events and changes in the department over the last year. Our departmental self-study demonstrated to the university that we are one of the most productive departments in Harpur College if not the whole university, in terms of publications, research income, graduate student enrolments and community service, but the same study also showed the persistent under-funding from

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

the university which the department has experienced over the last decade. A summary of the self-study's findings are included in this newsletter, and the entire report, complete with appendices, will be on our web site as soon as we can revise that site, which we hope will occur early in the fall semester. The study clearly also shows that we have one of the largest and most productive graduate student programs in the university. Thirty PhD and Masters students enrolled in our ANTH 501 in fall 2007, the fifth year in a row that we had over 20 incoming graduate students in the department. One major cause of this growth in numbers and interest has been the MS in Biomedical Anthropology, a degree program that has surpassed our projections for success by far.

Our faculty has been changing too, but alas not increasing in numbers. Since you received our 2007 newsletter, Drs. Charles Cobb, Safia Mohsen and Ann Stahl have retired, and Dr. Al Dekin will move over to the College of Community and Public Affairs in order to take over as Chair of the Department of Human Development [although he will continue to teach half-time in the department]. However, we are happy to welcome Dr. Ruth Van Dyke, who will join our department this fall as Associate Professor of Anthropology. And

still other faculty changes are in the way of advancements in esteem and status: Dr. William Isbell was made a Distinguished Professor of Anthropology this year, and Dr. Deborah Elliston was awarded tenure.

Much more of note has occurred, but it would be a bad introduction to this newsletter if all was summarized here. Please take this opportunity to read about the department, and if you like please let us know a bit about what you, our alumni, have been doing since you left Binghamton [please note our new 'Where Are They Now?' section on page 5], and anything you might want to say about the newsletter and the activities mentioned herein.

We are also planning to add an alumni section to our website, and so would love to hear from alumni about things they would like to see included on our alumni pages. And as Charlie Cobb suggested in Volume 1, Number 1 of this newsletter, we encourage you to let us know what you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter, which at this stage will be at least an annual production.

Our best wishes to you for a healthy and happy summer and fall 2008.

Tom Wilson



IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT KNOX HERBERT



Robert K. Herbert, a former member of the Anthropology Department, tragically drowned in July 2007 while swimming with two of his children on vacation in Costa Rica. Dr. Herbert, a linguist, joined Binghamton's faculty in 1979 and went on to serve as chair of the Anthropology Department from 1996 to 2001. He was educated at Queens College, CUNY and the Ohio State University, and spent his entire professional life in public education. His research covered a variety of topics in linguistics including Bantu languages, language acquisition, the politics of personal naming, sociolinguistics, and education in a multi-language society. Robert Herbert, with his wife and colleague, Barbara Nykiel-Herbert, worked extensively on writing and editing a remarkable series of children's books for language and reading development in South Africa. Much of this, and other work, was conducted while he held the position of Professor and Head of African Languages at the University of Witwatersrand from 1992-1995. Before

moving from Binghamton University to an administrative post in 2001 he had an exceptionally strong record of scholarship and writing. In that year, he became Dean of Liberal



Robert K. Herbert

Arts at Steven F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. In 2005, he and his family moved from Texas to Youngstown, Ohio, where he was appointed Provost and Academic Vice President at Youngstown State University. His many friends on the faculty at Binghamton University remember him fondly and were saddened at his loss. Donations in his memory can be made to the *Dr. Robert K. Herbert Memorial Scholarship*,

Youngstown State University Development Office, One University Plaza, Youngstown, Ohio 44555.

FACULTY UPDATES

Rowman and Littlefield published the second edition of **Richard Antoun's** book, *Understanding Fundamentalism: Christian, Islamic and Jewish Movements*, in February 2008. It includes a new section on "Transnational Religion before and after 9/11", including analysis of Muslims in Afghanistan and Western Europe and a unit on Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaida. He also contributed a chapter (Religious Fundamentalism and Religious Violence: Connections and Misconnections) to a book edited by Andrew Gluck entitled *Religion, Fundamentalism and Violence: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry* (in press).

