Anthropology

The Science of Human Beings

Both anthropology and archaeology are for anyone interested in working with people in all of their cultural diversity, solving social problems, unearthing historical mysteries, teaching social sciences, examining human behavior and biology from an evolutionary point of view.

Hello Students, Alumni, Friends, and Fellow Faculty!

As Chair of the SUNY Potsdam Anthropology Department, I’d like to welcome you to the first edition of the Anthropology Department Newsletter!

I think you will enjoy reading about what we’ve been up to this year. I hope that the Newsletter will help current students realize how much they’ve accomplished this year and encourage those who are graduating to stay involved with the department! I also hope that reading the Newsletter will motivate those of you who graduated in years past to get back in touch with us. Send us your news!

Finally, I hope that this Newsletter will let the department’s wide network of friends and supporters know how much we appreciate your support.

Happy Reading! And please stay in touch! Karen M. Johnson-Weiner

Opportunities to Get Experience:

- The department magazine *Collegiate Anthropologist*, published twice a year.
- Laboratory and research assistantships in archaeology and biological anthropology.
- Teaching assistantships.
- Independent research with faculty mentors.
- Preparing museum exhibits.
- Planning the Northeastern Anthropological Association annual meeting.
- Internships in North Country schools, businesses, government offices and social work agencies. Recently, students have excavated at the site of slave cabins in Virginia, and cemeteries in Poland.
- The Anthropology Club, which hosts speakers, shows films, takes field trips and provides social opportunities.
Meet Our Faculty

Dr. Karen Johnson-Weiner

Professor and currently Chair of the Department. Dr. Karen Johnson-Weiner continues to teach courses in linguistic anthropology, including her FW courses (“Exploring Language” in the fall and “The Origin of Language” in the spring), “Language and Culture”, and Issues in Linguistic Anthropology. She also regularly teaches ANTH 306, “The Amish, Mennonites, and Anabaptism”. Dr. J-W holds a PhD in linguistics from McGill University and has been studying patterns of language use in Amish and Mennonite communities for over 25 years. Her first book, Train up a Child: Old Order Amish and Mennonite Schools, was published by the Johns Hopkins University Press (2007), and her second, New York Amish. Life in the Plain Communities of the Empire State, is forthcoming from Cornell University Press (expected publication: June 2010). Currently She is working with Dr. Donald B. Kraybill (Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College) and Dr. Steven Nolt (Department of History, Goshen College) on a study of the Amish in the 20th century, which has been supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the NEH We the People Initiative, and the Kauffman Foundation. They hope to complete a manuscript (tentatively entitled The Amish in America) for publication in 2011. Dr. J-W is also very active in Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY), and has been happy to see a number of our students do internships with this organization over the years, most recently our 2009-2010 Canfield Award winner, Katrina Brainard.

Dr. Alan Hersker holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from American University in Washington, DC and a B.A. in Political Science from Rutgers University. He has taught at American University, Jefferson Community College and online through the SUNY Learning Network.

An applied anthropologist, Dr. Hersker has worked for the Native American National Internship Program and the Sexual Minority Resource Center at American University, the Smithsonian Institution, the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities, and the Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College. Most recently, in Spring 2010, he directed students in the Senior Seminar.
in Anthropology on a project in which local educators, residents and the Raquette River Blueway Corridor partnered to gather and present oral histories stories about life along the Raquette River.

Dr. Hersker is active in the Northeastern Anthropological Association as treasurer and as copy editor for the organization's quarterly newsletter. He is also active with TRIAD; a not-for-profit group serves the needs of local Senior Citizens. His campus service includes advising the LGBT student group and serving as the Anthropology Department Assessment Coordinator. In 2009, he received the SUNY Potsdam President's Award for Excellence in Community Service.

His courses at SUNY Potsdam include Applying Anthropology, Introduction to Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, Language and Culture, Language and Gender, the Origins of Language, World Cultures and the Applied Anthropology seminar. His research interests include Aging and the Life Course, the Built Environment, Queer Studies, Urban Anthropology, and Cultural Heritage Management.

**Dr. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron**

After leading a group of eighteen students and two teaching assistants (both Potsdam alums) as part of last summer's local archaeology field school, Dr. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron had a busy academic year in which she taught seven classes, mentored six interns, coordinated two first-year interest groups, and advised dozens of students within the department and as part of the First-Year Experience Resident Fellows program and the Athletic Department’s Academic Advising program. Highlights from the year included teaching Archaeological Lab Techniques, in which eight students processed and analyzed all of the material recovered during the field school, and African American Archaeology, in which a handful of students got the chance to participate in a small excavation at a local Underground Railroad site.

Two of her interns began work on Kilmer research projects relating to the 19th-century Timbucto settlement (the African American farming enclave centered in the Adirondacks), which was the target of the field school and remains the major focus of her research agenda. This year Dr. Kruczek-Aaron presented on her Timbucto research, as well as prior work she conducted at the central New York estate of abolitionist Gerrit Smith, at several venues including two national conferences, a local lecture series, and two on-campus events. While eagerly awaiting the arrival of her second child, she is currently preparing a book chapter for an edited volume on social reform and a research proposal to conduct testing on state land in summer 2011 as part of the Timbucto project. She will be on a research leave (as part of the Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program) this fall.

**Dr. Nasser Malit's** current research interests focus on the study and evolution of *Homo erectus*. These studies employ morphometric methods in understanding the biology and variability among these defunct hominins. He is also
presently reevaluating the mandibular and dental morphology on Middle Pleistocene hominins from Kapthurin, Baringo, in the Rift Valley of Kenya. Dr. Malit’s study on teeth focuses on the evaluation and comparison of dental cusp areas of these Middle Pleistocene hominins with other contemporaneous groups from Africa and elsewhere. Besides these commitments, he is also involved in a collaborative effort that seeks to comprehensively describe and evaluate the status of the Olorgesailie *Homo erectus*. Dr. Malit expands his research interests to include terminal Pleistocene hominins with an entry point to this important time period offered by a specimen that his team excavated in 2004 from a new locality in Buffalo Springs in Samburu, Kenya. The Samburu site is composed of both palaeontological and archaeological artifacts, and will contribute in answering questions regarding the origins of modern human as well as their dispersal and behavioral ecology. The Samburu hominin maybe of Later Pleistocene age and is coming at a location that is many miles south of Lake Turkana. Dr. Malit is in the process of collecting morphometric data on contemporaneous modern human specimens available for study and comparison with the Samburu hominin. Further fieldwork in Samburu is also underway. Current students in the department are involved in some aspects of these research projects.

