

## ANTHRO-PRESS @ The Beach!

A newsletter for the Anthropology Department,  
LeMaster & Ruckman, Co-Editors



### Letter from the NEW Chairperson, Dr. Barbara LeMaster

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, and Alumni,  
As the year draws to a close, we finish with our second newsletter of the year. We had some great activities this year: A development event involving displays of student and faculty work, a silent auction, and wine tasting; an Ethnographic Film Festival from our first and second Anthropology and Film classes; two field schools (one in China, the other in Guatemala); A debate about Anthropologists' role in wartime; several sponsored talks; a partnership between CSULB, CSUDH, and the Long Beach Historical Society regarding the Long Beach Cambodian community; and high productivity of our students and faculty in terms of presentations and publications. This year draws to a close with a bittersweet moment as one of our faculty embarks on a true sabbatical in which she will be able to put all of her attention to her work. I am talking about the retirement of our colleague, friend, true scholar, and leader in the department, **Dr. Pamela Bunte**. The department will not be the same without her. We will miss her, but wish her well!

As we look to the future, the department welcomes two new faculty, **Dr. Steven Russo-Schindler**, a visual anthropologist who joins us to help build the department in this new direction,

**Have an interesting story or report to share?**  
Email Dr. Barbara LeMaster [lemaster@csulb.edu](mailto:lemaster@csulb.edu) to contribute your short article(s) from 75-100 words. We intend to have a newsletter every month. Thank you!

and **Dr. Alexandra ("Misty") Jaffe**, who takes on a joint appointment with our department, moving half of her appointment from the Linguistics Department to help strengthen the Anthropology Department in the area of Linguistic Anthropology. In the Fall, department will be hosting another development event. This time, we will be hosting an Anthropology Dinner during which we will screen the top award-winning CSULB student-produced ethnographic films. The dinner will be used, we hope, to open the Margaret Mead Film Festival - a traveling festival of juried short, documentary, and feature-film length films - which the department anticipates hosting this Fall. Announcements for both events will be forthcoming by email. In Spring 2009, we will be experiencing the very generous legacy gift of emeriti faculty, **Dr. Robert Harman**. Because of Dr. Harman's gift, the department will be able to attract a renowned applied anthropologist to be in residence in Spring 2009 to share her/his expertise with our students and faculty. We expect to be able to bring a scholar to campus every other year, and perhaps every year. CSULB is the envy of Applied Anthropology Departments across the nation.

Also in Spring 2009, we anticipate another bittersweet moment - the retirement of another colleague, friend, true scholar, and leader in the department, **Dr. Larry Mai**. The department will not be the same without him. We will miss him!

If you would like to be added to our e-list, please send your email address to me at: [lemaster@csulb.edu](mailto:lemaster@csulb.edu).

## In the Spotlight...

**Congratulations to:**  
**Andrea Bardsley, Sara Coté, Brooke Hundtoft, Katherine Nutter, Hanah Ruckman, Amelia Arguello**

In 2007 graduate student **Katherine Nutter** was the recipient of a Graduate Research Fellowship from CSULB. The fellowship is designed to help graduate students conducting research with financial support and the opportunity to work in collaboration with a faculty mentor. Students are selected by faculty who meet the criteria of financial need, academic merit, and potential for success in research. The fellowship award is \$9,000 a year. The setting for her research is a nonprofit, low-income housing organization located in Southern California. She will be conducting an ethnographic study to discover how participants within low-income housing define success.

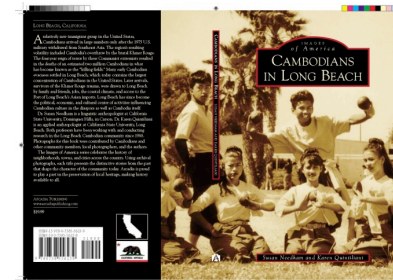
**Sara Coté** was named Volunteer of the Year by the Community development Commission of the County of Los Angeles, and received a certificate of appreciation for Service to the Community by the CSULB Center for Community Engagement. In 2008, **Andrea Bardsley** received a \$2000 Summer Provost Stipend Award for mentored research. **Brooke Hundtoft** presented a paper at the SSRIC for which she won an Honorable Mention. **Hanah Ruckman** won an award for her poster from the SfAA. The Parker Scholarship for English and Social Studies goes to an anthropology student this year, **Amelia Arguello**. Congratulations to all!

