I am very fortunate to have this opportunity to say a few words to our anthropology community as I end my second term as department chair. My first official duty as a new chair in 2009 was to oversee the implementation of faculty furloughs in our department. In fact, things seemed so bad I was dubbed “Chair of the Apocalypse.” Today, I am happy to say that not only have we made it through the worst but we have emerged stronger than ever. Currently we are engaged in back to back tenure-track hires and the number of anthropology majors and graduates has steadily increased.

I am very proud of my role in the accomplishments of the department during the past six years but I could not have done it alone. I was extremely fortunate to inherit our Administrative Support Coordinator, Stephanie (Meyers) Rose, who joined our office while Stacy Schaefer was chair and who is now the Administrative Analyst Specialist in the Dean’s office. Jeannette Methvin-Terry is our new ASC and the speed at which she achieved department office acumen is amazing. I have appreciated all of our student office assistants but extra kudos must be given to Alexis Crijenica-Moad and Katie Jorgensen because of their help in producing this and the 2011 versions of Clan Destiny. The entire office staff has contributed to the overall quality of the program as we prepare to hand it over to the next chair, Jesse Dizard, who will begin his term in the summer of 2015.

As a faculty member, I have found great satisfaction in teaching, advising, and mentoring students during my seventeen year career here at CSU Chico and after some reflection I think many of my most treasured accomplishments can be found in the numerous excellent MA theses I have had the honor to supervise. Finally, I think the accomplishments of all our outstanding faculty and staff are nothing less than remarkable and it would be impossible to acknowledge them all. So, it is my hope to highlight a few activities and achievements that represent our truly dynamic department and encourage you to read all of our stories.

I appreciate your interest and attention to this volume of Clan Destiny. Thank you.

[Department Chair Dr. Martinez in Argentina 2014]
Highlights

- The most important development in the enhancement and maintenance of our tradition of high quality education is the hire of a new tenure-track professor in Archaeology, Dr. Matthew O’Brien (2014).
- David Eaton is serving as the search committee chair for a socio-cultural and museum anthropologist who hopefully will have been hired by the time this version of Clan Destiny is out.
- Stephanie (Meyers) Rose has advanced to the AAS position in the Dean’s office and we were very fortunate to hire our new ASC, Jeannette Methvin-Terry.
- Georgia Fox won the prestigious Lantis Endowed University Chair Award, 2014-15.
- We completed the five-year Academic Program Reviews for both the BA and MA programs and received external reviews affirming our high-quality programs.
- The department Personnel Policies and Procedures were revised and approved in 2014 setting the standards for retention, tenure and promotion for our new faculty.
- Alexandra Perrone, one of our recent MA graduates has joined the staff as the Human Identification Laboratory supervisor.
- Improvements for the Human Identification Laboratory have become one of the primary campaigns for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences with a goal of over a million dollars (see back page).
- January 28, 2015 marked the grand opening of the most recent exhibit at the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology “Leaping Lemurs and Mysterious Crimes.” A promised gift of $3.5 million from Valene Smith was made in 2009 and the museum has become a campus showcase.
- Fall 2012, the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology was selected to participate in the Museum Assessment Program (MAP).
- The 11th Annual Chico Forensics Conference, organized by forensic graduate students, was held in the BMU on November 1, 2014.
- We have continued with our efforts to promote Anthropology and Native American relations by participating in conferences; the latest one being a Traditional Ecological Knowledge Gathering in Genesee Valley.
- Between 2008 and 2014 the Archaeological Research Program (ARP) dealt with contracts totaling $217,264, including contracts with the following alumni:
  - Alex DeGeorgey
    Principal, Alta Archaeological Consulting
  - Daniel Elliott
    Heritage Program Manager, Forest Service, Plumas National Forest
  - Jamie Moore
    District Archaeologist, Forest Service, Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District
  - Jim Nelson
    Senior Cultural Resource Specialist, Pacific Gas & Electric
  - Greg Collins
    Associate State Archaeologist, North Coast Redwoods District, California State Parks
  - Adam Gutierrez
    Archaeologist, Forest Service, Lassen National Forest
  - Marilla M. Martin
    Archaeologist, Bureau of Land Management, Eagle Lake Field Office
  - Bill Miller
    Senior Park Ranger, Black Butte Lake, CESPK-CO-SF
Student Learning Fee money from the University and help from the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences allowed us to make improvements in the following areas:

2014-2015
- BSS Student Digital Film Production-Jesse Dizard-$17,095
- BSS Virtual Science in Action-Kevin Dalton-$4,000

2013-2014
- BSS Handheld XRF Unit-Kevin Dalton-$15,000

2012-2013
- BSS Hands-on Forensic Science-Colleen Milligan-$4,500

2011-2012
- BSS Hands-on Archaeology-Kevin Dalton-$15,000

2010-2011
- Human Identification Laboratory Curation Project-Eric Bartelink-$18,500

Faculty and Staff Kudos

Honors that have been given to our faculty include: Outstanding Teacher, Professional Achievement Honor, Outstanding Research Mentor, the Paul Persons Sustainability Award, the BSS Faculty Colloquium Speaker, and the Lantis Endowed University Chair Award.

