

News from the Hill

Utah State University

Department of Sociology, Social Work & Anthropology

Fall 2011: From the Department Head



Dear SSWA Alumni and Friends,

I am delighted to have an opportunity to send greetings to you from the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology at Utah State University. As I sit down to write this letter, I am celebrating having been a new member of the USU family for a full two months. I can now find my way around Old Main and the USU Logan campus without having to ask directions (most of the time) and I have even had the satisfying opportunity to give directions to a few students who are newer to Logan than I am. As for all the rest of the USU campuses, it will take a good GPS system and much of this school year for me to get around the state to all of them.

So, why is a newbie like me writing this letter? Well, after nine years as SSWA Department Head, Rick Krannich has relinquished the job and I've been given the opportunity to take over the position. Rick is returning to life as a "regular" faculty member, and I'm writing the cover letter for our annual newsletter.

Most of you do not have a clue as to who I am. So, a very brief introduction: I was raised in the Pacific Northwest, trained in sociology at the University of Texas, and spent the last twenty-three years teaching at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. I always hoped to return to the West, and when the opportunity to live in Logan and work at Utah State came my way, I jumped at the chance.

Having just moved here, I bring a new set of eyes to the Cache Valley, the university, and our department. I want to take a few lines to tell you just what I see and why I was excited to move nearly 2,000 miles across the country to become part of this community. First, as you all know, there is the sheer physical beauty of the Cache Valley and the surrounding mountains. College campuses and settings are often pretty places, but few warrant the term "spectacular." And the view from our campus is the most spectacular I have seen. Then there is the special community of Logan, that most of you know far better than I. On my treks in search of Aggie ice cream, Farmer's Market raspberries, and the Island Wrap sandwiches at Ibis Coffee, I am staying well-nourished and getting to recognize lots of friendly faces—perhaps even some of you.

But what impresses me most here is the incredible talents of my colleagues in SSWA. I hope you realize how lucky you are to have received an education from the faculty in this department—whether it was years ago or in the recent past. The SSWA faculty and students have a long history of impressive achievements, with plenty more to come. This newsletter will give you a glimpse into some of the many accomplishments of students and faculty over the past year, but it is only the tip of the iceberg. As enrollments at USU continue to climb, we are working hard to provide top quality social science education to even more students.

High quality academic programs take resources that, with shrinking state and federal budgets for higher education, are in short supply. We are committed to providing an excellent and affordable education, ensuring that our students have the opportunities most conducive for learning. We hope that you can help us in this effort. If you are able to make a contribution, whether large or small, it will help us provide educational opportunities for students in the years ahead.

I hope this school year I will get to know many of you. When you are in Logan, drop by Old Main and say hi. I can be contacted by mail at the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology, Utah State University, Logan, UT 83422-0730, by phone at 435-797-9296, and by email at leon.anderson@usu.edu.

Enjoy reading this newsletter and let us know what you are up to so we can include your accomplishments and adventures next year!

Sincerely,

Leon Anderson, Department Head

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___ R. Welling Roskelly Fellowship (Sociology Graduate)

___ Don & Iris Sparks Scholarship (Sociology Undergraduate)

___ Y. C. Hong Endowment in International Sociology

Scholarships and Fellowships in Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology

In recognition of their meritorious academic performance, the Social Work Program awarded scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year to four undergraduate social work majors. **Allison Leonard** and **Ashley Geary** received the Frances Handwerger Memorial Scholarship and **Sarabeth York** has received the Evelyn Hodges and Theodore R.E. Lewis Scholarship; **Wendy Madsen** is the recipient of the Social Work Trust scholarship and **Emily Washburn** received the LuAnn M. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship.

In Sociology, **Barabara Hoth** and **Luz Maria Carreno** were each awarded Cardon-Neuberger Scholarships in order to continue their work as seniors at USU. The Sociology Graduate Student Recipients of Departmental Scholarships and Fellowships in sociology include **Sun Young Jeon**, who was awarded the Y.C. Hong International Studies Fellowship and **Andrew Burger**, who received the Yun and Wendy Kim Fellowship for Population and International Studies, **Jennifer Swalboski**, who will receive the Carmen Frederickson Fellowship for Gender Studies, **Ha Ngoc Trinh** will receive the R. Welling Roskelly scholarship for international studies, **Saleh Ahmed** will receive the Wade and Kathryn Andrews Fellowship in Sociology, and **Matt Cottrell** will receive the Joseph Geddes Fellowship for Graduate Studies in Sociology. As always, these scholarships and fellowships are critical recruitment tools and allow recipients to devote their energies to unique research experiences and mentoring opportunities in the department

The Anthropology Program awarded two scholarships for the 2011-2012 year, funded primarily through the Gordon and Dolores Keller endowment. These were awarded to **Colby Page** and **Caytie Caldwell**. Anthropology graduate student, **Chimalis Kuehn**, earned a prestigious USU Presidential Graduate Fellowship for the 2011-2012 year. Anthropology undergraduate scholarships were awarded to **Symone Caldwell**, **Katie Conrad**, **Annie Gamez**, **Erika Norton** and **Elizabeth Payne**.