Douglas Glick was on teaching leave during the Spring semester. This gave him time to work on his book manuscript, 'Politeness Marking in Modern Israeli Hebrew'. Before that, at the close of the Fall semester, he presented, 'Entertaining News: A comparison of emerging genres from John Stewart and Bill O'Reilly', at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, DC. Between semesters, he traveled to Israel in order to give an invited lecture to the social science faculty at Western Galilee College in Acre, Israel. The lecture was entitled, 'The Poetic Unfolding of Argument as Social Action: Lessons from a televised Hebrew language interaction'.



Lum

In September 2007, **J. Koji Lum** and **Ralph M. Garruto** were awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. The funds were granted to examine genetic polymorphisms of malaria parasites (*Plasmodium falciparum*) preserved in approximately 11,000 archived human blood sera collected

from the 1950s through the 1980s from Pacific Island populations. These samples allow the retrospective documentation of genetic changes that resulted in the failure of the antimalarial, chloroquine, in the Pacific, one of the five independent foci of chloroquin resistance evolution. Malaria currently threatens nearly half the world's

population and is responsible for an estimated 500 million clinical cases and one to three million deaths a year. Although malaria can be controlled by public health interventions, throughout the tropics it is treated primarily through antimalarial drugs. The Serum Archive of Pacific blood samples housed at Binghamton University preserves *P. falciparum* populations that span the critical periods of drug tolerance and resistance evolution and the subsequent spread of resistance. These parasite populations represent "natural" diversity unaffected by selective sweeps resulting from drug pressure. Through this study, Lum and Garruto are documenting the genetic evolution of chloroquine resistance by *P. falciparum* in the Pacific.

Michael A. Little, who has been on the faculty since 1971 and conducted field research in the Peruvian Andes and the Kenya savanna for more than 30 years, has shifted his research and scholarship to writing on the history of physical anthropology and human biology. Recent work includes an introductory chapter on "The History of the Study of Human Biology" for a new collection edited by Michael Muehlenbein (Cambridge University Press), and another book chapter, "Geography, Migration, Climate, and Environmental Plasticity as Contributors to Human Variation," edited by Nicholas Mascie-Taylor (Taylor and Francis Press). In addition, Little was elected to two offices of the Anthropology Section (Section H) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), where he is currently focusing his efforts.



Randall McGuire was on sabbatical for the 2007-2008 academic year. He spent his year as a visiting scholar at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, Colorado and as a visiting scholar at the Arizona State Museum in Tucson, Arizona. During this time he devoted most of his research effort to finishing and editing a report on the excavations at Cerro de Trincheras, Sonora, México that he did with Elisa Villalpando in 1995

and 1996. During the spring of 2008, he also worked with his colleagues at the Centro INAH Sonora in Hermosillo, Sonora on developing the site of Cerro de Trincheras as a Mexican Monumento Nacional. Randy McGuire has published a new book *Archaeology as Political Action*. University of California Press, Berkeley (2008) and has published no fewer than eight articles and book chapters over the last year.



Chris Reiber, PhD MPH, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, is currently continuing her work on Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS). She recently enrolled, screened and followed 36 women for 2 cycles, collecting symptom data and saliva samples daily. In total, she collected over 2160 saliva samples that are currently being analyzed for sex hormones through collaboration with Rick Bribiescas at Yale's Center for Human and Primate Reproductive Ecology (CHAPRE). Demographic, medical data and history, and daily behavioral and symptom data have been coded, entered, validated, and are under analysis.

Additionally, she is leading a study aimed at understanding student sexual hook-up behavior on campus and reducing the pluralistic ignorance surrounding these behaviors. Pilot studies and large-scale baseline surveys of attitudes and behaviors have been conducted, and funding is being sought to develop an educational program in cooperation with Student Health Services (Alcohol and Drug Programs), the University Counseling Center, and Student Life.

Ruth Van Dyke (see New Faculty) has published *The Chaco Experience: Landscape and Ideology at the Center Place* (2007), School of Advanced Research Press, Santa Fe, as well as six articles and book chapters in 2008.