Dr. Omohundro concentrates on preparing a second edition of his cultural anthropology textbook, *Thinking Like an Anthropologist*. In his second year as part-timer, he coordinates the Environmental Studies major and minors,

He gave the keynote address on teaching at North Country Community College’s Faculty Meeting in fall 2009. He continues to be active in the Northeastern Anthropological Association annual meetings, co-organizing career advice panels for undergraduates.

Dr. Morgan Perkins
Associate Professor, Cultural Anthropology and Museum Studies, PhD, 2000 Oxford University. On leave fall 2009-Spring 2010

Dr. Benjamin Pykles has recently published his first book, “Excavating Nauvoo: The Mormons and the Rise of Historical Archaeology in America,” as part of the University of Nebraska Press’ series, Critical Studies in the History of Anthropology. Last spring (2009) he was the recipient of the President’s Award for Improving Campus Climate and Community Outreach, due to his work with the Ministerial Association of Potsdam and his public archaeology efforts at Iosepa, Utah.

During the fall 2009 semester, he taught a new course, “Archaeology of the Wild West”, which was a survey of both prehistoric and historical archaeology of the American Southwest. In the summer of 2009, he and Chelsea Richard (Archaeological Studies and Geology double-major), together with their collaborator Dr. John McBride Professor of geology at Brigham Young University-conducted ground
penetrating radar surveys at the nineteenth-century historic Mormon site of Nauvoo, Illinois. Their work demonstrated the effectiveness of this technology in detecting and recording the location of buried foundations in the historic city. He, Chelsea, and Dr. McBride have since presented the results of this work at both the annual conference of the Mormon History Association (May 2009) and the annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology (January 2010).

This has been a remarkable experience for Chelsea, who, although only a sophomore, has now presented papers at two major academic conferences and has been invited to present her research to New York State legislators in Albany this spring. She is one of only three students across campus selected to represent SUNY Potsdam at this special event highlighting undergraduate research in SUNY. Dr. Pykles is looking forward to returning to Iosepa, Utah during the coming summer, where he will again direct the SUNY Potsdam Archaeological Field School.

In 2010, Dr. Schwarz published two journal articles. Her article “Sick Again, Well Again: Sorcery, Christianity, and Kinship in Northern Aboriginal Australia” appeared in the March issue of Anthropological Forum. Her other article “Carrying the Cross, Caring for Kin: The Everyday Life of Charismatic Christianity in Remote Aboriginal Australia” appeared in the March issue of Oceania. Dr. Schwarz also co-edited the April 2010 issue of The Australian Journal of Anthropology with Dr. Françoise Dussart. The volume brings together the work of nine specialists in Aboriginal studies to examine the articulation of Christian values in everyday life, both in the present and during historical events. In their introduction to the volume, Drs. Schwarz and Dussart discuss the main trends in Christian conversion throughout Aboriginal Australia. Most recently, Dr. Schwarz completed a book review for the journal Comparative Studies in Society and History. This summer, she will present a paper on her research at the European Society for Oceanists Conference in St. Andrews, Scotland. The paper is part of session that she co-organized with Dr. Fiona Magowan on the local and regional circulation of Christian knowledge in Oceania. In the Fall 2009 semester, Dr. Schwarz supervised an internship for Amanda Hernandez, which involved selecting photographs for an exhibit that will be held at Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY) in June-August 2010. The exhibit is a community service project and is about the Adirondack trail crews. It is based on ethnographic research that Dr. Schwarz conducted with the crews in the summer of 2009.

Dr. Carolyn Schwarz joined the Anthropology Department at SUNY Potsdam in 2007, after completing her Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut. Her research areas of specialty include citizenship, indigenous identities, Aboriginal religions, and Christian practice. This past year, Dr. Schwarz taught World Art and Cultures, Theory and Method, and Cultural Anthropology.

Dr. Susan Stebbins divides her time between teaching Native American Studies and other classes such as Anthropology of Gender in the Anthropology Department, directing the U.S. and Global Studies program and serving as the College’s Affirmative Action Officer. In August she submitted a manuscript for a Native American textbook to Wiley-Blackwell Press.
After teaching the Professionalism in Anthropology and Humans, Disease and Death in the fall, Dr. Usher started a new position at George Mason University as Associate Director of their Center for Teaching Excellence in January. She is developing a Quality Enhancement Plan that focuses on enhancing student scholarship and undergraduate research campuswide, building on her work establishing the Center for Undergraduate Research at SUNY Potsdam. She continues her research into social structure in cemeteries, also. Although she enjoys her new position, she misses her students and colleagues at SUNY Potsdam!

Dr. Jaimin Weets taught several courses during the 2009-2010 academic year: Introduction to Anthropology (fall and spring), World and U.S. Geography (fall and spring), Social Geography, The Prehistory of Europe and an internship, Bioarchaeological Perspectives in the Prehistoric Europe. In the fall of 2009, Dr. Weets’ article on his discovery of new variation in a dental morphological trait, found in prehistoric populations of Ireland, was published in the journal, Dental Anthropology. In the spring of 2010, Dr. Weets provided a poster and document presentation on the origins of the Irish in the Weaver Museum as part of the campus festival: Footprints in the North Country: Pathways on the Planet.

Between April 2009 and March 2010, Pat Whelehan has had two books published and has reviewed three articles for Human Organization, The American Anthropologist, and the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute. One book The Anthropology of AIDS: A Global Perspective (University Press of Florida), is in its second printing and has been adopted internationally. The human sexuality text coauthored with Anne Bolin, PhD (Elon University), Human Sexuality: Biological, Psychological, and Cultural Perspectives (Taylor-Francis/Routledge), has also been adopted internationally. Currently, Dr. Whelehan is on sabbatical until August 2010 to work on a four-volume Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality (Wiley-Blackwell Press) with Anne Bolin. Since the fall of 2007, interns have been consistently and integrally involved in the preparation of this work whose expected publication date is 2012.