The Criminal Justice Associates program at USU Eastern provided academic awards to **Aubrey Jones**, **Madison Chrisansen**, **Tanner Fausett**, **Dominic Bonacci**, **Shaun Bell**, **Codie Sharpe**, and **Audrey Barney**. A number of these students come from law-enforcement related families and these scholarships often allow students to continue a legacy.



This year's Newsletter is something of a celebration. Our department's graduates, students, and faculty have received one award after another.

The 2011 newsletter is a celebration of the achievements of these outstanding people.



Syng-il Hyun, Ph.D. Doctor of Humane Letters

In an unusual and great honor, Ph.D. graduate, Dr. Syng-il Hyun, received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the 2011 USU Graduation Ceremony.

His life story is unique and fascinating. As a college student in Korea during the 1960s, Dr. Hyun was thrown into prison for several years because of his pro-democracy activities. When finally released, he moved with his family to Logan and graduated with a doctorate in Sociology in 1983. Upon his return to Korea, he served as president of a top private university, Kookmin University, and served in many higher education leadership positions, including roles as president of the National Private Universities Presidents Council and as elected chairman of the Korean Educational Council.

In 2000, he was elected member to Korea's National Assembly, a body comparable to the U.S. Senate, and was quickly selected for leadership roles instrumental to the country's educational system. In other words, after those years in prison, now he was serving in S. Korea's highest democratically elected body. Due to the failing health of his wife and his desire to be with her, he did not seek reelection in 2004 and returned to teaching.

Dr. Hyun is an advocate for the advancement of higher education in Korea and is a highly recognized expert on relations between South Korea and North Korea. He is also greatly respected for his courage and intellect. Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology are proud to be part of his story.



Y.C. Hong, Stan Albrecht, Syng-il Hyun

CELEBRATING SCHOLARSHIP

David Lancy

2011 D. Wynne Thorne Career Research Award

SSWA is proud to announce that David Lancy, Anthropology, is the recipient of the 2011 D. Wynne Thorne Career Research Award. The award, given annually, is named for USU's first vice president for Research and is the most prestigious research accolade given by USU. Nominees are evaluated by letters from nationally known experts in their field of study.

Throughout his career, Dr. Lancy has made valuable contributions to his discipline as well as to USU by studying culture-bound conceptions of childhood and children's learning. Lancy has authored eight books and more than 60 articles, chapters and reviews in major, peer-reviewed journals. His seventh book, *The Anthropology of Childhood: Cherubs, Chattel, Changelings*, has helped launch a new sub-discipline in anthropology, and has been called an "excellent reference for scholars of childhood, both within and, more importantly, outside of anthropology" by the *American Journal of Human Biology*.

Hired by USU in 1983, Lancy received the Carnegie Professor of the Year Award for the state of Utah in 2001. He has also mentored graduate and undergraduate students and served as director of the USU Honors program from 1997-2005. While Lancy will retire from Utah State University in September 2011, his next project, an analysis of the cultural foundations of learning and teaching, is already underway. Lancy's valuable contributions to the anthropology of childhood field, as well as his service to his department and students, set him apart as a deserving recipient of the 2011 D. Wynne Thorne Career Research Award.

On a less formal note, David has been a wonderful colleague, researcher, teacher and friend. He has been a benefactor to the university, to the department, college and university. His intellectual rigor and lively curiosity always kept us on our toes.



Douglas Jackson-Smith

2011 College of Humanities & Social Sciences Researcher of the Year

Douglas Jackson-Smith received the prestigious, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Researcher of the Year Award. His research and teaching emphasize the sociology of agriculture, collaborative resource management, dynamics of complex agri-environmental systems, and rural land use change. He has long been interested in the role of policy and research funding in shaping trajectories and impacts of change in the farm sector, and sustainable agricultural systems. In recent years, he has focused much of his work on interdisciplinary research on agricultural environmental problems. A key focus has been research to integrate human dimensions (and social science insights) into 'transdisciplinary' integrated scientific research projects.



CELEBRATING SCHOLARSHIP



Joyce Mumah
2011 College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Graduate Researcher of the Year and
USU 2011 Robins Award Graduate Researcher of the
Year

Joyce has been honored for her work implementing a survey sample of 6400 households in eight countries as well as her responsibilities working with water scientists throughout the western U.S. She has also focused much research on women's and children's health issues, examining the links between demographic, socioeconomic and cultural issues in generating female vulnerability to health risks. Her current research focuses on HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa and the socioeconomic disparities that put women at disproportionate risk of the disease.



Rachel Jaggi

2011 Undergraduate Researcher of the Year and
Valedictorian College of Humanities and Social
Sciences

The Peak Prize was established to recognize undergraduates who have put serious effort into research, actively contributing to the advancement of knowledge very early in their careers. For her Honors thesis, Rachel designed a project that engages a cutting edge area of sociological research and theory: the performance of gender by transgendered individuals. Through systematic study of the performance of gender across settings and over time among an emergent gender minority, Rachel advances theoretical debates about the durability of gender norms and builds a theoretical model that will contribute to further scholarship in this area. This work has been accepted for presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) and has also been nominated for the PSA's Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award. She will also present her work at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research.