- In 2013 Dr. Eric Bartelink, Department of Anthropology, was selected as this year’s honored scholar and keynote speaker for the BSS Faculty Colloquium Series.
- Dr. Jesse Dizard is working on the third film in series dealing with water issues in the western United States and has won several awards in support of this project.

[An ALVA production directed by Jesse Dizard]

- Dr. Brian Brazeal has succeeded in attracting hundreds of thousands of dollars in external funding to create facilities for student research and support for student film projects.
- Our program for teaching and research in visual anthropology at CSU, Chico and ALVA, the Advanced Laboratory for Visual Anthropology, are both unique and innovative. We have the only laboratory that teaches students to produce films of such rigor and professionalism that they can screen on broadcast television.
- Dr. Colleen "coach" Milligan continues to accrue kudos for the Chico State Rowing Club she began in 2011 for CSU Chico.
- Lisa Westwood (lecturer) continues to champion heritage resources through her diligent work to protect Tranquility Base, the site of the first NASA lunar Landing, as a Cultural Heritage Site.
- Eric Bartelink serves on the Scientific Working Group for Forensic Anthropology and was recently elected President of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology.
- Beth Shook was nominated for Outstanding Lecturer 2014 for both BSS and at the university level.
Student Grants, Awards and Scholarships

- Graduate student Karen Gardner was awarded the Outstanding Thesis Award for the University, May 2014.
- Thirty nine MA theses were completed between 2008 and 2014 and five of these were selected as outstanding theses by the university.
- Isaura Godinez (ANTH) received the highest score university-wide on the Spring 2013 administration of the CLA. Isaura came to us in 2010 as a transfer student, receiving the James O. Haehn Scholarship. She then received the Joanne Adams Memorial Scholarship and the 2013 Anthropology Outstanding Student. She graduated summa cum laude and was accepted into the PhD. Program at the University of North Carolina.

- Recent scholarship honors have gone to; Katie Jorgensen (Joanne Adams Anthropology Scholarship), Cassandra Halverson (Keith L. Johnson Scholarship), and Brittany Davis (Edna May Johnson Memorial Museum Scholarship) 2014. (Pictured Right: Annelle Reed, Keith Johnson, Karen Johnson, Katie Jorgensen, Jackie Murad, Turhon Murad, Renee Margolin, Nette Martinez, Cassandra Halverson, and Brittany Davis.)

- The Department of Anthropology has established the Joanne Adams Anthropology Scholarship (awarded for the first time in May 2010) and the Keith Johnson Scholarship.

- Anna (Rushton) Kamanzi presenting her Fulbright research in Washington D.C. She is the first student at this university to become a Fulbright Research Fellow. (Pictured Left)

- At the 2015 Society for California Archaeology Meetings in Redding, California 15 current and recent graduate students are participating in the session “Current Graduate Student Research at California State University, Chico” (eleven presentations and at least three posters).
Traditions

- Our department continues the tradition of meeting for dinner after every monthly faculty meeting.
- Anthropology Forum – we continue to honor our 40+ year tradition of offering the Anthropology Forum which strengthens our opportunity for public and community relations.

Transitions

Stacy Schaefer retired from the Department of Anthropology in 2014, and she will be missed! Stacy received her BA in Anthropology and Latin American Studies from UC Santa Cruz in 1979. Her MA was in Latin American Studies from Stanford in 1982 and her PhD in Anthropology from UC Los Angeles in 1990. She came to Chico in 1999 after already getting tenure at University of Texas-Pan American. Besides teaching and being the co-director of the museum of anthropology she served as chair of the department from 2006 – 2009.

Her research career has been extensive and impressive, including books and numerous articles and presentations on Huichol art and culture; including Huichol shamanism; plants and healing; Huichol weaving; peyote and meaning; and women weavers and shamans (a topic she writes about in her 2002 book, To Think With a Good Heart). Another book, Amada’s Blessings from the Peyote Gardens of South Texas, will be available soon. Stacy has received numerous campus awards and recognitions and in 2004-2005 her research was showcased at the BSS Faculty Colloquium speaker series.

FERPS!