FACULTY UPDATES CONTINUED

Thomas M. Wilson is finishing his eighth and final year as co-editor of the Routledge academic journal *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, which in 2008 went to six issues a year. In 2007-8 he gave invited lectures at the University of Toronto, Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia), the Queens University of Belfast (Northern Ireland), and Vytautas Magnus University (Kaunas, Lithuania). He is currently working on a monograph on European Union effects in Ireland, and is putting the finishing touches on two edited volumes, one of which, on *Europeanization and Hibernization*, will be published by Rodopi Publishers of Amsterdam in late 2008.

Dawnie Wolfe Steadman and **Charles C. Cobb** were awarded 7/1/06 (still active until 6/30/09) \$207,402 by the National Science Foundation for "Topographies of Mississippian Conflict and Health in the Middle Cumberland Region". Dr. Steadman has also published six articles and research reports in the last year, and she continues to publish with her students and with her Spanish colleagues [see for example Steadman, Dawnie L. Wolfe and Heather Worne. 2007. Canine Scavenging of Human Remains in an Indoor Setting. *Forensic Science International* 173:78-82. and Dawnie L. Wolfe Steadman, Elena Sintes Olives, Camila Oliart Caravatti and Jennifer M. Bauder. 2007. *Forensic Anthropological Investigation of 22 Skeletons Recovered from Spanish Civil War Mass Graves in the La Guijarrosa and Santaella Cemeteries, Santaella, Spain*. Report submitted to el Foro por la Memoria and the Municipal Government of Santaella, Spain. (Spanish translation also available)].



Ruth M. Van Dyke (PhD University of Arizona, 1998), Associate Professor of Anthropology, is an archaeologist specializing in the North American Southwest, specifically Chaco Canyon and the Four Corners region. Her research interests include landscape, architecture, power, memory, phenomenology, and visual representation. Her current fieldwork investigates social, visual, and political relationships among Chacoan outlier communities in northwest New Mexico.



Siobhan M. Hart is currently finishing up her doctoral work in archaeology at the Department of Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she received an MA in 2004. Her research focuses on Native American history and archaeology in Northeastern North America with an emphasis on public archaeology and heritage management, particularly confronting historical erasures through archaeological research and community collaborations. Her dissertation explores the intersections of archaeology and multiple stakeholder communities engaged in the preservation and stewardship planning for a 17th century Native American site in Deerfield, Massachusetts. Repatriation work has been central to her development as an archaeologist and she has served on the Department's Repatriation Committee since 2001, when she entered the graduate program after working at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology for two years on a NAGPRA compliance inventory project.



Rolf Quam is a paleoanthropologist whose research focuses on evolutionary aspects of anatomical differences in the temporal bone, mandible and teeth in our fossil human ancestors. In particular he has been actively involved in recent attempts to reconstruct the hearing capacities in fossil humans. During the course of his research, he has had the opportunity to personally study a wide diversity of original human fossils from Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He participates in the ongoing fieldwork being carried out at the Pleistocene locality of Atapuerca in northern Spain. These sites contain some of the richest human fossil bearing deposits in the world and have recently yielded the oldest human fossil ever found in Europe.

Ms. Hart and Dr. Quam will be Visiting Assistant Professors in the department in 2008-2009.

SELF STUDY HIGHLIGHTS

ANTHROPOLOGY AT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY, 2000-2012

On 22 October 2007 the department submitted a Self-study, which is a university-mandated assessment of departmental structure, workings, achievements and areas for improvement which should occur every 5 to 7 years. Our internal self-study was also evaluated by an external review team made up of Professors Jane Schneider (City University of New York), Fred Smith (Loyola University Chicago) and Dean Snow (Pennsylvania State University), who visited the campus of Binghamton University between November 14 and 16, 2007, to conduct an assessment of the Department. The department received top marks from these evaluators, but they and the department also identified areas for improvement in the department, which we intend to address over the next five years. A summary of some of the main points of the department self-study follows:

Self-study Conclusion

The Department of Anthropology has grown into a major national and international department but it has been constrained by the budgetary conditions that are to be expected of a publicly funded university. Over the last seven years the department has continued to contribute to the teaching, research, scholarship and service that have gained for the department its record of excellence, but at this critical juncture the department has a number of concerns that need to be addressed by the university, especially in terms of the allocation of new resources. We particularly need new faculty in each of our four subdisciplines, an increase in our operating budget to allow for the maintenance and replacement of laboratory equipment and consumables used for our classes, and more TA/GA lines for our graduate students. In this section we summarize the achievements, concerns and resource needs that have been discussed in the sections above, in aid of projecting this department forward in time over the five years before our next self-study.