Shannon Browne

2011 Certificate of Merit National
Academic Advising Association
2011 College of Humanities and Social
Sciences Service Award

Shannon Browne, who was USU's Robins Award Faculty advisor of the year last year, was recognized for demonstrating qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students. His focus on both excellence in advising and excellence in service continues to be a highlight of our program.

CELEBRATING SCHOLARSHIP

Steve Daniels

2011 Civically Engaged Scholar

Utah's Higher Education Civic Engagement Coalition

The Higher Education Civic Engagement Coalition is a group of colleges and university presidents and their campuses. It provides leadership to strengthen service-learning, co-curricular service and community-based service. **Dr. Steve Daniels** received the Civically Engaged Scholar award for his work with various businesses, non-profits, municipalities and governmental agencies around the state. Further he engages students in a service learning class, that is a capstone class for seniors in the sociology program. In the class, each student conducts an extensive project on behalf of a community-serving organization. "Community engagement lies at the heart of the mission of a university like Utah State. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to help people successfully implement projects that improve the quality of their lives."



Bonnie Glass-Coffin

2011 Eleanor Roosevelt Global Citizenship Award

"**Dr. Glass-Coffin** has been recognized with this award because she so effectively takes classroom knowledge and applies it to real world challenges, thereby encouraging students to be responsible global citizens," said Rob Borofsky, of the Center for Public Anthropology. The center, based at Hawaii Pacific University, awards the Eleanor Roosevelt Global Citizenship prize to Bonnie for "actively addressing important ethical concerns within anthropology; Dr. Glass-Coffin provides students with the thinking and writing skills needed for active citizenship." The Global Citizenship award, named to honor the 20th century's "First Lady of the World" is awarded to less than 1 percent of university instructors teaching introductory anthropology classes across North America. Glass-Coffin was chosen for her recent work with introductory anthropology students as she guided them, along with faculty and students from 21 other universities, to discuss the responsibilities anthropologists have

to the public as they investigate and report on indigenous cultures. The students debated whether anthropologists have an obligation to intercede on behalf of Yanomami Indians of Brazil and Venezuela, who have demanded the return of blood samples collected more than 40 years ago and stored in research laboratories today. Glass-Coffin's students were particularly effective in arguing their positions, with 21 claiming top honors in a competition that included 4,000 total students.

Bonnie Pitblado

2011 American Anthropological Association/Oxford University Press

Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The American Anthropological Association (AAA), the world's largest organization of individuals interested in anthropology, established this award in 1997 to recognize teachers who have contributed to and encouraged the study of anthropology. As the AAA website notes, "The successful teaching of anthropology is at the core of producing successful anthropologists. By transferring knowledge and encouraging interest and study, the teacher is able to contribute significantly to the increasing success of the field of anthropology. Without such people the growth of anthropology would be stifled." **Dr. Pitblado** is thrilled to receive this national recognition from her peers, because as she says, an award for doing what one treasures most of all is the most satisfying sort of award one can receive!



CELEBRATING TEACHING



Stephanie Malin

2011 College of Humanities & Social Sciences Graduate Teacher of the Year and USU 2011 Robins Award Graduate Teacher of the Year

Stephanie Malin, who has just moved to a post-doctoral program at Brown University in Providence, RI, received her PhD in Sociology at USU, focusing on Environmental and Natural Resources Sociology and Social Change and Development. She is a natural teacher and has taught three different topical areas, social psychology; sociology of the environment and natural resources; and most difficult, social statistics. Her patience with students in social statistics is legendary: she works hours and hours with them, striving to help them understand. At the same time, she maintains rigor and high standards in her classes.

Christy Glass

2011 College of Humanities & Social Sciences Undergraduate Mentor of the Year

Dr. Glass is a research mentor par excellence, mentoring 18 undergraduate researchers since her arrival at USU in 2005. In addition to advising seven Honors thesis and nine senior thesis research projects, she has also engaged undergraduate researchers in her own research. Undergraduate researchers have contributed in invaluable ways to several of her research projects and her students present their research at local or regional undergraduate conference and national academic conferences. Dr. Glass had worked closely with a research mentor during her senior year in college, an experience that inspired Christy to become a scholar. She seeks to inspire the same passion for discovery through research in her own students.



Susan Egbert

Excellence in Service with Impact

The RCDE Faculty Excellence Recognition Committee is pleased to recognize **Dr. Susan Egbert** this year as the recipient of the Taggart/Ballard Award of Excellence for Regional Campuses and Distance Education.

This award is given to an individual who is serving as an administrator or faculty member in one or more of the USU Regional Campuses and Distance Education programs, in recognition of outstanding service and whose efforts have positively impacted Regional Campuses and Distance Education. Susan is recognized for her excellent work and leadership in the MSW program in Tooele and Kaysville. President Albrecht commended her on her key contributions to the success and growth of the MSW program, including her efforts resulting in contracts and internship opportunities.