FERP stands for Faculty Early Retirement Plan. Faculty in the FERP program have the option of teaching half-time for five years.

- Bill Collins ended his FERP in 2013.
- P. Willey began his FERP in 2014 and he has chosen to teach full-time in the spring semester.
- Frank Bayham’s FERP will be ending in Spring 2016.
- Antoinette Martinez began her FERP in 2014-15, finished her second term as chair in Spring 2015 as a FERP faculty, and will teach part-time in 2015-16.
North East Information Center

The Northeast Information Center (NEIC) is alive and well...we have been operating out of our “new” location at 6th and Main for over two years now. Current staff include Nette Martinez (Faculty Coordinator), Amy Huberland (Assistant Coordinator), Adrienne Slattery, Rob McCann, Jessica Sharp, Jacques Peltier, Ashlee Taylor and Stacey Mikulovsky (GIS). We’ve been busy keeping up with records searches this year and we are also making progress on our GIS conversion project.

Early 2015 we plan to take the leap and drop maintenance of the hard copy base maps for Butte, Glenn, and Sutter counties, which are fully digitized. The biggest difference folks will see is that archaeologists coming in to do research at our office on maps that fall within those counties will have to view the data on the computer. Giving up maintenance of the hard copy maps will save time for our staff and is one of the necessary (but scary) steps in going fully digital.

We’ve also been busy with several Data Sharing agreements with Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. As part of these agreements, the agencies are helping fund our GIS conversion and in return, the NEIC is providing completed digital data back to the agencies. Over all, it has been a very busy and productive year for the NEIC.

Those interested in conducting research or setting up internships can contact us via email or phone – see our website at http://www.csuchico.edu/neic.

THE NEIC STAFF

Antoinette Martinez, Amy Huberland, Adrienne Slattery, Rob McCann, Jessica Sharp, Jacques Peltier, Ashlee Taylor and Stacey Mikulovsky.
The Archaeology Laboratory

The Archaeology Laboratory has been buzzing with activity this semester. Between Dr. O’Brien’s Laboratory Methods in Archaeology, Dr. Bayham’s Zooarchaeology and Dr. Fox’s Museum Collection Management class, there has not been much downtime in Lab. The few available “idle” hours have been consumed by Cultural Candidate job talks and pizza lunches, Chico Anthropological Society events, and of course students diligently studying bones, artifacts, or working on their theses.

Since the 2011 issue of Clan Destiny, the Archaeology Lab has continued to add state-of-the-art technical equipment to its suite of field and laboratory tools. The most notable acquisitions include a portable X-ray fluorescence (pXRF) spectrometer. X-ray fluorescence spectrometry is a nondestructive method of elemental analysis, used to identify the character of the chemical elements in a given sample. The pXRF is widely used by anthropology students across subdisciplines; whether for obsidian sourcing, forensic research, or museum conservation, it seems like the pXRF is always running. In addition to the pXRF, the Lab has also added two 3D scanners. Recent advances in 3D scanning have made this technology more cost affordable, faster, and more accurate than ever. As with the pXRF, the 3D scanners are used widely across the department. Videos of 3D bone scans can be viewed in the current exhibit at the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology and be sure to look for posters and presentations highlighting this technology at upcoming professional conferences.
Human Identification Laboratory

The Human ID lab continues to be a busy place with both forensic casework and outdoor scene recoveries. The Human ID Lab experienced its heaviest caseload to date in 2014. Thus far, the lab has handled 13 search and recoveries requests and 53 laboratory analyses and consultations. With the lab averaging more than one case per week, we are fortunate to have an extraordinary team of graduate students and undergraduate interns to help. The lab also welcomed Alexandra (Alex) Perrone as the new lab supervisor. Alex is performing her duties masterfully and made the transition smoothly. Shannon Clinkinbeard, our previous lab supervisor, recently completed her MA degree at Chico State following the birth of twins (Max and Finley) at the start of summer. The physical anthropology faculty and staff are also looking forward to the 2014-2015 exhibit,


Dr. Bartelink, Dr. Willey, and Dr. Milligan and the 2014 Graduation Commencement Ceremony
(Pictured above)

Chico State Faculty, Current Students, and Alumni at the American Academy of Forensic Science Conference in 2014
(Pictured below)
Advanced Laboratory of Visual Anthropology

It’s been an exciting year at the Advanced Laboratory for Visual Anthropology. While Brian Brazeal was roaming across three continents collecting footage for his documentary on the emerald trade, faculty, staff and students were producing quality films in California. Professor Dizard’s timely piece on water politics in California titled, “Treading Water” debuted with great success. Matthew Ritenhour partnered with Georgia Fox, the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology and archaeologist Tom Layton to produce, “The Impact of the Frolic,” the story of a shipwrecked opium clipper whose checkered career touched the lives of Native Americans, Gold Rush Era settlers and merchants from mainland China.

