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Dear Friends and Alumni,

Greetings on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the University of Utah Department of Anthropology.

As the 2014-2015 academic calendar comes to a close, I am delighted to reflect upon a successful year. I encourage you to read about Professor Shane Macfarlan's new grant to develop interdisciplinary learning in South America. The University and College of Social and Behavioral Science has recognized the outstanding Research accomplishments of Professor Dennis O'Rourke and the highly regarded teaching by Distinguished Professor Kristen Hawkes. Professor Polly Wiessner was also honored with a Distinguished Professor title just last month.

Many of our graduate and undergraduate students have notable accomplishments, too. We have no less than three Scholarship-winning graduate students and seven of our undergraduates will receive Scholarships or other awards on the basis of their research, scholarship in anthropology or contributions to the department. This Spring we will see 53 undergraduates and 10 Masters and PhD students graduating. After practicing the formal PhD "hooding" process, with some help from Professor Brian Coddling, last year, I am looking forward to using my "hooding" skills at this year's graduate convocation.

While many of our graduate students will be moving on, we gained new students over the past few years who continue carrying on the tradition of important and innovative research in Anthropology. As you will see on page 6, our students are exposed to theoretically rigorous and often laboratory-intensive curriculum. The product of these experiences was evident in their award winning performance at the College Research Day.

Professor John McCullough Retires After 45 Years With the University of Utah

On April 2nd, faculty, staff, students, colleagues and friends gathered for a reception held in Professor McCullough's honor, to reminisce the good times and bid him a fond farewell as he begins this new chapter in his life.

Professor McCullough was granted Emeritus status and will continue to give the occasional talk for the department & assist with the organization of our biennial Leigh Lecture Series.

Professor McCullough also received an honor song & a Chief's blanket at the University of Utah's Inter-Tribal Student Association presented the 43rd annual *Sustaining our Culture Powwow* on April 11th. The ceremonial Grand Entry is a cultural and spiritual tradition where a parade of participants enter the dance circle hosted by northern and southern drummers.

Our excellent faculty continues to conduct real-world research and uniquely equip our graduates, and undergraduates, to work in a wide variety of contexts. The achievements of our students and faculty are emblematic of the Department as a whole. Visit our new website and learn more about what we're doing – and, importantly, let us know what you're up to. Whatever you're doing, wherever you are, we know you're making a difference in the world. Best wishes, *Leslie*



Left to Right: Professor Leslie Knapp, Chris McCullough, Professor John McCullough, Linda Morgan, Ceceilia Tso

Professor McCullough was honored for his efforts to help establish the American Indian Resource Center on the University campus, for serving as a Board member for the American Indian Resource Center and for identifying Native American bone remains disturbed by pot-hunters in Utah.





Prof. Shane Macfarlan

Three Honors Anthropology students presented their research at the Undergraduate Symposium on March 31st. This year over 100 Honors students from across 35 majors participated in the symposium



Meg Baker



Alex Butler



Natalie Spendlove

Outstanding Student Achievement!

ANTHROPOLOGY

The Department Has a NEW Website!

The Department of Anthropology has a brand new website, officially live as of March 5th! Thanks to everyone who contributed to its successful launch. It will continue to be a work in progress, and we are still eager to highlight Anthropology Alumni. If you are interested, please send a short bio and a head shot to Rhonda at: Rhonda.hypio@anthro.utah.edu

Mining Impacts: Andean Nation Development of Environmental/Economic Solutions

Anthropology Professor Shane Macfarlan is one of a group of six professors who received a \$10,000 grant from the University's Graduate Learning Across the Disciplines - GLAD) to develop a three-part interdisciplinary learning abroad experience for undergraduate/graduate students in Ecuador and Peru. The students will learn about human behavior drivers of, environmental impacts from, and environmental and human exposures created by informal mining in developing nations globally. The three-part experience will consist of:

1) introductory semester-length bi-weekly international seminars on coupled human-environmental dynamics of informal mining with host rotating for each session among seven participating universities; 2) a three-week field-based boot camp at field locations where research is needed and where intensive learning through action and Andean cultural immersion will occur, and 3) a semester of lower-intensity analytical and interpretive follow-up.