Celebrating Students



Sociology Student of the Year

Rachel Jaggi graduated in May as the first Valedictorian for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHaSS) and earned Honors in Sociology. She also had majors in German and International Studies; a perfect 4.0; a permanent place on the Dean's List; and as you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, honors as a Peak scholar undergraduate researcher of the year. Rachel is also a terrific person, incredibly bright, curious, hard-working, and likeable. Yet she has not been sitting home, alone, in front of the computer, or in the library, doing nothing but studying. Rachel has worked, at USU, actively engaged in intensive language learning, leading campus-wide service activities serving as Intern in the LGBTQA Center and the Access and Diversity Centers and as student representative on the Allies Board. She studied at the University of Bielefeld in Germany and is an Extern for the Organization for Refugee, Asylum and Migration, an international NGO devoted to providing assistance to gender and sexuality based asylum seekers. Ms. Jaggi leaves USU to participate in a Critical Language Scholarship Program in Turkish after which she plans to enroll in a graduate program where she will develop her research agenda studying the social, political and economic situation of Turkish migrants in Germany.



Anthropology Student of the Year

Jason Patten impressed every single one of his anthropology professors with his tremendous level of academic engagement and intellectual curiosity. He participated in myriad out-of-classroom archaeology field and lab experiences, which culminated in November 2010 with his coordination of a bison-butcher experience for USU anthropology graduate students. He flint-knapped the tools, recruited expert supervisors and brought down a bison using a bow and arrow that he manufactured. He also helped the students process the animal and to study the resulting stone-tool use-wear using a video microscope. Jason managed to pull all this off despite maintaining his 3.97 gpa.



Social Work Student of the Year

Justin Barton graduated in May with Summa Cum Laude honors and an overall GPA of 3.7; Mr. Barton is a terrific student and person. He is incredibly bright, curious, hard-working and dedicated to social work values. For his practicum placement this year, Mr. Barton interned at Bear River Mental Health (BRMH) where he worked with adult and child clients, providing social skills development; case management services; and running recovery groups. Justin has logged hundreds of volunteer hours serving as the co-president of Utah State's student chapter of NASW, planning and organizing monthly projects in the community. In addition to his extensive community service, Mr. Barton is also a research student, presenting, with Professor Shannon Browne, at the Pacific Sociological Association's Annual Conference in Seattle, an incredibly rare experience for an undergraduate student. His research explores the efficacy of college-based programs for youth who have aged out of the foster care system. Justin is now attending the University of Pennsylvania where he is one of only 25 students accepted to their M.S.W. program, one of the most selective programs in the country.



Celebrating Students

MSW STUDENTS OF THE YEAR 2011

**JENNIFER
CHRISTENSEN**



**MSW Student of the
Year 2011**

SHERIE ANN FLAGG



**Tooele Regional
Campus**

**SHERIE SIMS
ALVARI**



**Brigham City
Regional Campus**

ANDREW PURCELL



**Uintah Basin Regional
Campus**

**KENNETH JOEL
ALLRED**



**Kaysville Regional
Campus**

**CATHERINE
JURADO**



**Uintah Basin Graduation
Speaker
(Uintah Basin Regional
Campus)**

MSW Graduate Program

May 2011 marked the graduation of our first part-time MSW cohort – 37 part-time students – congratulations to all our wonderful graduates from the Brigham City, Ogden, Tooele and the Uintah Basin RCDE campuses! Our MSW graduates have been passing their state licensing exam and finding professional employment. Many of our graduates obtained professional employment in the local community through their student practicum placements – further evidence of the demand for this professional degree. The second full-time cohort of 26 MSW students is now in its second year of study in Logan and the second part-time cohort of 60 students starts classes August 29 at our RCDE campuses. Four MSW students are employed as grant-funded Research Assistants (**Krystal Barlow, Jenny Erazo, Cody Harris, Frances Lewis**); two other MSW students, **Roxanne Gibbons and Michelle Graff**, are also employed as Research Assistants.

The third successful site visit from our accrediting organization, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), took place in Fall 2010 – the MSW program continues to be on track in the lengthy accreditation process. A fourth and final CSWE site visit is scheduled for October 2011 – assuming no glitches, full accreditation should occur on schedule February 2012.

Sociology: The Rockin' Degree for the 21st Century

BA & BS Majors and Minors - As of May, 2011, there are 373 majors and minors in Sociology at USU, plus about 40 two-year degree program students in criminal justice at USU Eastern. When asked why students want to major in sociology or criminal justice, many have particular employment types in mind, including professions in social services; law; counseling; hospital management; or human resources. Others begin the program with less focus but find that they learn skills that are very marketable when they graduate. Very specifically, they learn a set of "soft" skills and a set of "hard" skills. The soft skills include (a) an ability to work well with diverse groups; (b) to view society from an alternative perspective; c) to understand current explanations about social issues; and (d) to understand how small groups work. The hard skills include research skills; developing evidence-based arguments; and evaluating different research methods.