Now we have agreements in the works for nationwide distribution, video streaming and broadcasts on PBS affiliates all over California. Our visual anthropology program continues to grow and thrive.

The Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology

Museum News
The Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology latest exhibition: Leaping Lemurs and Mysterious Crimes: On the Trail of Physical Anthropology, explores the multifaceted field of physical anthropology. Students in the exhibition design course led by Dr. Georgia Fox, museum director and professor of anthropology, shed light on current research of the team of physical anthropology professors from the CSU, Chico Department of Anthropology. Drs. Eric Bartelink, Colleen Milligan, Beth Shook and P. Willey showcase their current projects locally and around the nation.

Additionally, the exhibit takes visitors on the journey from our African roots to modern humans. Fossil favorites like Lucy and Neanderthals are on display, as well as some new relatives in the ever-changing human family. Visitors discover ancient fossil remains and see changes in the human skeleton over millennia. Recent developments in DNA research and the evolutionary developments of human and non-human primates are also explored. As always the museum’s mission is to train museum studies students and bring to life the painstaking work of anthropologists, helping us better understand our human past.

Fond Farewell, Dr. Schaefer

The Department of Anthropology said goodbye last spring to Dr. Stacy Schaefer, professor of anthropology and co-director of the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology. Dr. Schaefer was hired in 1999 after Keith Johnson the museum’s founder retired. In that time she directed eight exhibits, oversaw two Museum Assessment Programs through the American Association of Museums, and helped facilitate the move to the current location in the Meriam Library complex in addition to her research and books on Huichols and Native American Church. At the Retirement Party students, staff and faculty contributed to a scrapbook of memories and thank-yous for her contributions to student experiences and scholarship.

We wish Dr. Stacy Schaefer a fond farewell after 15 years of teaching, advising, and directing. Her scholarly and academic contributions to the museum studies program and cultural anthropology, have helped shape the lives of countless students. For all of her hard work and dedication, we send her off with un abrazo, a warm embrace and well wishes in her retirement.
Above is a picture of Dr. Bartelink holding his new book titled "Forensic Anthropology: Current Methods and Practice".

AGSA Student Research Competition
Recent Anthropology graduates Janet Finlayson and Bee Thao are pictured here with current students Jake Martin and Laura Cirillo after the annual Anthropology Graduate Student Association Research Competition in 2014.

50%
The number of applications for first time freshman, transfer and graduate students majoring in Anthropology has increased by almost 50% since 2008!

HIGHLIGHTS

Current and Retired Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Matthew O’Brien

New Faculty Member 2014
Archaeologist Dr. Matthew O’Brien joined the CSU, Chico Department of Anthropology this past fall as part of new wave of university hiring. He received his Ph. D from the University of New Mexico in 2013 where he worked primarily on hunter gatherer archaeology of the American Southwest, the Great Plains, and the Rocky Mountains spanning Paleoinian to Contact Periods. Recent research has examined topics such as land use patterning through lithic raw material sourcing, Paleoinian fieldwork from Montana to New Mexico, zooarchaeological investigations of communal hunting, innovations in bilateral refitting of skeletal elements, and developing new food utility indices to understand past butchery strategies.

His current research includes renewed excavations at the La Prele Mammoth Site near Douglas, Wyoming. In collaboration with the University of Wyoming, O’Brien is determining whether there is empirical evidence to support the association of artifacts and a 10,760 14C yr BP juvenile mammoth. Mammoth-related archaeological sites are very rare due site destruction by time and erosion as well as a small population of colonizers that left little material evidence of their presence. Given the paucity of mammoth sites associated with human hunting, an ongoing debate has arisen in archaeology questioning whether humans played a role in the extinction event that claimed 35 large taxa. Given that the radiocarbon date falls close to the estimated extinction of mammoths, this site will contribute to our understanding of Paleoinian subsistence during the waning days of Pleistocene. While additional grant money is pending, this research is currently being supported with the generous assistance of CSU, Chico’s Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. In addition to his ongoing fieldwork in Wyoming, Dr. O’Brien is also co-founder of the Dukha Ethnoarchaeological Project (DEP).

Since 2012, this ongoing study has been examining the spatial patterning of behavior of Mongolian reindeer herders. Archaeological sites are full of spatial patterning, but archaeologists often lack the necessary tools to interpret the behaviors that led to those patterns. Archaeologists have made significant strides in understanding patterns of material discard, site formation processes, and taphonomy, but they know significantly less about the factors that determine where people choose to do things – the initial step in the formation of the archaeological record. To accomplish this, Dr. O’Brien uses a combination of time-lapse photography and periodic observational data with Dukha homes to map the people. Their preliminary data shows patterns confirming some long held
assumptions while also refuting others. Dr. O’Brien and his colleagues have recently secured a National Science Foundation Grant to support this research for an additional two years, which will support students who assist in the project.