Phyllis Charleson started in October 2009 and has made 124 MacVicar Hall her office for both Anthropology and Mathematics. Coming from EOP, Bridges and International Education Programs, Phyllis was promoted to Secretary 1 and has been working to make the office both welcoming and informational to all students, faculty and staff.
I’ve held my position here at RIT now for nine years (see below), but I still manage to travel extensively - a bug I obtained during one of Dr. Marquese’s trips to Mexico while I was at Potsdam. Since then I’ve been to Japan, Greece (a couple of times!), France, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Canada, Alaska, England, Scotland, Costa Rica, China, Tibet, Hong Kong and I’m leaving for Egypt in a couple of weeks. Some for work, all for fun and archaeological tours. The best part of my job is interacting with alumni by providing them educational programming, including opportunities to participate on digs and other exploratory trips (the Galapagos and Sorrento were huge hits!). I remember my time there fondly and wish you all the best! Kelly

PS If the Omohundros are still around, please say hello for me; we ended up in China and Tibet because of one of the courses I took with him – Xian was fabulous!

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I am currently the Archives Manager for the St. Lawrence County Historical Association. I’ve been here 7 1/2 years, and I spend my time researching topics and genealogies for people who contact me through e-mail, phone and mail. I also assist visitors to the archives with their research. I won a customer service award from the St. Lawrence County Legislature in 2006 for the work I do here.

JeanMarie Martello

I currently work at Pfizer Inc. as a scientist in the Cardiovascular, Metabolic, and Endocrine Diseases department. I’m working on a biologic approach to treat Diabetes. I have had an opportunity to use my anthropology training when working on Osteoporosis. My familiarity with the human skeleton proved useful in the study of bone disease. I reside in Groton, CT. home of the Navy attack sub base, and I have a son named Nicholas.

Keith Riccardi

I am an Anthro graduate (1982), and a former editor of The Collegiate Anthropologist. I am a Registered Professional Archaeologist and co-teach a summer archaeology field school here at USM. The rest of the time I am teaching environmental planning & policy in the Environmental Science Department. My wife, Robin, minored in Anthropology (1982) and is a librarian at the University of New England.

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Abbey (Mastin) Perkins, 2008
Abbey will graduate from Binghamton University in May 2010 with her masters in Student Affairs Administration. She is currently job-searching for residence life, academic support services, and FYE-orientation positions and would like to work in the SUNY system. Abbey married Jim Perkins on Saturday, January 2, 2010 in Binghamton, NY.

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I graduated from SUNY Potsdam in 1984 with a BA in anthropology, acquiring an MA in anthropology from SUNY Buffalo in 1997. I became the Manager of the Rochester Museum & Science Center’s (RMSC) Regional Heritage Preservation Program (RHPP) in 2004. This program is the contract archaeology branch of the RMSC/

Mark W. Ewing
I haven’t been involved in the field of Anthropology for over 10 years; I did put my degree to good work following my graduation in 1991 by doing contract archaeology around the country, from Wyoming, to Tennessee, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and eventually landing in Maryland. I spent about 7 years working for the State of Maryland, mostly at Historic St. Mary’s City, where I worked as a field tech and crew chief on numerous projects. I co-authored reports, worked in the lab, and had the pleasure of working on many field excavations. During this time I was also an assistant men’s lacrosse coach for St. Mary’s College of Maryland and in the fall of 1999 I was named the head coach of women’s lacrosse at the same institution. Four years at the helm there helped me to get to where I am today, at the University of Oregon, starting our program as an assistant in 2003 and eventually being elevated to Associate Head Coach. I have a wonderful wife, Angie, who I met while working at Historic St. Mary’s City, she has her Masters in Library Science and manages the two branch libraries here in Eugene and we have a 19 month old daughter named Lila Annabelle.

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I usually don’t respond to alumni type requests, but I have the fondest memories of that department at Potsdam - it’s where I learned almost everything I know, and the faculty are magnificent!

Denice Szafran (2001) is currently a PhD candidate at the University at Buffalo, where she is scheduled to defend her dissertation proposal in April. Denice teaches both at Buffalo State College and at UB, where she was just selected to receive an Excellence in Teaching award for her classes in Intro to Cultural Anthropology and Intro to Four(Five)-Field Anthropology. Her research on play, performance, and public spaces/places will take her to New York, London, Poznan, and Toronto this year.

Denice Szafran

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I graduated in December 1977. Received my Ph.D. in Anthropology in 2001 from the Union Institute and University.

I am currently the Executive Director of The Intervale Center in Burlington Vermont, managing an urban agriculture experiment to strengthen community food systems. www.intervale.org.

Prior to that I consulted for a number of years on international issues related to health and the environment focused on waste issues in the health care industry. The most recent reference to that can be found in the newly released book, The Story of Stuff by Ann Leonard (http://www.storyofstuff.com/).

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Not much has changed for me in the last few years. I still live with my wife and 3 girls in Schwenksville, PA (about 1/2 hour northwest of Philly). I am still working with Precision Research, Inc (13 years) as a Manager of Clinical Research/Document Quality Control. We specialize in writing/editing/and quality control of all types of clinical research documents which are submitted to the various regulatory agencies around the world.

My girls keep my wife and I very busy with their various activities (competitive gymnastics, dance, etc.) When I find the time I try to get out for a round of golf, or a run! I miss Potsdam dearly!!!!

Chris Cusumano

I graduated from SUNY Potsdam in 1998 and am now married and living in Southern California (Monrovia, CA) where I am in my second year of veterinary school at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona. My husband and I are planning to return to upstate NY after graduation in 2012.

Megan Donnelly Dundas
I went from SUNY Potsdam to SUNY Albany, where I completed a Masters in Library Science. I was a school library media specialist (LMS) from 1972-1990 for Knox Memorial Central School, Edwards Central School and then the combined Edwards-Knox Central School District. From 1990-1996 I worked for the St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) as a Coordinator of Library Services, and completed a M. Ed. in Educational Administration at St. Lawrence University in May 1996. After budget cuts in June of 1996, I returned to the school library world as an LMS for Ogdensburg City School District. In 2000, I accepted the position of School Library System Director and Supervisor of Learning Resources at the St.Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, where I’m still working. My Liberal Arts background at SUC Potsdam was perfect preparation for library work. I sampled many different disciplines -- Anthropology, Sociology, History, Music, Art, Economics, English, Science -- and learned their terminologies. I’ve lived and worked my entire post-graduate life in North Country. I’ve been married for 40 years to Clarkson alum, Robert E. Wheeler, and have two children (daughter, Abby, and son, Christopher), and one grandson. I’ve been active in the educational community as a whole, providing materials and resources to teachers and administrators across the county. I’m a member of numerous professional organizations: NYLA (NY Library Assn.), SLMS (School Library Media Section of NYLA), NASLMS (Northern Area School Library Media Specialists - affiliate to SLMS/NYLA, ALA (American Library Assn.), Delta Kappa Gamma/Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Women Educators), Beta Phi Mu (Library Honor Society). I was also on the committee that designed the “Library” panel in the Mary English Commons.