Department Achievements, 2000-2007

The department has maintained an excellent record of research funding and productivity among all its faculty. The faculty are publishing in all major areas of scholarship that are important in anthropology as a whole and in each of the subdisciplines. Our faculty have also played major roles in national and international professional organizations, in national and international conferences and symposia, and in publishing and grant adjudica-

tion. Our grant funding over the last seven years, within the department itself, approached \$3 million, and the Public Archaeology Facility funding was close to \$17 million over the same period.

We fully expect that in the next National Research Council ratings we will again be noted as a nationally ranked PhD program that is known, among other things, for its continuing and new strengths in theoretical, public, historical, and New and Old World archaeology; in forensic and in biomedical anthropology; in new anthropological approaches to European integration, supranationalism and the transformations of nations and nationalism; and in political economy and critical approaches in anthropology that cross subdisciplinary boundaries.

The MS in Biomedical Anthropology degree was begun in 2003, and is the core of a wider biomedical program that has added to the department's accomplishments in terms of national and international research, scholarship and service to the community. The MS also is a leading program in the university in terms of time to degree and in the placement of its graduates.

Our major (BA and BS) and minor degree programs have grown in line with Harpur College. These programs have also grown in accord with our departmental commitment to serve Harpur College and the professional schools through the continued offering of stimulating general education courses.

The department has sustained its commitment to the public dimensions of anthropology through such activities as its academic annual and summer programs in local school districts; its biomedical outreach locally, particularly in Broome and Oneida counties in New York State, and in more distant communities such as those in the Pacific Islands and East Asia; its continued training of graduate students for government and private positions in cultural resource management; and our faculty's service on the executive boards of many national and international professional bodies.

The Binghamton University-Cornell University Consortium in the Anthropology of Europe was founded in 2003 and has held three annual conferences which have drawn scholars from around the Middle Atlantic States and from Europe. This consortium provides a base for inter-university collaboration in teaching, mentoring, research and publishing, and to date has helped 20 gradu-

ate students in a variety of ways.

Faculty continue to be involved in local, state, national and international educational, scholarly, research, and academic affairs, as well as in service roles at all of these same levels.

Department Concerns, 2007

Due to retirements, the taking of jobs elsewhere, assignment to other duties in the university, and agreed and contractual reduced-teaching loads, our department is only able to provide approximately 18 Full Time Equivalent teachers (even though the university lists our Tenured/Tenure-track faculty at 22).

Our undergraduate major numbers have been steadily rising and our graduate enrolments have been rising steeply. This puts added pressure on our ability to offer the needed General Education courses and to provide the needed seats in each semester to Harpur College, and increases course enrolments in our grad classes that may diminish the pedagogical benefits of our Masters and PhD.

Our laboratory infrastructure and permanent equipment have been degrading with use and time, and in many cases have become outdated. Some equipment in our laboratories is 30 years old, and is in need of replacement. Still other equipment, such as that purchased to stock our new molecular labs, is serving double duty for both our research and teaching. The start-up money that has paid for this equipment and lab teaching consumables is no longer available. This situation demands that we allocate department funds for the annual replacement of lab consumables, the repair of equipment, and the eventual and planned replacement of worn and obsolete equipment. This money is not in our annual budget.

Our annual operating budget, of approximately \$36,000, cannot adequately support the department in terms of travel and research support costs, once the annual costs of phone, phone rentals, postage, and other necessary expenses are accounted for. There is no provision in the annual department operating budget for the repair and replacement of lab equipment and for the purchase of lab consumables.