In a brief report on just a few of the members of the class of 2011, **Bryan Olson** has gone on to graduate school at Arizona State; **Cessilee Carter** works in Idaho for Juvenile Services; **Hillary Bennet** is beginning a MSW program in Virginia; **Courtney Wilkes** is managing Violet Hill Boutique in Logan; **Jeff Tomlinson** is working as an auditor in the hotel industry; **JoJo Beyene** is working as a College Advisor for the National College Advising Corps; and **Keven Todd** has a career in Market Research as a sales representative for a survey software company. As you can tell from information on the various Students of the Year, others are off to graduate school, language training, or a variety of interesting careers. In other words, our terrific undergraduates are using their skills in many ways and are using them well.

MS & PHD Graduate Program. May 2011 also marked the graduation of another amazing group of students. They are going to extraordinary places and spaces. To mention only a few, **Stephanie Malin**, PhD, has moved on to Brown University to a post-doctoral position; **Ashley Styczynski**, MS, is living and working in Logan, assisting on research projects; **Anita Armstrong**, PhD, has taken a post-doctoral position at USU's Women and Gender Center; **Kevin Hanks**, MS, is living in South Jordan; **Joyce Mumah**, PhD, is continuing in a post-doctoral position at USU; and **Karin Abel**, MS, and **Beth Keister**, MS, are both pursuing their PhDs at USU. A new batch of fresh-faced, bright-eyed and eager new students has arrived this fall and we are excited and delighted to work with them.

Faculty. Our wonderful new faculty member, **Amy Bailey**, has survived her first year in Logan and is rapidly gaining a coterie of undergraduate and graduate students working with her. **Christy Glass** and **Eric Reither** each made Associate Professor (yippee!). Reither also successfully gained a grant from the National Institutes of Health that begins in Fall, 2011. **Douglas Jackson-Smith** received a National Science Foundation grant and was promoted to Professor (another yippee!). **Mike Toney** has been commuting to Logan from Seattle, so this summer he announced that he is finally going to carry out his threat to retire at the end of this coming year (not so yippee). **Peggy Petrzalka**, with **Christy Glass**, traveled to Spain to interview Moroccan migrant strawberry workers. **Jason Leiker** continues to work with high school students to encourage matriculation to college, and **Reed Geertsen** continues to be active with the American Sociological Association in their Teaching section. **E. (Eddy) Helen Berry** continues to work with **Mike Toney**, to plod along on her aging and health book and to edit this newsletter. **Steve Daniels** performs yeoman's service to the state and university as extension sociologist. **Rick Krannich** made the decision to return to his roots, studying natural resource and environment and is launching several new research projects. **Richard Walton** has been compiling stats on unsolved Utah homicides from 1965-2005 and writing an article for the Utah Sheriff's Journal. **Scott Henrie** is learning the ins and outs of administration (poor guy!) And, as you already know from studying the first page of the newsletter, the sociology faculty has added a very accomplished, highly regarded new sociologist, **Leon Anderson**, as the fearless leader of the Department of SSWA.

For Cool Sociology News, check out our website <http://sociology.usu.edu/>



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The criminal justice program at USU Eastern has traditionally recognized graduating outstanding criminal justice students by awarding them recognition as Outstanding Students of the Year. This recognition, by the faculty of the criminal justice program, has been based upon their academic record and a combination of community service and academic achievement. In 2009, the program also implemented a category of recognizing outstanding distance education criminal justice graduates, a separate category that recognized those who excelled under the distance learning environment. Our 2011 outstanding criminal justice student was **Janet Carver**, who came to us from Syracuse, Utah. After graduating with her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice, Janet is now attending Southern Utah University to get her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, and then plans on attending law school so she can fulfill her goal of becoming an attorney. **Ryan Jensen**, who graduated from our program in 2010, was quickly picked up by the Utah Highway Patrol, and after successfully completing the Peace Officers Standards and Training academy, is now a State Trooper. Of more than 500 applicants for only 12 positions, Trooper Jensen credits the education he received from our institution as making the difference for his selection.



Randon Timothy, graduate of USU Eastern, will be featured as an inset article in the upcoming text *Criminal Justice Today*, 12e, by Frank Schmallegger. Timothy is currently employed with the Emery County Sheriff's office in the Corrections division.



A very special honor has come the way of USU Eastern graduate, **Michael Nakai**: he is the **Outstanding Employee of the Year** in his Albuquerque internship for the **US Air Force**



Scott Henrie, who has instructed in a variety of criminal justice courses since 2003, was promoted to Associate Vice Chancellor of Liberal Arts in 2011, and now oversees a number of departments as well as maintaining a classroom presence. With the arrival of our new department head, Dr. Leon Anderson, we are moving forth to explore the implementation of a minor in CJ. These are exciting times and the integration of our two institutions, USU and USU Eastern, promises a rich future for our students.