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**SUNY Potsdam Anthropology Alumni Presents at Conference**

Six SUNY Potsdam alumni made a big splash in April at the American Association of Physical Anthropology National Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. All of the students presented posters on their current research, a large showing for graduates of any anthropology program. The alumni all learned to conduct research while collaborating with Dr. Bethany Usher and Dr. Jaimin Weets in SUNY Potsdam’s Anthropology Department. Amanda Agnew, a 2004 anthropology graduate who is currently a Ph.D student in biological anthropology at Ohio State University, presented the poster “A Comparison of Traumatic Injury Patterns Between a Rural and an Urban Population from Medieval Poland.” Kari Leigh Allen, a 2005 anthropology graduate who is currently a Ph.D student in evolutionary anthropology at Duke University, presented the poster “Are Primates Particularly Dexterous?: An Examination of Unimanual Object Manipulation in Prisomian Feeding.” Rocco deGregory, a 2008 archaeological studies graduate who is currently a graduate student in anthropology at Mississippi State University, presented the poster “Extensions for the NamUs Databases: Geocoding and Spatial Search Tools for Forensic Anthropologists.” Alyson Rode, a 2008 anthropology and archaeological studies graduate who is currently a graduate student in biological anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, presented her poster “Lack of Regional Continuity in the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe: Mitochondrial DNA Analysis in the Southeastern United States.” Kalen Casey and Jessica Crandall Echard, who are both 2009 archaeological studies graduates, presented their poster “Standard Cemetery Population from Fluctuating Residential Patterns: A Decade-By-Decade Comparison of Census Records and Cemetery Demography from the St. Lawrence County Almshouse.” The Anthropology Department offers students opportunities to get experience through independent research with faculty members. For more information, visit the department website, [http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/AAS/Anthro/index.cfm](http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/AAS/Anthro/index.cfm). Founded in 1816, SUNY Potsdam is a four-year liberal arts college nestled on the outskirts of the Adirondack Park. Among the 64 units of The State University of New York system, SUNY Potsdam has the longest history and currently enrolls approximately 4,350 undergraduate and graduate students. It is well known for its academically challenging liberal arts and sciences and teacher education programs, as well as its world-renowned Crane School of Music.
Scholarships & Awards

Dr. John Omohundro announces the new...

Thomas & Elizabeth Omohundro Anthropology Scholarship
This award, made possible through the generosity of John and Susan Omohundro in commemoration of his parents, honors an Anthropology major. Students are chosen through an application process on the basis of academic merit and financial need, with preference given to rising juniors. The first recipient of this scholarship is Andrea Wendel.

Anthropology Department Scholars
Presented to the Anthropology & Archaeology Majors who have the highest overall grade point average.

Anthropology Majors
Katrina Brainard
Jessica Bellingham
Joey Friedel

Archaeology Majors
Robert Lyon
Scott Miller
Chelsea Richard

Canfield Scholar
Scholarship presented annually to a Junior Anthropology major with the highest grade point average and carries with it a $500 award.

2010 Recipient, Katrina Brainard

Scott Powell Scholar
This award, which honors the late Scott Powell, an Archaeological Studies major, has been made possible through the generosity of his family, The SUNY Potsdam Anthropology Club, the SUNY Potsdam Student Government Association, the Anthropology and History departments, and many individual donors. The award provides a scholarship for participation in an archaeology field school. Students are chosen through an application process.

Lambda Alpha Award
Named for the national honor society for anthropology, the Lambda Alpha Award is offered by the Anthropology Department’s Alpha Chapter to the graduating senior who shows the most promise in the pursuit of graduate studies. A subscription to an appropriate professional journal accompanies the award.

This year’s recipient is Scott Miller.

First Year Scholars
In recognition of outstanding performance in introductory courses by students early in their college careers, regardless of major.

Carolina Batista
Katherine Denny
Marie Dilorenzo
Charles Estabrook
Kenneth Ladue
Jared Muehlbauer
Katherine Mueller
Kevin Murray
Brittany Ramos
Benjamin Schermerhorn
Jessica Seaver
Mark Shatr
Timothy Simons
Robert Velte
Kerry Walsh
Bernard Widell

I. Thomas Stone Award
This award is presented to the anthropology major who has produced the most professional example of anthropological original research and/or writing. A certificate and gift constitute the award which is given by the Anthropology Department faculty.

Congratulations to Joseph Bernier
Donald Armagost Award

Founded in 1979, the Donald Armagost (formerly Margaret Mead) Award is given annually to the student or students demonstrating outstanding participation in activities in support of anthropology on the campus. A certificate and gift constitute the award, which is given by the Anthropology Department faculty.

Cheryl McMartin Award

This award is named in honor of one of our brightest anthropology/education certification students who died tragically in March 1995. The award, which carries a small cash prize, honors the most promising anthropology/education certification student as judged by the Anthropology Department faculty.

Archaeological Studies Award

This award is presented to the senior archaeological studies major who has produced the most professional example of archaeological original research and/or writing. A certificate and gift constitute the award which is given by the Archaeological Studies faculty.

Certificate of Excellence for Minors

Medical Anthropology
Joseph Friedel

Museum Studies
Katrina Brainard, Molly Easton, Colleen Fitzgerald, Caitlin Galster & Rachel Passannante

Anthropology
Emilia Costantini, Beth McGlinchey, Michael Perry, Rebecca Shoemaker, Laura Splittgerber & Corrine Young

Bio Anthropology
Christa Mordoff, Alyssa Petroski, & Corrine Young

Birgit Weaver Award

Normally given to seniors, this award recognizes excellence in the museum studies minor. A certificate and gift constitute the award, which is given by the Museum Studies Director.

Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Masters of Ceremony: Robert Lyon & Alyssa Petroski
Rebekah Barrett*
Joseph Bernier
*Katrina Brainard
Mary Brunet*
Elizabeth Canfield*
*Avatar Davis
Courtney Doyle*
Jonathan Easton
Jessie Hancock
*Kimberly Lachapelle*
Mallory Marvin*
Jessica Mehm*
Ryan Moore*
*Nicole Northrup
Rachel Passannante*
Benjamin Peery*
*Andrea Wendel
Faculty: Dr. Nasser Malit
*Anthropology Major
*Archaeology Major*
*Both*
It has been another busy year for the Anthropology Department. According to our records, we had 137 majors and 60 minors, with numbers split about evenly between anthropology and archaeology. Enrollments in the various minors housed in the Anthropology Department – Anthropology, Archaeology, Museum Studies, Biological Anthropology, and Medical Anthropology – have continued to increase. Enrollment in anthropology courses has remained strong, although several department members have had a reduced load for administrative or other purposes:

- As Department Chair, Dr. Karen Johnson-Weiner taught a half-time load.
- As Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research, Dr. Bethany Usher had a half-time load in the fall; in the spring, she took a leave of absence in the spring semester to accept a position at George Mason University.
- As Director of Global Studies and the Affirmative Action Officer, Dr. Susan Stebbins had a year-long quarter time load.
- Dr. Patricia Whelehan was on sabbatical leave for the spring semester, 2010.
- Dr. Morgan Perkins has had a leave of absence for the academic year 2009-2010.

Early in the fall, the Department said good-bye to long-time department secretary, Kathy LaDue, and welcomed Phyllis Charleson. In a change from the past, the Department now shares secretarial assistance with the Mathematics Department. It has been an adjustment for all, and Phyllis’ unfailing friendliness and efficiency has helped us move forward more easily than we ever imagined.

In the spring, the department welcomed visiting Assistant Professor Nasser Malit, who taught courses in Biological Anthropology.

The department continues to make progress in assessment. We are now working on collecting data from our core (200-level) courses. We remain extremely grateful to Dr. Alan Hersker for his continued work in directing our assessment efforts.

The department is also pleased that the Faculty Senate passed the revisions to the Anthropology BA.

Our students have been active as well. Once again, the Anthropology Club has played a major role in organizing student travel to professional conferences and other sites. The department’s undergraduate journal, The Collegiate Anthropologist, continued publication, now with Dr. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron serving as faculty advisor. This spring 18 students and 1 faculty member (Dr. Nasser Malit) were inducted into the Alpha Chapter of the Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society.

All members of the department are engaged in research, and several have been able to involve students in their research. Dr. Alan Hersker accompanied approximately 15 anthropology students to the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, which was held in Buffalo, NY. Moreover, Drs. Hersker, Johnson-Weiner, Kruczek-Aaron, Pykles, Schwarz, Weets, and Whelehan supervised internships in addition to their regular course load. This work was (at least in part) highlighted in the Department’s session, Making Tracks: Anthropology from the High Peaks to Down Under and Everywhere in between, offered as part of this year’s Campus Festival.

We are making efforts to give these endeavors the publicity they deserve. Under the guidance of our new department secretary, Phyllis Charleson, the department will publish its first newsletter this coming summer. We hope that it will help to encourage our alumni to keep in touch!

Although hardly an exhaustive list of faculty activities and accomplishments, the following summary of what Anthropology faculty are up to (drawn from the Faculty Information Forms, which faculty members have submitted individually) demonstrates the department’s high level of engagement with the profession and campus life.
EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Karen Johnson-Weiner


*Language and Otherness: Popular Fiction and the Amish.* Yearbook of the Society for German-American Studies. (in press)

*The Quiet in the Land: Amish Women and Entrepreneurship.* Submitted to The International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation


Hadley Kruczek-Aaron

An archaeology of religion and reform in nineteenth-century Protestant America (Book proposal under review at the University Press of Florida)


Benjamin Pykles


McBride, John H., R. William Keach, and Benjamin C. Pykles.


Carolyn Schwarz


*Engaging Christianity in Aboriginal Australia.* Special issue, The Australian Journal of Anthropology 21(1). [with Françoise Dussart]


Susan Stebbins


Jaimin Weets

*Review of “Technologies of Knowing: AIDS testing and divination in Uganda” for the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (incorporating Man)*


Pat Whelehan

Review of “Technologies of Knowing: AIDS testing and divination in Uganda” for the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (incorporating Man)

Alan Hersker
1. Work with Raquette River Blueway Corridor to promote and publicize their Oral History Project;
2. Complete work for Middle States Assessment of Student Learning Working Group;
3. Recruit student interns to assist in TRIAD transportation project and United Helpers Partridge Knoll resident satisfaction research.

Karen Johnson-Weiner
1. *The Amish in the 20th Century*, with Don Kraybill and Steve Nolt. This interdisciplinary study, funded by grants from the Kauffman Foundation and the NEH, will provide the first scholarly synthesis and understanding of the Amish in the American experience in the 20th century.
2. Research on Amish identity in the Vosges region of France in the 19th century. This research explores the different paths taken by Amish who remained in Europe and those who emigrated to North America in the attempt to understand why there are no longer any Amish in Europe.

Hadley Kruczek-Aaron
Work on *An archaeology of religion and reform in nineteenth-century Protestant America*; the book proposal for this manuscript was submitted to the University Press of Florida in March 2010.

Nasser Malit
1. Work with NYSP forensic unit and strengthen collaboration with our campus.
2. Continue research of Middle Pleistocene mandible and description of the Samburu skeletal remains, as well as work on Miocene primates.

Benjamin Pykles
1. Finish editing and submit the manuscript for the edited volume *Historical Archaeology of the Mormon Domain* to the University of Illinois Press, which has already accepted the book proposal.
2. Submit an article (“Clyde D. Dollar and the Professionalization of Historical Archaeology”) to the Bulletin of the History of Archaeology.
3. Begin writing a National Science Foundation–Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU) grant for my research at Iosepa.

Carolyn Schwarz

Susan Stebbins
Finish the revisions to my textbook this summer. I have been granted a sabbatical for spring 2011, during which time I will be working on a book about historical and contemporary Native American women.