Now that he has arrived here in Chico, Dr. O’Brien is looking forward to pursuing field projects in California and the Great Basin in the near future as he begins to wrap up his current projects. He feels that archaeological investigations in local area are not only very exciting from a personal standpoint, but it also provides CSU Chico students with an educational and affordable opportunity in their own backyard.

Finally, Dr. O’Brien greatly appreciates that opportunity to share his enthusiasm for archaeology to interested students. He, along with his fellow archaeologists, teaches a wide range of courses that cover introductory courses to advanced theoretical and methodological courses. Also, Dr. O’Brien will be giving his debut Anthropology Forum lecture on New World colonization and the debate surrounding the La Prele Mammoth Site on April 23rd.

Brian Brazeal

Faculty Member Since 2007

Brian Brazeal had an exciting year in 2013-2014. His wife, Ariane Bélanger-Vincent gave birth to their baby daughter, Daphné Vincent Brazeal, on February 12, 2013. He was granted tenure and a sabbatical to continue his ethnographic research on the religious communities in the global emerald trade. When Daphné was 3 months old the family moved to Bogotá, Colombia where Brian was able to make contact with miners, traders, brokers and exporters of Colombia’s famous emeralds. Daniel Bruns, Laboratory Technician at the Advanced Laboratory for Visual Anthropology flew down to Colombia to work with Brian as a cinematographer. Together they captured dozens of interviews as well as footage from Colombia’s emerald mines and markets.

From Bogotá, Brian and his family continued on to his home in Cachoeira, Bahia, Brazil. There, he continued his research on African-derived religions as well as in the Brazilian emerald mines. The family returned to the United States for the American Anthropological Association meetings in Chicago. Brian continued on to Tel Aviv, Israel where he worked with the Israeli families that had once controlled the major emerald mines in Zambia, southern Africa. The family reunited in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India for Daphné’s first birthday. Brian was able to continue ethnographic research and filmmaking activities with the Jain community in Jaipur that controls most of the emerald business in India and around the world. The family returned once again to the United States. Brian participated in a conference sponsored by the American Ethnological Society and the Society for Visual Anthropology. He also delivered a full-length presentation on his emerald research at Tulane University in New Orleans. He traveled to Manhattan where he made contact with the descendants of a Central Asian crypto-Jewish religious community. This community controls much of the commerce in the world’s finest emeralds as they move between Colombia and 47th st. in New York City. The family traveled to England to participate in a conference sponsored by University College London. From there they continued on to Lyon, France where they spent the remainder of the summer writing up the results of their respective research projects. Brian is excited to be back in Chico and back in the classroom, teaching, writing and editing his documentary film on the international emerald trade.

Georgia Fox

Faculty Member Since 2001

Georgia Fox was awarded the David W and Helen E. F Lantis University Chair Award, Spring 2014 ($40,000). Upon Dr. Schaefer’s retirement, Dr. Fox is now Director of the Valene L Smith Museum of Anthropology and department’s Museum Studies Program. She has a new book coming out called The Archaeology of Smoking and Tobacco, due out in January 2015, University Press of Florida.

Georgia oversaw the installation of an exhibit at the Valene L Smith Museum of Anthropology. She and the Anthropology 467 class created: Into the Blue: Maritime Navigation and the Archaeology of Shipwrecks, on display from December 2013 until July 2014. Next exhibit is: Leaping Lemurs and Mysterious Crimes: On the Trail of Physical Anthropology, which opens December 9th, 2014 and is up until July 23rd, 2015. She is the principle investigator and director of Betty’s Hope Archaeological Project and Summer Field School, Antigua, West Indies. Archaeological investigations have been ongoing since 2007. She presented with the Outstanding Field School of 2013 Award by the American Anthropological Association and the Register of Professional Archaeologists. Betty’s Hope field season summer of 2014 focused on excavations of the slave village. Several Chico state students participated and the summer field school in 2015 will mark the ninth year of the project. Georgia Fox was promoted to full professor, Fall 2013 and she produced a video “Impact! The Shipwreck of the Frolic.” with the Advanced Laboratory for Visual Anthropology.

Eric Bartelink

Faculty Member Since 2006

Dr. Bartelink finished his eighth year with the Department of Anthropology. Last spring, he was engaged to Amy Sturgeon (yes, like the fish!), and they have set a wedding date of May 24, 2015. New beginnings!!!