The group will be traveling to Ecuador & Peru from July 1-10, 2015 to recruit local universities as participants in the project and expand South American government and non-government agency participation. The research experience will be used as a platform for submission of two proposals to the National Science Foundation programs in Integrated Research Experiences for Students and the and Coupled Natural and Human Systems Program.

A Sense of Question: Papers in Honor of James F. O'Connell

University of Utah's Anthropology Emeritus Professor James O'Connell was honored at this year's 80th Annual *Society for American Archaeology (SAA)* Meeting, held in San Francisco April 15-19th. Click [HERE](#) to view the participants of the symposium organized in his honor.

Graduate Student Research & Travel Fund Recipients!

Congratulations to the following Anthropology graduate students who received research and travel funds from the Global Change & Sustainability Center (GCSC) :

Ralph Burillo - \$2,175

Kate Magargal - \$500

Ashley Parker- \$500



Ralph Burillo



Kate Magargal



Ashley Parker

2015 Colloquium Speaker Series



The Department invited several prominent Anthropologists and Biologists from around the country to present results from their current projects and research to interested faculty, graduate and undergraduate students at the University. Thank you to the following individuals:

Emeritus Professor Larry Benson: U.S. Geological Survey and Adjunct Curator of Anthropology- University of Colorado
“Climate Change as a Possible Mechanism Linking in Time the Rise and Fall of the Mississippian Cahokians and the South-western Anasazi”

Jon Seger: Professor of Evolutionary Biology & Genetics, University of Utah - Department of Biology
“Adaptation is Awful. Let Your Partner Do It For You”

Tom Kraft: PhD Candidate & NSF Graduate Research Fellow Dartmouth University- Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
“Climbing, honey, and cooperative foraging networks in hunter-gatherers”

Melissa Emery Thompson: Assistant Professor University of New Mexico - Department of Anthropology
“On Less Fertile Ground: Chimpanzee Life Histories in Context”

Scholarships and More Scholarships!

Undergraduates:

Casey Day: *Giles W. and Elise G. Mead Foundation Endowed Scholarship*

Malori Ferran: *Connections Fund Scholarship*

Maxine Gavin: *Giles W. and Elise G. Mead Foundation Endowed Scholarship*

Roxanne Lebenzon: *Connections Fund Scholarship*

Graduate:

Nicole Torosin: *Honor Roll Scholarship*



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Congratulations To Our 2015 Faculty Award Recipients

Professor Dennis O'Rourke was a finalist for the CSBS Superior Research Award. This award is among the highest honors from the College of Social and Behavioral Science. The work of finalists and winners represent the extraordinary quality of research taking place in CSBS.



Congratulations to Professor Polly Wiessner on her receipt of the *Distinguished Professor Award*, "reserved for selected individuals whose achievements exemplify the highest goals of scholarship as demonstrated by recognition accorded to them from peers with national and international stature, and whose record includes evidence of a high dedication to teaching as demonstrated by recognition accorded to them by students and/or colleagues."

Please check out her latest research at <http://anthro.utah.edu/profile.php?unid=u0085485>



Distinguished Professor Kristen Hawkes was a finalist in the Senior Superior Teaching Award Category for the College of Social and Behavioral Science. The college had many strong nominations for the award. The Committee's task of selecting winners was challenging!

Support the Department of Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology gratefully acknowledges our alumni, corporate partners, foundations and friends whose generous contributions enrich the lives of our students. Our commitment to excellence in education and research is better through your donations, grants, in-kind gifts and planned gifts. We sincerely appreciate all who have helped us. We hope that others will invest in us as we continue to support our graduate and undergraduate students. Giving **now** online is **easy**. Click on the button below to make a donation directly to the Department of Anthropology:

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Graduate Student Scholarship Recipients!

The College of Social and Behavioral Science offers scholarships each year to deserving graduate students:

The *Herbert W. Gustafson Scholarship Fund* was established in 2008 to support graduate students in the pursuit of quantitative study of human social behavior. Congratulations to Anthropology graduate student Kate Magargal, one of three 2015-16 recipients.



Kate Magargal

The *Martin Harris Hiatt Memorial Scholarship Fund* for the College of Social and Behavioral Science was established in 1991, for traditionally underrepresented graduate students. Congratulations to Anthropology graduate student Allison Wolfe, one of two 2015-16 recipients.