SOCIAL WORK HAPPENINGS

Faculty

Our wonderful new faculty members – **Shannon Hughes** and **Moises Diaz** in Logan and **Kym Owens** at the Moab center, have survived their first year as full-time faculty. But, unfortunately, **David Kondrat** left USU for the University of South Florida (see Transitions, this newsletter) so we will be looking for one more wonderful faculty member to replace him. Please take a moment to look at the SSWA website (socialwork.usu.edu) to see photos of our faculty and students.

Student Service

USU social work students continue to lead the state in the annual NASW membership competition and it's not just the Logan students who participate; the MSW program has student chapters at the Regional campuses along with local community service opportunities. All our students demonstrate a commitment to community service. Under the leadership of **Shannon Browne**, and the NASW student officers, **Justin Barton** and **Cami Cole Fellows**, social work students involved in **GIVE** (Getting Involved Volunteer Experience) participate in at least one service activity per month. The students are especially effective at Thanksgiving—last year social work students provided complete meals for more than 20 families!

Grant Funding that Supports Students

Under the stewardship of **Dr. Derrik Tollefson**, MSW Coordinator, the Social Work program continues to participate in the federally-funded (Title IV-E/U.S. Children's Bureau) training program for undergraduate social work majors. We have a third cohort of **14 undergraduate students** who will benefit from this enhanced professional opportunity. Students receive a **\$7000 stipend**, additional specialized coursework and are placed in child welfare agencies for their practicum experience. In exchange, after graduation the students agree to work in a child welfare setting for two years.

Title IV-E funding also supports MSW students – **14 MSW students** also participate in the program. These 14 MSW students, who are already employed at appropriate settings, receive **\$5250/year plus a 12-credit tuition waiver**. **Dr. Tollefson**, **Dr. David Kondrat** (who will continue to help out with the grant from Florida) and **Dr. Terry Peak** will be evaluating the federally-funded PASSAGES grant received by the State of Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to evaluate the transition of youth to the adult mental health system (this grant funds 2 MSW research associate positions). These are wonderful opportunities for all our students.

Other Happenings

Drs. Diane Calloway-Graham and **David Kondrat** will again be presenting their classroom based research findings at the Council of Social Work Education's annual program meeting in October in Atlanta. In addition, in April 2011, **Dr. Calloway-Graham** and **Prof. Moises Diaz** gave a talk on Effective Instructional Approaches for Teaching Diversity at the Western Social Science Association annual meeting held in Salt Lake City. In November 2010, **Dr. Shannon Hughes** has earned two prestigious conference awards – JMIR Medicine 2.0 and IMIA Medicine 2.0 – at last year's Medicine 2.0 Conference held in Amsterdam.

While **Dr. Hughes** was in Amsterdam at the Medicine 2.0 Conference, she finalized the details for our first ever study abroad program (Social Policies and Pragmatic Tolerance in Amsterdam) July 18-August 7, 2011. Five MSW students and one undergraduate Sociology major are having a wonderful time in Amsterdam (and studying too).

First Annual Intermountain Mental Health Court Conference

The First Annual Intermountain Mental Health Court Conference was held at Utah State University June 29 through July 1, 2011. The Social Work Program along with our College (Humanities & Social Sciences, CHaSS) and Department (SSWA) co-sponsored the conference along with Bear River Mental Health Services. Pete Earley, former Washington Post reporter and author of *Crazy, A Father's Search through America's Mental Health Madness*, opened the conference with a riveting keynote address on June 29; Norma Jaeger, Director of Problem-Solving Courts and Community Sentencing Alternatives for the Idaho Supreme Court gave the closing address on July 1. In between, other plenary speakers included Judge Steven Leifman, Special Advisor on Criminal Justice and Mental Health for the Supreme Court of Florida, Judge Stephen Goss, of the State Superior Court in Georgia, Martha Ekhoft, Director of the Idaho Office of Consumer Affairs, Sherri Wittwer, Executive Director of NAMI Utah, and Kathi Trawver from the University of Alaska, who discussed the current research on mental health courts. Session topics included information about how to apply incentives and sanctions in mental health courts, how to evaluate potential participants for eligibility for mental health court referrals, how to determine the appropriate therapies and community services and supports for mentally ill offenders, and a discussion of the ethical issues of mental health courts. Mental Health Court Conference participants included judges and other court personnel, mental health professionals, academics and others involved in this exciting new field of therapeutic jurisprudence. Stay tuned for information about the Second Intermountain Mental Health Court Conference.

Anthropology: A Business, A Museum, A Lab... and So Much More!

Anthropology continues to be one of the most visible presences on USU's campus. For one thing, the spin-off company U.S.U. Archeological Services (USUAS) has really taken off this year. USUAS is a private company launched by USU archaeologists and specializing in the documentation, testing, and evaluation of cultural resources. The organization, directed by archaeologist **Dr. Kenneth Cannon**, works with a number of agencies including the National Park Service, Nez Perce National Forest, and the Bureau of Land Management, as well as many private concerns, to provide consultation and assistance in the cultural resource field. One wonderful side effect of the company has been to provide hands-on, real world practice for our students to experience anthropology as a job; another has been the 5% return to the program on every dollar generated, which funds graduate and undergraduate student research and scholarships.