In June of 2014, Eric went to Washington D.C. to review grants for the National Institute of Justice. Eric was also recently elected to the ABFA Board of Directors, and has participated on a number of committees. Although most of the summer was spent in Chico, he was able to take a few badly needed vacations to Monterey and Los Angeles.


Jeannette Methvin-Terry

Staff Member since 2013

Jeannette joined the Anthropology department as the Coordinator in July 2013 when Stephanie Rose was promoted up to the Deans office as Analyst of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Jeannette comes to the department with a BA Psychology, a MA Management and a strong background in Human Resources. She was very excited to be hired into the department and has often mentioned how much she loves her job and feels it to be a privilege to work with such a diverse, dedicated, hardworking and loving group of co-workers.

Charles Urbanowicz

Faculty Member From 1973 to 2009

Charles continue to enjoy retirement and still believes that being an anthropologist who did research about peoples and cultures of the Pacific is one of the best things to have happened to him (but he says the ABSOLUT BEST thing was getting married to "Sadie" in 1963). Charlie and Sadie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 31, 2013.

In the past few years, Charlie and Sadie have cruised throughout the Pacific for various companies and they both have lectured on selected itineraries. Cruise lines have included Cunard, Holland America, as well as Princess and "Cruising Into Retirement As An Anthropologist" continues to be one of Charlie's main activities! Incidentally, this is the exact title of a paper Charlie presented at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in December 2014 at a session on the "Anthropology of Tourism" in honor of Professor Emerita Valene Smith. For that paper, please go to http://www.csuchico.edu/~curbanowicz/DCR ETIREMENTPAPER2014.html. Locations that Charlie and Sadie visited in 2014 as a result of lecturing on cruises included the following (in alphabetical and NOT chronological order): American Samoa, Australia, China, Fiji, Guam, Hawai‘i, Japan, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Tahiti, and Taiwan!

Travel plans for 2015 include two cruises to Tahiti: one cruise begins in Florida and will transit the Panama Canal and stop in Ecuador, Peru, and Easter Island and the other departs from San Diego and will go to Hawaii prior to cruising to French Polynesia. Charlie and Sadie are also thinking about a driving trip to the Pacific Northwest sometime in 2015.

Charlie is still trying to improve his meager home-cooking repertoire and keeping up with garden and household chores. Sadie volunteers three days a month at the "Discovery Shoppe" in Chico and continues to be active with specific groups of the local American Association of University Women. Charlie and Sadie are also working on a book about their cruising adventures, tentatively titled The Laundress and The Lecturers (based on an incident on a South American cruise when their luggage showed up on day six of a twelve-day cruise).

Being an anthropologist who specialized in the Pacific was a wonderful career choice and
Charlie had fun teaching at Chico State from 1973 to 2009 and since then it has been great fun to provide informative lectures on cruises for interested individuals who want to hear them. Charlie also thinks it is wonderful that he doesn’t have to prepare exams and doesn’t have to assign grades for those who attend his lectures. He also receives applause after each lecture!

On other matters, their son Tom and his wife Julia celebrate their 22nd Wedding Anniversary in 2015 and they still live in Chico, but their “nest” is getting emptier: after graduating from High School in 2014 their eighteen year old daughter Lizi has taken a “Gap Year” and is now in AmeriCorps stationed in the Denver region of the United States. When Lizi finishes her commitment in fall 2015 she, and her brother Andrew (now sixteen), will be off to university somewhere. They will probably be admitted as Juniors since for the past few years, while finishing a high school curriculum, they both took classes at Butte College as well as Chico State! Julia is a terrific stay-at-home Mom and Tom has changed jobs over the past few years: he was the Chief Operating Officer for a local company and then became their CEO. After he left that company he became the COO for a start-up firm in Chico and he really enjoys working with various individuals in Chico and the business world.

In summarizing, Charlie continues to quote himself from previous years: “Although Charlie and Sadie still enjoy travel they are delighted to spend time in Chico with family and friends. Time does fly and Charlie says enjoy every moment.”

Michael Pilakowski

1997, Bachelors Degree in Anthropology and 2000, Masters Degree in Anthropology.

Faculty Member since 1998

Michael has entered his tenth year of teaching in Gridley Unified School District, and continues in his fifteenth year for Butte College and Chico State as well. In Gridley, Michael is currently an instruction and technology coach at the district level. At the college level, Michael is still teaching introductory anthropology courses, working with the Chico State EOP office in teaching their University Academics class, and working with the CSUC Department of Education in teaching pre-service secondary teachers in subject area pedagogy and their final performance assessments prior to being issued their preliminary teaching credentials.