Our graduate enrolments and course staffing needs are increasing, yet the number of TA/GA lines has remained relatively static.

ALUMNI GIVING

The department gratefully acknowledges these individuals who have contributed to Departmental accounts over the past year.

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| * Ms. Kathryn J. Boor | * Ms. Sara K. Lynch '02 | * Ms. Julie Sheklow Cardinet '73 |
| * Dr. Vicki L. Bradley, PhD '01 | * Mr. Jesse A Mechanick '07 | * Mr. John Edward Stouffer, MA '86 |
| * Ms. Sarah Kielt Costello, PhD '02 | * Ms. Jennifer A Merrell '04 | * Ms. Elizabeth A. Ten Dyke '86 |
| * Mr. David B. Crampton '72 | * Mr. Curtis Peterson, MA '73 | * Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Valle |
| * Mr. Paul DeVita '77 | * Ms. Marcia Bertsch Powers, MA '97 | * Ms. Susan A. Weiss '70 |
| * Mr. Daniel Gartenstein '84 | * Ms. Shara B. Reichwald '96 | |
| * Mr. Curtis Hadlick | * Ms. Susan Calkins Ritas '65 | |
| * Mr. John N. Kilmarx, MA '85, PhD '99 | * Dr. Robert A. Rubinstein, MA '74, PhD '76 | |
| * Dr. Jonathan Curtis Lothrop, MA '82, PhD '88 | * Dr. Katharina J. Schreiber, MA '74, PhD '78 | |

Contributions are always welcome and greatly appreciated by students and faculty. Your contributions help us with some of the basic operations around the department, such as support for visiting seminar speakers, graduate student travel to conferences and funding the welcoming luncheon for incoming graduate students. Contributions should be sent to the Binghamton University Foundation, PO Box 6005, Binghamton, NY 13902-6005, and please note that they are for **Anthropology Fund Account 107619501**.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW...?



Matt Salo at a Slava (Eastern Orthodox Christian celebration of a family patron saint) in the 1970s.

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Census Bureau, where as Senior Research Anthropologist, he designed, conducted and supervised undercount research on homeless, migrant worker, peripatetic, urban Indian, and other elusive populations. During the period between completing the doctorate at Binghamton and the present, he has researched, worked with, and written about "traveling" peoples in the U.S., including Romnichel and Rom Gypsies and Scottish Travelers. In fact, it is safe to say that he is probably one of only a handful of authorities on Gypsies and Travelers in this country. Matt has published several important works on Gypsies, including an early article on "Gypsy Ethnicity" in the journal *Ethnicity* that set a new standard for rigor in Gypsy studies. He is credited with discovering a hitherto unknown peripatetic group calling itself Roaders and elucidating the ethnogenesis of several Traveler Groups through their contact with Gypsies. With his wife, Sheila, also an expert on Gypsies, he also identified a group of York, Penn-

sylvania basket makers as Yenisch, or German Travelers. He has edited several monographs and collections of papers, including several with his wife. Matt revitalized the Gypsy Lore Society that had been established in Europe in 1888 (he has been reelected President of the Society nine times) and brought the Society and its journal to the United States. Although Matt is retired from his work at the Census Bureau, he has been assisting legal council as an expert witness in U.S. immigration court for Gypsy asylum applicants from Eastern Europe, as well as continuing as President the Gypsy Lore Society. Matt identifies himself as an amateur naturalist as well as an anthropologist and he has been heavily involved in nature conservation in his home state of Maryland. Anyone interested in the Gypsy Lore Society and its activities can go to the web page

<http://www.gypsyloresociety.org>.

Graduate Student Achievements, 2007-2008

Marta P. Alfonso became a 2008 winner of the Distinguished Dissertation Award in the category of Social Sciences, Management, Education and Nursing for her dissertation titled "Biosignificance of Harris lines as stress markers in relation to moderate undernutrition and bone growth: a New Zealand White Rabbit Model for the Study of Bone Growth." Marta also published an article: 2007 Alfonso MP, Standen VG, Castro MV, "The adoption of agriculture among northern Chile populations in the Azapa Valley 9000-1000 BP. In: Cohen MN, Crane-Kramer GMM. *Ancient Health. Skeletal indicators of agricultural and economic intensification*, Gainesville: University of Florida Press. p. 113-129.