Pat Whelehan
2. SfAA (Society for Applied Anthropology) 2011 Meetings: Chair and co-chair two sessions at the meeting. One on teaching gender in the classroom, one on incorporating students into research.
3. When the EHS is closer to completion, will continue research and writing on two ethnographies. One is a bio-ethnography and case study of a long-term HIV/AIDS survivor and one is a case study of the families who were recruited by the federal government in 1942-1959 to live and work in Oak Ridge, TN, on the Manhattan Project. Initial background research completed for both of these projects, December 2009.
**PAPERS DELIVERED AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED:**

**Alan Hersker**

*Aging and the Rural Built Environment,* *the annual meeting of the Northeastern* paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association, Boston, MA (November 2009)

Career Advice for Undergraduates, panel discussion with John Omohundro (SUNY Potsdam) & Jessica Skolnikoff (Roger Williams) at Anthropological Association, Buffalo, NY (March 2010)

**Hadley Kruczek-Aaron**

1. 2010 *Geophysical Investigation of a Timbucto Archaeological Site, North Elba, New York.* Poster presented at the Joint Northeastern and Southeastern Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Baltimore, Maryland (w/ Matthew Stiles, Jonathan Reeves, Frank Revetta, and Carl Pierce).

**John Omohundro**

Workshop organizer and presenter, “Career Advice for Anthropology Undergraduates,” NEAA, March 2010, Buffalo

**Benjamin Pykles**


Carolyn Schwarz

Susan Stebbins
I organized a panel for the Native American and Indigenous Studies meetings in Tucson, AZ in May 2010 entitled Images of Native Americans in a Post-Colonial America. As part of that panel I will be presenting my paper, “Everybody is talking about Akwesasne, Nobody talks to Akwesasne”, a draft of which I presented at the Pratt Colloquium in April here at SUNY Potsdam.

Jaimin Weets
*For the Irish who left far more than footprints in the North Country and so many other parts of the globe…* Poster and document presentation exhibited in the Weaver Museum for SUNY Potsdam Campus Festival., April, 2010.

Pat Whelehan
Co-chaired session, Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) National Meetings, 2010
Discussant, session, Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) National Meetings, 2010

GRANTS

Alan Hersker
NYS Section 5310 Rural Transportation Grant for Potsdam Area TRIAD, Inc. (December 2009), $28,000

Hadley Kruczek-Aaron
2010 Learning Communities Instructional Grant for Archaeology II FIG speaker and social events
2009 Learning Communities Instructional Grant for Archaeology I FIG guest speakers

Benjamin Pykles
Faculty-Undergraduate Summer Research Program Grant, with Chelsea Richard, 2009: “Application of Ground Penetrating Radar to Documenting the Nineteenth-Century Physical Environment of Nauvoo, Illinois.” Research and Sponsored Programs, State University of New York at Potsdam.
Kilmer Undergraduate Summer Research Apprenticeship Grant, with Jonathan Reeves, 2010: “Recording and Interpreting the Rock Art of Iosepa, Utah.” Center for Undergraduate Research, State University of New York at Potsdam.

Pat Whelehan
UUP Professional Development Grant Award


**AWARDS**

Alan Hersker
2. Students Choice Award, SUNY Potsdam Student Support Services (March 2010)
3. Most Helpful Faculty, SUNY Potsdam Emerging Leaders (November 2009)

Karen Johnson-Weiner
Selected to participate in the 2010 SUNY Potsdam NEH Summer Seminar: Law and Religion

Hadley Kruczek-Aaron
1. 2010 Drescher Leave appointment
2. 2010 Student Support Services Students’ Choice Award nominee
3. 2010 President’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and/or Teaching relating to Cultural Pluralism nominee

Nasser Malit
1. 2010 Inductee: Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society, Alpha NY Chapter
2. Honorary Member, New York State Police Investigator – Forensic Unit

John Omohundro
Invited Speaker, “Excellence in Teaching,” North Country Community College Faculty Convocation, August 2009

Benjamin Pykles
2. Chelsea Richard’s research poster (which I supervised), detailing the ground penetrating radar research we conducted in Nauvoo, Illinois during the summer of 2009, won first place in the Joseph B. Kilmer Undergraduate Research Poster Award competition during the 2010 Learning and Research Fair at SUNY Potsdam.

Pat Whelehan
1. Invited member to the Nominating Committee of the Society for Medical Anthropology
2. Invited reviewer to the Royal Anthropological Institute
3. Nominating Awards Committee Member, AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AARG)
4. 2010 Visiting Research Associate, University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) Medical School, Department of Ob-Gyn/Reproductive Sciences
5. 2010 Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS), San Francisco, CA
6. 2010 Visiting Scholar, Erotic Heritage Museum, Las Vegas, NV

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

Alan Hersker
1. Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association, Boston, MA (November 2009)
2. Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, Buffalo, NY (March 2010), accompanying approximately 15 anthropology students

Hadley Kruczek-Aaron
2009 Rethinking Marxism conference, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
John Omohundro
Northeastern Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Buffalo, NY (March, 2010)

Benjamin Pykles

Carolyn Schwarz
1. To attend the European Society for Oceanists Annual Meeting, St. Andrews, Scotland, July 5-7, 2010
2. Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 2009

Susan Stebbins

Pat Whelehan

ADVISING:
Each faculty member in Anthropology advises an average of 20 students throughout the year. In addition, Alan Hersker advises students in the Applied Anthropology Certificate Program, and he is also the faculty advisor to the LGBTQA. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron serves as the faculty advisor to the Student Anthropology Association, the Collegiate Anthropologist and as the Academic coordinator for the women’s swimming and diving team. Carolyn Schwarz is the Academic Coordinator for the Women’s Lacrosse Team. Susan Stebbins is the advisor for the Native American Studies Minor and the Equestrian team, Benjamin Pykles advises the Men’s Hockey Team and advises students in the Presidential Scholars Program, and Jaimin Weets advises the Men’s Soccer Team. Although in a visiting position, Nasser Malit mentored two students engaged in independent research.