## Cambodians in Long Beach

**Dr. Susan Needham** a CSULB alumni and professor at CSU, Dominguez Hills and **Dr. Karen Quintiliani** at CSU, Long Beach co-authored "Cambodians in Long Beach." The book becomes available to the public in March 2008. Both professors have been working with and conducting research in the Long Beach Cambodian community since 1988.

### Book Description:

A relatively new immigrant group in the United States, Cambodians



arrived in large numbers only after the 1975 U.S. military withdrawal from Southeast Asia. The region's resulting volatility included Cambodia's overthrow by the brutal Khmer Rouge. The four-year reign of terror by these Communist extremists resulted in the deaths of an estimated two

million Cambodians in what has become known as the "killing fields." Many early Cambodian evacuees settled in Long Beach, which today contains the largest concentration of Cambodians in the United States. Later arrivals, survivors of the Khmer Rouge trauma, were drawn to Long Beach by family and friends, jobs, the coastal climate, and access to the Port of Long Beach's Asian imports. Long Beach has since become the political, economic, and cultural center of activities influencing Cambodian culture in the diaspora as well as Cambodia itself.

Also, on May 15, 2008 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Deans and Vice-Provosts of CSUDH and CSULB, and Representatives of the Long Beach Historical Society to create the Cambodian Community History and Archive (CCHAP) project. The two universities and the Historical Society have partnered to house research materials at the society premises, provide book-keeping services for student internship program resulting from the **Needham-Quintiliani** book proceeds. This creates a community-based research center open to students and the community to ensure Cambodian contributions to Long Beach history are recognized and remembered, and to build a stronger program through institutional collaboration.

## Field School in China

In January of 2008, Professor Scott Wilson instructed 17 students in a visual anthropology field school course in Shandong Province, China. During this trip students were expected to make several ethnographic films that were planned, shot, and edited by student teams in each location/city.

## WHAT'S NEW @ The Beach!

### Visual Anthropology at CSULB

In fall 2007 Dr. Scott Wilson and Dr. Howell developed and instructed the new Anthropology and Film class at CSULB. In the class students explored the relationship between ethnography and film. After examining some of the classics of Anthropological cinema, students formed their own film crews and completed their own brief ethnographic films over the course of the semester. At the end of the course, the Anthropology Department hosted its first Ethnographic Short Film Showcase. It was phenomenal. The films brought forth almost every possible human emotion and were all entertaining in their own way. In May 2008, the Anthropology Department hosted the second Ethnographic Short Film Showcase. Look for these films on the Anthropology website soon!

## The Great Debate: ANTHROPOLOGY GOES TO WAR

At CSULB on February 20, 2008, Anthropology Professor Ron Loewe organized the first public live debate concerning the human terrain project on a college campus in the U.S. Currently, anthropologists are being "embedded" in military units in Iraq and Afghanistan, old questions about transparency, confidentiality, and the protection of human subjects and the role of anthropology have risen to the surface again. These issues have been debated in multiple forums, including the American Anthropological Association meetings in Dec-ember; the most contentious AAA meeting in more than a decade. The moderator of the debate was Jean Gilbert, Professor Emeritus and Founding Member of the Southern California Applied Anthropology Network (SCAAN). Panel participants in the debate included Dr. Roberto Gonzalez, an associate professor at CSUSJ; Dr. Hilarie Kelly, a lecturer at CSULB; Dr. Jack Sluster who has worked for Anacapa Sciences—a human factor and ergonomics research firm; and Gabriela Lopez and Ann Pitts, both of whom are graduate anthropology students at CSULB.

## ANTHROQUEST @ The Beach!

Adventure Stories, Research Experience, Discoveries, etc.