Wazi Apoh was awarded a competitive Frederick Douglass Teaching Scholar Contract to teach Anthropology/Archaeology of Africa in the Department of Anthropology, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, for the 2007-08 academic year.

Abdulsalam Al-Zahrani published an article titled "Darwin's Metaphors Revisited: Conceptual Metaphors, Conceptual Blends, and Idealized Cognitive Models in the Theory of Evolution" in the *Journal of Metaphor and Symbol* Vol. 23 No. 1 50-83 this year. He submitted an article titled "Seas of Ink: Political Fantasy and Fantastic Politics in A Modern Discourse of Quranic Exegesis" to the *Journal of Discourse Studies*. He has written the paper "Education in the Arabic Countries: From the Secularization of Learning to the Islamization of the Sciences" which he hopes to present at the Arab American History Conference in November 2008. He is also currently working on his doctoral project and a work titled "Sacred Voice, Profane Sight: The Senses, Cosmology, and Epistemology in Early Arabic Culture."

Jennifer Bauder received a Wenner-Gren Foundation grant in the amount of \$17,095 (dated May 4, 2007) for a dissertation project titled "Porous Skull Lesions in the Prehistoric Illinois River Valley: Diagnosis and Implications".

Chim W Chan, Dana Reiff, Lynch D, C Wanglund, R Spathis, JK Lum, and RM Garruto published in 2008 "The contribution of mitochondrial dysfunction to a gene-environment model of Guamanian ALS and PD" *Mitochondrion* 8:109-116.

Bilge Firat received a Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (dated April 30, 2008) in the amount of \$23,900 to aid in the research on "The Negotiation of Turkish Europeanization in Brussels" supervised by Dr. Thomas M. Wilson.

Justin Garcia has a forthcoming paper accepted for publication: Garcia JR, Sad G. 2008. "Evolutionary Neuromarketing: Darwinizing the neuroimaging paradigm for consumer behavior" in the *Journal of Consumer Behavior*.

Elizabeth Green presented on "The 2007 Excavations at Pirque Alto, a Multicomponent Site in the Department of Cochabamba, Bolivia" at the 26th Annual Northeastern Conference on Andean Archaeology and Ethnohistory.

Amy Groleau co-curated an exhibit on masks at the Roberson Museum this year, titled "Masks: Transforming Journeys" with Pam Smart. As part of it they appeared on the WSKG public television program "Expressions." She also received a Tinker Foundation Grant and a National Science Foundation doctoral dissertation improvement grant for archaeological research. For a project titled "Ritual practices and the emergence of urbanism: Wari social strategies, AD 600-1000, Ayacucho, Peru".

William G. Hill published an article: Hill, William and J. Eric Gilliland. 2008. "The Sorter's Bluff Point: An Uncommon Point Type Recovered from the Copperhead Site in Northwest Arkansas" in *The Arkansas Archaeologist*, Vol. 46, Arkansas Archaeological Society, Fayetteville, AR. The work toward this article was based on excavations conducted in 2004 at the Copperhead Site (3CW951), a multicomponent middle Woodland through Caddo period open air site situated in the Boston Mountains. Analysis of the collected assemblage has identified projectile points that share characteristics with a type initially termed Sorter's Bluff in 1986. Since its initial definition very little data on this point type has been published. This essay is believed to be the first in the literature to report metric attributes for this point type.

William Pavlovich will be traveling to Belgrade this summer to commence his dissertation fieldwork. His project will focus on displaced persons, the resurgence of nationalism, and European Integration in Serbia. William has been awarded a Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant in the amount of \$24,455 (supervised by Dr. Thomas M. Wilson) and an IREX IARO (Individual Advanced Research Opportunity) Fellowship in the amount of \$18,360.