Michael has also been working with another half dozen colleges around California on assessing their teacher candidates as well. At home, Michael’s family is doing well with his wife of 20 years, Carrie, 18 year-old Rebecca starting her junior year at Chico State as an animal science and biology major, 15 year-old Katherine taking a mix of college and high school courses, 12 year-old Sarah finishing eighth grade, and 10 year-old Emma finishing sixth grade.

Mike Findlay

Faculty Member since 1984

Mike is in the last year of his career teaching anthropology. He first started teaching at CSU Chico in 1986. Since that time a great deal has happened. While teaching at Chico in 1998, Mike applied for a full time position at Butte College, where he has have taught for 19 years, including 9 years as chair of the department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Over the years he has written three books, his latest will be out in spring of 2015 (Survey of Language and Culture: Linguistic Anthropology and Cross-Cultural Communication, Cognella Academic Press). Mike has taught many different classes over the years at both institutions and he has been blessed with these opportunities. His pending retirement comes with mixed feelings, but it is time. Mike wants to pass on a special thanks to all of his friends and colleagues in the anthropology department at CSU Chico. “That is where I got my start and I will never forget it.” - Michael Findlay

Thomas W. Johnson

Faculty Member 1970 to 1998

“Life after retiring can be much more busy and intense than life while employed full-time. Suddenly there is time without committee meetings - though teaching was always a great pleasure and is still missed. Since the last issue of Clan Destiny, Tom has published 9 papers, primarily in psychology and medicine, and has made 8 presentations at academic conferences. He has recently been invited to be among the 25 presenters at the Fifth Quinquennial Symposium on the Puzzle of Sexual Orientation to be held next summer, supported by the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada. He has just completed his second two-year term on the board of the National Sexuality Resource Center at San Francisco State. Last year he served on the program committee for the biennial meeting of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. Next year he will be part of the program committee for the American Folklore Society. The rest of the Johnson family is also staying busy. Tom’s wife Kimie is still active on a local tennis team and continues to prepare gourmet meals as a hobby. Son Morgan is restoring a 1930s house in Portland to become a rental unit while daughter Naomi has taken over the family vineyard and manages it together with her husband Timothy. Grandson Justice is now in the 6th grade and still believes that weekends are too long.”

Valene L. Smith

Joined Faculty CSU Chico 1968

Spouse: Robert Benner (a major collector of naval memorabilia and historic artifacts).

Valene has maintained her well known go-go pace culminating with the publication of her autobiography due in early 2015. It was a rich experience to look back over the 88 years, especially to follow the transition of her life from the auto journeys and visit to Yosemite in 1933. The transition from the simplicity of that era to the complexity of the present electronic dominance is staggering. I have kept in touch with many students. One dates to 1948, (Max Wiessler who now lives in Tel Aviv).

The world has changed so dramatically and I hope my autobiography will inspire other students go forth and accept the challenges of our postindustrial era. The development of the teaching aspects of the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology is a matter of particular pride. She looks forward to the expansion of our program in the next 2 years as we move into the space currently occupied by the Janet Turner Print Gallery. Of necessity we must raise money locally to fund additional display cabinets and more electronic support for the exhibits. If you have employers or others who could favor us with grant money or donations we would all be very grateful and put it to good use.
Above all, come and see us! Keith Johnson and Valene remain well rooted in the museum and would welcome you warmly. Her favorite quotes include:

“Life is a journey, not a destination and The world is a book and he/she who stays home reads only one page!” Sayonara until the next edition!

Jesse Dizard
Faculty Member Since 2007

2014 has been an unusual year for Dr. Dizard. It ranged from relaxing to rigorous with more amplitude than many previous years. Beginning on the more unstructured end, he was granted Sabbatical Leave for the Spring semester of 2014. He used this time to volunteer at his daughters’ school (the Wildflower Open Classroom), where he helped teach 5th/6th grade literature, chaperoned 3rd/4th grade field trips to performances at Laxon Auditorium, the Lake Oroville Dam, and an overnight exploration of Sonoma’s Mission San Francisco Solano (the Northernmost of California’s Missions) and General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo’s home, Lachryma Montis (Tears of the Mountain).

When not helping in his daughters’ classrooms, he continued working on his water project’s ethnographic documentary film series throughout the spring of 2014. He made numerous trips to the Owens River Valley and the Eastern escarment of the Sierra Nevada mountains, even as far as Death Valley. With a crack cinematography crew from ALVA (the Advanced Laboratory for Visual Anthropology) Dr. Dizard interviewed Paiute and Paiute-Shoshone people from Mono Lake (Kutzadika’a, Eaters of Fly Larvae), Bishop (descendants of the Nu’Mu), and Lone Pine as well as filming interviews with other local and regional experts. This footage is currently being edited into his second water film, “Never Enough”. These efforts were partially funded with support from the College of BSS Strategic Performance Grant and a Research Foundation Internal Research Grant.