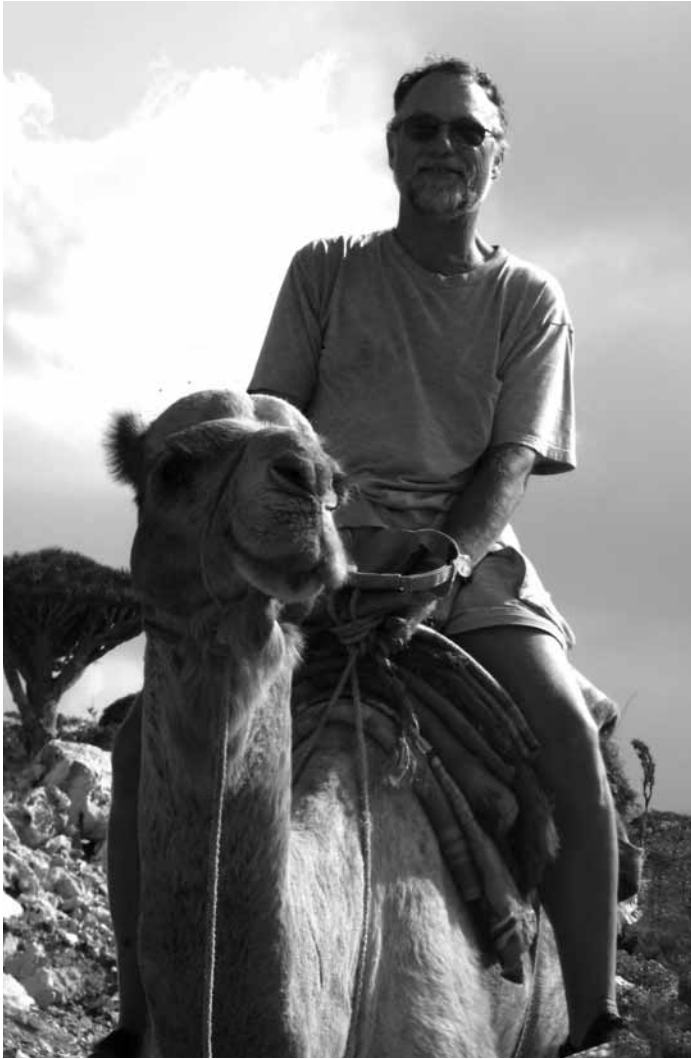
The campaign to Raise the Barn as a new home for the Museum of Anthropology continues, with this past year's highlight a prestigious \$500,000 Challenge Grant awarded to the project by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Museum staffers anticipate breaking Aggie Barn ground ca. March 2012. The museum has been directed by **Dr. Bonnie Pitblado** since her arrival at USU in 2002. With its cadre of two dozen graduate and undergraduate student staff members, the museum has been serving more than 8000 visitors a year and creating new programming and exhibits all the while. This year saw the grand opening of the museum's finest exhibit yet (as always intimately involving student curators)—The Dine: Weaving a Tradition of Strength—which required hundreds of hours of research and original ethnographic research in Arizona and New Mexico.

The past year has also seen the installation of the Spatial Analysis and Visualization Laboratory, funded by a National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation grant, and ably directed by **Molly Cannon**. The lab offers equipment and services using GPS, GIS, remote sensing, scanning, photographic and microscopy hardware, and many other tools used by archaeologists to interpret geospatial data. The lab caters to anthropology students and faculty members and is increasing their research power enormously.

Faculty: Anthropology has had a wonderful year. We've been joined by **Curtis Ashton**, **Andrea Birkby**, and **Maggie Zraly**. Our wonderful new USU-CEU colleague and preeminent Utah museum educator, **Pam Miller**, has added even more heft to our burgeoning Museum Studies program while also contributing to our cultural and archaeological course offerings. **Steven Simms** has returned refreshed from sabbatical and ready to again coordinate the anthropology graduate program. **Patricia Lambert** enters her second year ensconced on the third floor of Old Main, where she will continue to shine as Associate Dean for Research for the College of HaSS. **Bonnie Pitblado** and **Chris Morgan** each completed archaeological fieldwork this summer (with more than 20 students between them) in the mountains of Idaho and the Loess Plateau of China, respectively. Collectively, our faculty and museum professionals won dozens of grants, published a variety of books and journal articles, and continued their tradition of engaging in public anthropology to ensure that we share our findings not just with each other, but with everyone.

Students: Last, and absolutely not least, our students continue to be our pride and joy. To try to keep our current students and alumni connected to one another, the program has just finished combing through hundreds of names and addresses of USU anthropologists past and present, and has gathered data on where our graduates have gone in life. The answer is—everywhere! We have in our midst medical doctors, attorneys, professors, K-12 teachers, aid workers, firefighters, business professionals, and many more. Most have generously agreed to serve as mentors to current students considering various careers, and we hope to initiate alumni-student events soon!