Graduate Student Achievements, 2007-2008 Continued

Dana Reiff has published two articles (2007) "Population structure and gene flow of *Anopheles farauti* (Diptera Culicidae) among ten sites on five islands of Vanuatu: Implications for malaria control" *Journal of Medical Entomology* 44:601-607 with A Kaneko, G Taleo, M Amos, JK Lum and (2007) "Genetic diversity and gene flow of humans, *Plasmodium falciparum*, and *Anopheles farauti* s.s. of Vanuatu: Inferred malaria dispersal and implications for malaria control" *Acta Tropica* 103:102-107 with J. Koji Lum, A Kaneko, G Taleo, M Amos.

Susan Pietrzyk has had a short article accepted for publication in a newsletter called *SAfAIDS News*, a newsletter for Southern Africa HIV and AIDS Information Dissemination Service, which is a Harare, Zimbabwe-based, but regionally focused, Non-Governmental Organization. She presented a longer version of this article in the form of a poster at the Binghamton University Graduate Student Research Day conference held on March 18, 2008. She also contributes to a Harare-based NGO blog: <http://www.kubatanablogs.net/kubatana/>.

Maresi Starzmann published a monograph: Maria Theresia Starzmann. 2007. *Archäologie des Raumes. Soziale Praxis und kulturelle Bedeutung am Beispiel der Wohnarchitektur von Fara*. Wiener Offene Orientalistik 5. Vienna: LIT Verlag. She also received a 2007 Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research from the Graduate School of Binghamton University. In addition to that she co-organized a session at the 72nd annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology (SAA) in Austin, Texas on "Imperialist Inspections: Archaeologists, War, and Violence" with Susan Pollock and Reinhard Bernbeck. The session's papers are currently under review for a special issue of *Archaeologies*, the journal of the World Archaeological Congress. Included in this set of papers is Maresi's own contribution called "Cultural imperialism and heritage politics: The role of an 'activist archaeology' in the event of armed conflict." Maresi also presented a paper titled "Colonialism's Heritage: The Role of Material Culture in the Geopolitics of Neo-Imperialism" at the 106th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Washington, DC.

Miguel Vilar published a paper in the *Journal of Human Genetics* titled "Reconstructing the origin of the Lapita Cultural Complex: mtDNA analyses of East Sepik Province, PNG". He also won the E.E. Hunt Jr. Award for Best Student Presentation at the 33rd Annual Meetings of the Human Biology Association for his podium presentation titled "Peopling of the Marianas: and mtDNA perspective".

James Verinis published "Ethnographic Features of the Landscape along the Greek-Albanian Border: Agricultural Artifacts as Anthropological Data" in *Balkan Border Crossings* - Proceedings of the 2nd Konitsa Summer School in Anthropology, Ethnography and Comparative Folklore of the Balkans. Berlin: LIT Verlag. 2008 and "Contemporary European Regionalisms and Social Ties: Recent Immigration, Neo-Rurality, and Opportunities for Ethnography in the Greek Countryside". In *Journal of Mediterranean Studies*, University of Malta. Vol. 17. No. 2. 2007.

Jeremy Wilson was recently awarded both a Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant from the Physical Anthropology Division of NSF in the amount of \$11,275 for "Statistical modeling of demographic and epidemiological patterns in late prehistoric west-central Illinois." and awarded a Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant in the amount of \$8026 for "Modeling life and death in late prehistoric west-central Illinois."

DEPARTMENT LIFE

If you have anything to add to this section for future issues, or if you would like to receive the newsletter as a PDF let us know! We'd love to hear from you...Email us:

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*Births * Marriages * Career News

* New Students*

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

WE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS FILES IN ORDER TO ALLOW US TO EMAIL FUTURE NEWSLETTERS AND TO CREATE AN ALUMNI EMAIL DIRECTORY. WE ALSO WISH TO COMPILE AN ALUMNI LIST, WITH NAMES, DEGREES AND DATES, FOR OUR WEBSITE AND OTHER DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO APPEAR IN THESE DEPARTMENT PRODUCTIONS, AND PLEASE EMAIL US AT

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FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO ANN STAHL

We will miss Ann Stahl has been on the department faculty since 1988, but we wish her well in her new position as Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Photo by Anne Hull



Photo by Maresi Starzmann



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