Allison Wolfe

An Evening With Dr. Jane Goodall

World-renowned primatologist and conservationist, United Nations Messenger of Peace and founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and Roots and Shoots. Presented by the University of Utah's College of Humanities in partnership with the Environmental Humanities Graduate Program and Pax Natura Foundation.



Left to Right: Kirstie Kocjancic, Nicole Torosin, Jess Burns, Leslie Knapp, Jane Goodall

The Department of Anthropology was one of the sponsors that helped make this evening possible!

Dr. Goodall was in Salt Lake City on Friday, April 24th.

Visit Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots Page: www.rootsandshoots.org

Congratulations To Our 2015 Anthropology Graduate and Masters Students!

- ⇒ **Jacquel Lynn Arismendi, PhD**
- ⇒ **Raymond Kelly Beck, PhD**
- ⇒ **Ryan Bohlender, PhD**
- ⇒ **Shannon Boomgarden, PhD**
- ⇒ **Nicole Herzog, PhD**
- ⇒ **Chelsea Leonard, PhD**
- ⇒ **Emily Stone, PhD**
- ⇒ **Mercedes Ward, PhD**
- ⇒ **Connie Lamb, MPhil**
- ⇒ **Michael Zaccheo, MS**



CSBS Research Day:

The Department Did It Again!

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the 2nd Annual CSBS Research Day poster session. Based on the number of posters and breadth of scope within our field, Anthropology was awarded the Trophy Cup again this year! There were over 50 posters displayed, with exciting research discussions.

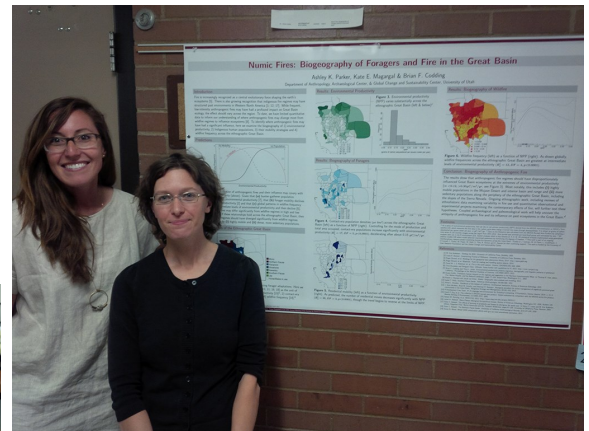
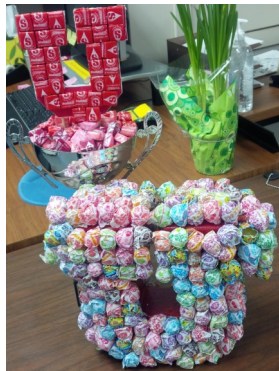
Our students who received awards were:

1st - Ashley Parker (Graduate) – Nomic Fires: Biogeography of Foragers and Fire in the Great Basin

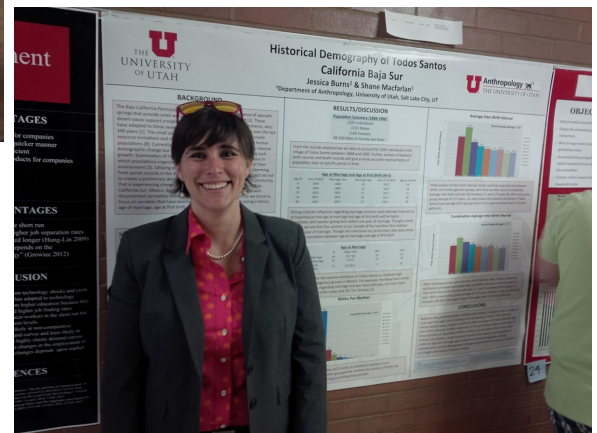
2nd - Sydney Willis (Undergrad) – Culturally Comprehensive Family Planning Curriculum.

The Department participants were:

Ashley Parker, Erik Martin, Isaac Hart, Elic Weitzel, Jess Burns, Nicole Torosin, Kate Magargal, Chelsea Leonard, Sydney Willis, Will Rath and Airyana Markham.



Grad Students Ashley Parker & Kate Magargal



Grad Student Jess Burns