The place will never be the same.....



Dr. David F. Lancy retires.....

This spot in the newsletter, where SSWA recognizes retirees, may look a bit like a reprint of another page in the newsletter. David F. Lancy, Professor of Anthropology, retires effective September 30, 2011, but went out with a bang, receiving the D. Wynne Thorne research award. As noted, Dr. Lancy is and has been an extraordinary force in the anthropology of childhood and a force at USU. But when one thinks about David's entire career, one must begin a little further back than this past spring and his recognition by USU.

David majored in Psychology, with a minor in Art History, at Yale, graduating in 1967. He earned the PhD at the University of Pittsburgh in International and Development Education with a minor in Anthropology and went from there to Papua New Guinea as Director of Research at the Department of Education. He was a National Institutes of Mental Health Fellow at UCLA from 1979 to 1980 then served as Director of Research Services in the College of Education at Arizona State University. Dr. Lancy taught in USU's College of Education and the University of Toledo's College of Education, returning to USU in 1992. He has been at USU in Anthropology ever since, with "breaks" here and there, to work in Research and Development in Cyprus; on Fulbright Fellowships in Sweden and in Trinidad & Tobago; the USU Honors Program; and, of course, as a semi-regular tour organizer through far and distant lands.

He has published over 60 articles and five books, beginning with *Children's Emergent Literacy: from Research to Practice*, in 1994; then *Studying Children and Schools: Qualitative Research Traditions*; *Playing on the Mother-Ground: Cultural Routines for Children's Development*; *The Anthropology of Learning in Childhood*; and, most recently, *The Anthropology of Childhood: Cherubs, Chattel, Changelings* in 2008.

Yet he has not spent all his time slaving over a hot typewriter nor an even hotter computer. In 2001 he was named the Utah Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation, and two years earlier, Humanist of the Year at USU. More recently he has picked up an entirely new gig: he has become a blogger for *Psychology Today*.

Dr. Lancy believes that he honed his understanding of childhood and parenting in the most classic of ways: by being both a child himself and by being a parent. He also learned a bit from studying the Kpelle in Liberia, very traditional cultures in Papua New Guinea, gorillas in Rwanda, and gender roles in Yemen.

SSWA suspects that David will never really retire, but he'll probably be spending more time blogging than on campus. And when we say that the place will never be the same, well, with a resume like his, we are not kidding.

This is the link to David's Blog: <http://www.psychologytoday.com/experts/david-f-lancy-phd>

David's Home page: <http://www.usu.edu/anthro/davidlancyspages/index.html>

David's Podcasts: <http://www.usu.edu/anthro/davidlancyspages/Travels.html>



Transitions



Curtis Ashton earned degrees in Library Science and Folklore from Indiana University. Prior to graduation, Curtis lived 16 months in Beijing to study emerging museum trends connected to the 2008 Olympics. He now serves as the Museum Studies Coordinator, a two-year postdoctoral position created in collaboration with the Anthropology Program, RCDE, and Utah's Division of Arts & Museums. His classes bring together traditional students with working museum professionals to evaluate and improve museum work around the state.

Among our temporary faculty is **Andrea Birkby** who is relishing being at USU. She came to us after teaching primarily at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. She has the MA from University of Colorado-Denver and a BA from Fort Lewis College. Her interests are specifically, ape conservation and behavior as well as how culture and biology interact, and she has done field work in Indonesian Borneo with orangutans.



David Kondrat has moved to the University of South Florida in Tampa to take a post there. David says that he will miss USU. In specific, he indicates that he will miss the students and his colleagues at USU. We all suspect that he will be back in Logan to ski.

Richard S. Krannich has stepped down as Department Head and has begun to smile again. The SSWA facebook page has pictures of his retirement-from-being-department-head party. He says:

By the time this newsletter goes to press, the first semester of my sabbatical leave will be well underway. After serving as department head for the past 9 years, I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to turn attention back to the teaching and research interests that drew me into this business in the first place! With a "split years" sabbatical involving leave during the fall semester in both 2011 and 2012 ahead of me, I hope to get a new research project focusing on alternative energy systems well underway. And, I do plan to find just a few occasions to load up the fishing gear and head off to a quiet mountain stream. If you need to find me, that would be a good place to start the search!



Scott Henrie, who has instructed in a variety of criminal justice courses since 2003, was promoted to Associate Vice Chancellor of Liberal Arts at the USU Eastern campus and now oversees a number of departments as well as maintaining a classroom presence.

Derrick Tollefson has been serving as Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work and directing the MSW program in Social Work. Now, just for fun and because he was slightly bored (ok, the editor exaggerates), he has been promoted to Associate Dean of the Uintah Basin Regional Campus.



Maggie Zraly is a new assistant professor in Anthropology. She received her PhD from Case Western Reserve in Ohio and has strong interests in medical anthropology, global community mental health, responses to sexual violence, the anthropology of emotion, and in ethnographic methods.

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