### Ethnographic Films and Fieldwork

Increasingly, graduate students are becoming interested in creating ethnographic films. In Fall Semester two CSULB graduate students, Sarah Taylor and Hanna Ruckman both created ethnographic films that focused on their fieldwork. Sarah's film focuses on community-based tourism in Yucatan, while Hanna's film addresses the impacts of a rural tourism community theater project in Argentina. Furthermore, in the summer of 2008, first year graduate students Jessica Steaffens and Donia Lee are planning their final project to be a collaboration with "at-risk" youth in Santa Ana, making an ethnographic film about personal narratives, addressing issues of identity, representation, and empowerment. You can learn more about these projects on our website, and view the film produced by Sarah Taylor. (<http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/cla/departments/anthro/studentprojects/index.html>)

## Abroad Programs @ The Beach!

### Field School in Guatemala

In January 2008 Dr. Hector Neff took students to Guatemala to work at Cotzumulguapa, a prehispanic city buried beneath volcanic ash and sugar cane fields. In May 2008, Dr. Scott Wilson took students to work at Cotzumulguapa, a prehispanic city buried beneath volcanic ash and sugar cane fields.

### Study Abroad in Venezuela

This summer Dr. Ron Loewe is offering an exciting study abroad program in Venezuela. The program will run from July 15 to July 30 and will examine processes of social change from both ethnographic and theoretical perspectives. This is an especially unique opportunity because the co-director of this student delegation, Lisa Sullivan, has lived in the barrios of Venezuela for over twenty years, knows many important journalists, historians, government officials and opposition leaders, and is a well-known human rights activist. Lisa is the Latin American Director of the School of the Americas Watch (SOAW). SOAW monitors the activities of the School of the Americas, a U.S. funded military institute that teaches counter-insurgency techniques to armies throughout Latin America and has been implicated in torture, massacres and many "disappearances." In this role she has met with numerous Latin American presidents including Hugo Chavez (Venezuela), Oscar Arias (Costa Rica), and Daniel Ortega (Nicaragua), and has convinced them to withdraw their troops from the SOAW. If you have any questions feel free to contact Dr. Loewe at [rloewe@csulb.edu](mailto:rloewe@csulb.edu)

## American Anthropological Association Conference

This past November several faculty and students from CSULB presented at the AAA meeting in Washington D.C. The AAA Presentations and topics of CSULB faculty and students included: **Scott Wilson** (*National Cultures, Local Projects*); **Rezenet Moges** (*Argumentation in Media Sites*); **Barbara LeMaster, Hide Okuno** (presented in the same session: *The Discreet Charm of Insults: The Argumentative Dimension of Communication*); **Misty Jaffe** (*Current Issues in Anthropology: Five Field Update Issues in Applied Linguistic Anthropology*); **Pamela Bunte, Misty Jaffe** (presented in the same session: *Issues in Applied Linguistic Anthropology*); **Ron Loewe/Sarah Taylor** (*Evaluation Anthropology in the Public Interest: Emerging Issues in an Emerging Subfield*). Poster presentations included: **Hanna Ruckman** (*Community Participation and Justice*); and **Jayne Howell, Ann Pitts, and Arelis Quinones** (presented in the same session: *Constructions of Cultural and Personal Identity Within and Across Borders: Tourism, Labor and Migration*).

## Society for American Archeology

The SAA held its 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC Canada in March 2008. The SAA presentations and topics of CSULB faculty and students are below. Poster presentations were by **Veronica Harper/Jessica Jaynes/Carl Lipo/Robert Dunnell; Jimmy Daniels/Carl Lipo; Kristin Safi/Chris Watkins/Carl Lipo/Hector Neff; Brooke Hundtoft/Roberta Thomas/Carl Lipo; Mark Madsen/Carl Lipo/Alex Bentley; Will Gilstrap/Carl Lipo/Hector Neff; Tony Quach/Hector Neff** (presented in same session: *New Approaches to old Problems*); A poster by **Karl Holland/Janine Gasco/Hector Neff/Michael Glascock** (*Archaeometry and Artifact Studies in Mesoamerica and Middle America*); a poster by **Amy Tupa/Hector Neff/Myles Miller** (*Artifacts, Settlement, Social Identity in U.S.*); **David Cheetham, Hector Neff** (Symposium presentations (Re)Constructing Identity: *The Archaeology of the Pacific Coast and Highlands of Chiapas and Guatemala*); **Jeffrey Blmster/David Cheetham** (Symposium on Formative Period in Mesoamerica); **Carl Lipo/Mark Madsen/Alexander Bentley** (Symposium on Connected Pasts); **Christopher Garraty/Deborah Nichols/Hector Neff; Nichols/Hector Neff/Destiny Crider** (presented in Symposium on *Changing Polities, Economies, and Identities in Postclassic Central Mexico*); and **Hector Neff** presented at the International Association of Obsidian Studies (IAOS) annual meeting, Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> (held in conjunction with the SAA meeting in Vancouver).