COLLEGE SERVICE
In addition to their service to the Anthropology Department, faculty served the university in a variety of ways:

Alan Hersker
Academic Assessment Committee, member (Fall 2008 – present)
NEH Faculty Advisory Board, member (Fall 2009 – present)
Sustainability Task Force Committee, member (Spring 2009 – present)
Middle States Assessment of Student Learning Working Group, member (Spring 2010 - present)
Karen Johnson-Weiner  
Chair, Department of Anthropology; service on Arts & Sciences Council, Council of Chairs; Member, Executive Board, Campus Chapter of UUP

Hadley Kruczek-Aaron  
Fall 2008 – present: Academic Policies, Standards, and Advising Committee member  
Fall 2007 – present: College Writing Center Advisory Board member  
Fall 2007 – present: FYE faculty fellow, Archaeology FIG floor

Nasser Malit  
Guest Speaker: The Presidential Scholars Awards Ceremony, “Current Homo erectus Research in Potsdam”  
Guest Speaker: The Lambda Alpha Society Award Ceremony, “The Making of An Anthropologist: A Personal Story”  
Speaker: FIG II Meeting: “What it Takes: Becoming a Scientist”

John Omohundro  
2010 Potsdam Festival Planning Committee member, on environmental themes  
Coordinator, Environmental Studies Program

Benjamin Pykles  
Large-Format Printing Ad-Hoc Committee, Fall 2009.  
Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable (TLTR), 2009 – 2011.  
Presidential Scholars Faculty Steering Committee, 2009 – present.  
Area Representative, United University Professions, 2009 – present.  
Academic Coordinator for Men’s Ice Hockey, Fall 2008 – present.  
Spiritual Life Committee, 2007-present.

Carolyn Schwarz  
Faculty Senate Representative, Department of Anthropology (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)  
Student-Initiated Interdepartmental Programs Committee (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)  
Phi Beta Kappa Committee (Fall 2009)  
Panelist for Undergraduate Research Center roundtable discussion “Getting Started in Undergraduate Research” (Spring 2010)  
Panelist for The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century, Bregman Book Discussion Series (Fall 2009)

Susan Stebbins  
Director of U.S. and Global Studies and the Affirmative Action Committee.  
I serve on the Diversity in Action Coalition and conducted four Bias Response Trainings for that committee over the last year.  
I served on the planning committee for the campus festival, Footprints in the North Country, Pathways on the Planet and organized two presentations for the festival: The First Peoples’ Footprints, and Footprints toward Freedom.
Jaimin Weets
Arts & Sciences Council, Fall 2006-present
Faculty Senate, May 2002-present, now Faculty Senate Delegate at-large (5 years of service or more).
Chair of 3 Personnel Committees in Spring 2009

Pat Whelehan
World AIDS Day National Speaker, Doug Weiss, Long Term Survivor
Campus’ AIDS Education Coordinator
Third Bi-annual Toothbrushes for Malawi Drive
Parents Weekend Presentation, Interdepartmental Presentations on sex work
2003-2011 Institutional Review Board

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Alan Hersker
Northeastern Anthropological Association, newsletter copy editor (Spring 2007 – present); treasurer (Spring 2008 – present)
Sackets Harbor American Legion Post 1757, volunteer (Spring 2007 – present)
Potsdam Area TRIAD, Inc., board member (Fall 2007 – present); treasurer (Spring 2009 – present)
United Helpers: Partridge Knoll Independent Living, board member (Fall 2009 – present)
Raquette River Blueway Corridor Oral History Project, advisor (Spring 2010 – present)
Potsdam Public Museum Oral History Project Advisory Board, member (Fall 2009)
Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Corporate Member (Spring 2010 – present)

Karen Johnson-Weiner
Member & Secretary, Board of Traditional Arts of Upstate New York (TAUNY); Chair, Folkstore and Personnel Committees
Talks to Canton (NY) women’s study group; Hospice of Northern New York; Dunham Public Library (Whitesboro, New York)
Assisted St. Lawrence County Planners with Census outreach to local Amish communities.
Interviewed by The Watertown Daily Times, WWNY-TV, The Syracuse Post Standard, the Baltimore Sun, and North Country Public Radio about the Amish.
Served as an expert witness in the case of St. Lawrence County Social Services v. Hershberger; currently serving as a consultant/expert witness in the lawsuit filed in federal court by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, on behalf of the Swartzentruber Amish, against the town of Morristown, New York.

Hadley Kruczek-Aaron
Consultant, Stewards of the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark
Member, Historic Saranac Lake
Member, North Country Underground Railroad Association

Nasser Malit
Spring 2010 – Forensic Case Consultation by New York State Police (NYSP) Department
Helped in the examination of Human skeletal remains
Spring 2010 – The Living Primates: teach-in to Little River Community School
Spring 2010 – The Human Ancestors: teach-in to Little River Community School
John Omohundro
Coordinator, Red Sandstone Trail development along Raquette River, with lead agencies Adirondack Mountain Club and Brookfield Power Corp.,
Trip leader, Laurentian chapter Adirondack Mountain Club;
Publications Committee and occasional guest editor, St. Lawrence County Historical Association Quarterly, Member, Raquette River Advisory Council, annual meetings and administration of a budget mandated by hydroelectric licenses, to monitor environment and recreation along the Raquette River from Carry Falls to St. Lawrence River.
Newsletter editor and publisher, North Wind, Laurentian Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, quarterly.

Benjamin Pykles
Ministerial Association of Potsdam, President, 2008-2010
Potsdam Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, First Counselor, Branch Presidency, January 2007 – April 2010; Branch President, April 2010 – present.

Carolyn Schwarz
Curator for Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY) exhibit Sacred Tools: The Work and Spirit of the Adirondack Trail Crew, June-September (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)
Secretary, American Association of University Women (AAUW), St. Lawrence County Branch (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)

Susan Stebbins
Board member of the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club; elected Vice President, Dec. 2008

Pat Whelehan
2009-present Planned Parenthood Northern New York (PPNNY) Consultant
2006-present PFLAG Resource Person-Academic Settings, North Country
2003-present http://www.sexualtherapy.com/therapists/whelehan.htm: SexTherapist, Institute of Marital and Sex Therapy
2008-Present, Round Table Consultant

FUTURE GOALS AND CHALLENGES:
The members of the Anthropology Department look forward to revising courses and developing new courses, to continuing a variety of writing and research projects, to working with students in diverse internship projects, and to being involved in campus and community programming. We are excited about implementing the revised Anthropology major and eager to begin revisions of other programs, in particular the Archaeological Studies major and minor and the Museum Studies minor.

The future holds considerable challenge for us, however. Dr. Bethany Usher has a leave of absence until December 2010, and it remains unclear what the future holds for her association with the department. We are very happy that Dr. Nasser Malit will remain with us for the fall and hope that he will be with us longer. Given his background, we expect that he will contribute much to the biological anthropology offerings and to museum studies programming.
Dr. Malit has also begun a promising exchange with the State Police that will, we hope, lead to opportunities for our students to do more forensic work. The department will continue to work on assessment. At present we are focused on evaluating our 200 level courses, but we expect to begin work on our upper division offerings next year.