## Society for Applied Anthropology

The SfAA conference was held in Memphis, Tennessee in March 2008. Below are presentations by CSULB faculty and students.

**TAYLOR, Sarah** (Tourism and Applied Anthropology: "*Gracias a los Gringos*": *Negotiating Tourism for Community Development*); **STEVENSON, Judith** (*Implementing GlobalLink-Africa in South African Schools*); **LOEWE, Ron** (*Neoliberal Land Reform at the Mexican Periphery: The Case of Maxcanu*); **QUINTILIANI, Karen** (Challenging Representations of Youth in the Public Sphere: *The Role of Applied Anthropology: Youth Cultures and Public Space: Using Ethnographic Findings to Advocate for a Community Arts Program*); **BROWN, Stephanie** (Challenging Representations of Youth in the Public Sphere: *The Role of Applied Anthropology: Middle School Student Researchers: Critical Investigations of Identity and Schooling*); **COTE, Sarah** (Challenging Representations of Youth in the Public Sphere: *The Role of Applied Anthropology: Using the Participants' Perspective: Assessment of a Recreation Center*); Poster presentations by **NUTTER, Katherine** (*Defining Success in a Low-Income Housing Program: Why Does it Matter?*); **RUCKMAN, Hanna** (*Patricios Unidos de Pie [Patricios Stands United]: An Evaluation of the Sustainability of a Rural Tourism Community Theater Project, Patricios, Argentina*). **Note:** Hanna Ruckman won the Valene Smith Award for her poster presentation.

## Society for Cultural Anthropology Conference

In May 2008 the Society for Cultural Anthropology Conference was held on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. CSULB students **Krystal Long, Cynthia Wilson, Hanna Ruckman, and Sarah Taylor** each showcased their ethnographic films.

## Southwestern Anthropological Association Meetings (SWAA)

**Sara Coté**, presentation, "What Do You Think? A Youth Based Assessment of an After-School Program."

Students and faculty also presented at local CSULB poster conferences, one hosted by the Provost, the All University Celebration of Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity, and the other hosted by the College of Liberal Arts

### **New Faculty – 2008-2009**

Welcome to the department in Fall 2008 Steven Rousso-Schindler, a Visual Anthropologist, who will assist with building the program in Visual Anthropology, continuing our emphasis on ethnographic film making. Welcome also Alexandra ("Misty") Jaffe, a Linguistic Anthropologist, who will begin a joint appointment with us in Fall 2008, sharing her expertise as a member of our faculty.

### Alumni Corner

**Denise Cucurny, M.A.** who is a former alumni and current Lecturer at CSULB has dedicated her life to focusing on the diverse and critical medical needs throughout the world. In 2006, Denise Co-Founded the organization Women for World Health. As President of the organization she helps assess the medical needs of a community and then puts together a medical team that can fulfill those needs. Denise continues to work with Tibetan refugees in northern India, shamans in the Amazon, traditional healers in the Andes and occidental medical practitioners in the third world as well as the U.S. and Europe. If you wish to learn more about her organization, you may check out the following website: <http://www.womenforworldhealth.org/>

### **The Robert Harman Applied Anthropology Scholar**

In December, 2007, emeriti faculty member, Dr. Robert Harman, made a substantial gift to the CSULB Anthropology Department of \$100,000 to support bringing an Applied Anthropologist to the department for one semester a year to share her/his expertise with the students and faculty. In order to make this gift happen sooner than the interest can accrue, Dr. Harman is augmenting his contribution sufficiently in order to bring in the first scholar in Spring 2009. The department is grateful to Dr. Harman for his very generous gift. CSULB is the envy of applied anthropology departments throughout the country. We look forward to a future of growth in our expertise in Applied Anthropology, and in our national and international reputation. Thank you for your legacy, Bob!

### **Spring Semester 2008**

**Dr. Marcus Young Owl** serves the department as **Undergraduate Adv-isor**. During the semester, Under-graduate Anthropology Major/Minors (and prospective major and minors) can sign up for a 20 minute appointment on a clipboard near his office

**Dr. Karen Quintialini** serves the department as **Graduate Advisor**. During the semester Graduate Anthro-pology students can sign up for 20 minute appointments on a clipboard near her office.