Finally, we are excited to welcome back Dr. Morgan Perkins, who has been on leave, and Dr. Pat Whelehan, who has been enjoying a spring semester sabbatical.

Anthropology Club

Anthropology Club News
By C.J. Young, 2009-2010 President

This last year the Anthropology Club sponsored several events and went on two major trips. The 2009-2010 e-board (President-CJ Young; VP-Amanda Lee; Treasurer-Alyssa Petroski; and PR-Christa Mordoff) all worked together to make these events happen.

In the fall semester, we hosted a useful Anthropology Career panel with many of our professors (Dr. Whelehan, Dr. Hersker, Dr. Johnson-Weiner, Dr. Kruczek-Aaron, Dr. Pykles, Dr. Usher, Dr. Omohundro, and Dr. Schwarz), as well as librarian Carol Rourke and the new UP chief of police Gary Bean as participants.

Unfortunately, our museum trip for the fall was canceled but our spring trip was a success. We took 11 students to the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, where we experienced their IMax theater as well as the culture of the Byward Market place in downtown Ottawa.

In the spring semester, we also provided all the arrangements for the Richard Tenace “Magic of the Mind” show. In addition, we hosted SUNY Potsdam alumnus Dr. Matt Smith, who gave us a wonderful presentation on his ethnographic research in the online world of Second Life. He then helped us to construct avatars to explore that world ourselves.

The NEAA conference, which is usually marked by a very large presence from SUNY Potsdam, attracted 11 of our students (which is down from our usual average of 20). The number was lower because Spring Break coincided with the conference. Nevertheless, the members that did go still had a great time and came back with a lot from the conference. Hopefully, even more will attend next year.

The e-board for the 2010-2011 year is Katie Seeber (President), Rachael Passannante (VP), Alyssa Petroski (Treasurer), Alexandra Morris (Secretary), and Courtney Doyle (PR). We are very excited to see what next year will bring and what they will do.
The 50th annual meetings of the Northeastern Anthropological Association were held at SUNY Buffalo in Buffalo, New York on 5 – 7 March. Continuing the tradition of strong SUNY Potsdam presence, a dozen of our students, along with Drs. Omohundro and Hersker, attended. Joey Bernier presented a paper on his research on Twitter and Valerie Paige answered questions on the Spring 2010 Senior Seminar class project in the poster session. Drs. Omohundro and Hersker, along with Dr. Skolnikoff from Roger Williams University, co-hosted a workshop on how anthropology majors can prepare for graduate school and professional employment.

Joey Bernier was also elected by the NEAA membership as one of the two undergraduate student representatives (we should be proud: the other is Valerie Paige!) on the executive board of organization.

Next year’s NEAA meetings will be at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, New Hampshire. It’s never too early to make plans: if you are doing interesting research, or if you just want to come to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, please join us. For more dates and other information, check out the new NEAA website at www.neaa.org. Or you can contact Dr Hersker, Valerie Paige or Joey Bernier.

The Anthropology Department hosted the Little River Community School twice in our Bio-Anthropology Lab in MacVicar Hall Room 110 this past spring. The kids that attended are aged between 7 and 13 years. The first visit in March focused on learning about living primates, and Dr Malit talked to the children about the different species of living primates, their diet, their dental anatomy and behavior. Under Dr. Malit’s direction, the children also did a practicum in identifying the differences between the modern human skulls and those of primates using skulls we have in the lab.
The theme of the second visit which occurred in April was to learn and name the human ancestors known in the fossil record. During this visit, Dr. Malit introduced the children to the several anatomical changes in the skulls and skeletal structure of our ancestors through time. The children identified the many anatomical differences in our hominin cast collection. It was obvious that the Neandertal skulls were very popular with these future naturalists. Our very own anthropology alumnus, Ms Maria Corse, currently teaching at the Little River Community School accompanied the lads during the two visits.

Kellas Archaeology Lab Gets Upgrade

This year Archaeology faculty and students continued to make improvements in our Kellas archaeology lab, which is a relatively new space that we have dedicated to research and artifact processing. During the spring semester, furniture and a desktop computer were added to facilitate artifact processing, the layout was redesigned to accommodate the growing collections made by two active research projects (Iosepa and Timbucto), and a wireless access point was created there to permit students and faculty to access Internet sources while doing their research in the lab.

Many thanks to the CTS staff for their help with these much needed computing improvements!
2009

Last summer, 18 students under Dr. Kruczek-Aaron’s direction came together in Lake Placid, New York, to excavate a site associated with Timbucto, a 19th-century African American farming settlement in the Adirondacks initiated by abolitionist Gerrit Smith (1797-1874). The field school had students learning excavation techniques, implementing a range of survey strategies, and carrying out archival research. For more details about what they found, please see the latest issue of the Collegiate Anthropologist, which features an article written by Chris Morine, who participated in the field school and who is currently working for the Cultural Resources Survey Program based at the New York State Museum in Albany, New York.

2008

During the summer of 2008, twelve students joined Dr. Pykles in Skull Valley, Utah to excavate the historic site of Iosepa (pronounced “yo-say-pah”). Iosepa (the Hawaiian word for “Joseph”) was settled in 1889 by Pacific Islanders who, following their conversion to Mormonism, immigrated to Utah to be close to the main body of the Church. After twenty-eight years of moderate success at ranching and agricultural production, the town was abandoned in 1917. The town site was sold to a livestock company, which razed the majority of the buildings so the land could be used for grazing cattle.

Although a significant amount of material culture survives underground, nothing but a cemetery and a few house foundations remain visible at the site today. The most exciting find of the 2008 field school was a privy pit in which some of Iosepa’s original residents discarded or lost many of their broken dishes, bottles, and other material remains. Dr. Pykles is excited to take a new group of students to Iosepa this summer to continue excavating this interesting site.
2010 ANTHROPOLOGY ALUMNI INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Alumni:

Please write to us TODAY! We look forward to hearing from you. Even if you responded earlier, please give us updated information! We never tire hearing from you. Let us know what you are doing - almost nothing about you is too unimportant to us. Help us make next year’s Alumni News sections of our newsletter even longer than this year’s. Write to us and get at least one other anthropology alum to also write to us. Thanks for your help.

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