With the incoming class of 2018, Dr. Dizard resumed his regular teaching schedule. Despite the transition to a more structured daily routine, he nonetheless managed to maintain his concentration and completed a proposal to the Cal Humanities’ California Documentary Project Production Grant for funds to complete a third water film, this one about industrial uses of water in the San Joaquin Valley. The status of this proposal is pending. In December 2014 Dr. Dizard presented remarks at the 113th annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, DC as part of two panels organized in honor of and as a tribute to his advisor, Dr. Gerald Berreman (1930-2013).

As the calendar year drew to an end, Dr. Dizard was honored to learn that he has been elected Department Chair to take over from Dr. Martinez in June 2015.

Keith L Johnson
Faculty Member From 1963 to 2002

Keith traveled to the Arizona Strip with son Chris in July to carry out environmental research in the vicinity of Antelope Cave. Results of this study will be presented at the Society for American Archaeology annual meeting in San Francisco in 2015. This year, with Jacob Fisher, he co-authored an article in the journal KIVA titled, “Culinary Processing of Jackrabbits at Antelope Cave, Arizona”. Keith continues to supervise an organization, The Volunteer Circle, which he founded last year. The group is composed of Bidwell Mansion Association members who volunteer to assist with various tasks at the mansion. Keith and Karen continue to work as Park Watch volunteers in Bidwell Park. Karen serves as a historian for the Girl Scouts of Northern California and participates in its Heritage Committee meetings each year.

Stacey Schaefer
Faculty Member From 1999 to 2014

Over the 2013-2014 academic years, Stacy continued to maintain the same dizzying pace to which most of us in the department are accustomed and consider to be just a normal way of life. Last fall was an exciting opportunity for me to work with the Museum staff Adrienne Scott and Heather McCafferty, and graduate student Amanda Kramp at the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology (VLSMOA) to schedule something a bit different before the December opening of Into the Blue: Maritime Navigation and the Archaeology of Shipwrecks the magnificent class exhibition organized and directed by Georgia Fox. Between August and October the VLSMOA showcased the art of two of her dear colleagues. Lydia Nakashima Degarrod, a Chilean anthropologist and artist; her exhibition, Geographies of the Imagination marked the 40th anniversary of “Chile’s 9/11”, and it explored the memories and sense of place Chilean exiles have living in the Bay Area. Lida Penkova, who is originally from the Czech Republic, is a psychologists and self-trained artist. Her exhibition, Dreaming Cultures Myths and Visions of Distant Lands, expressed in bold colored prints and paintings folk art-style reflections of a variety of cultural traditions from Australia to India to Ireland and from Mexico to the Arctic.

Then, in October, Jim and Stacey traveled to South Texas to reunite with Amada Cardenas’ family and friends to honor her and participate in her birthday prayer meeting, a tradition held every year in her memory. You may recall from her previous entries in Clan Destiny that Amada was the first federally-licensed dealer from South Texas to legally sell peyote to members of the Native American Church. A week after that trip Stacey was invited to speak at the Museum of Anthropology at Utah State University, Logan Utah about her research on the life of Mrs. Amada Cardenas.

In November, Stacey attended the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois where she presented the paper Making Anthropology Matter in University Museums in the invited session – Museum Evolution: How University Museums Continue to Advance.

[Stacey with her Huichol family, Estela, Daisy Sarai, and Cristalina at the Museo Textil de Oaxaca in Oaxaca City, October 2014. ]
Melody (Yeager) Struthers
Faculty Member since 2007

2002 Bachelors in Anthropology and 2007 Masters in Anthropology with focus in Museum Studies

Melody has lived in Chico since transferring to the area in 1999 as an undergraduate. She played water polo as an undergraduate and graduate student and upon being accepted to the CSU Chico graduate School she began teaching swimming and water polo classes for the PE department at Chico. After a few years she decided to try teaching in the classroom and began teaching anthropology classes for Butte College in Oroville. Melody simultaneously worked on her thesis research doing educational Research and surveys for a local museum, and teaching classes for Butte College until she graduated with her MA in Anthropology with a focus in Museum Studies in 2007. Melody was selected as the student speaker at the Master’s graduation that year and was honored to give a speech to her distinguished peers. Melody began teaching anthropology and social science classes for Chico state in 2007 and has fortunate to have continued to carry a full load of classes for both Chico State and Butte College since then.

In 2011 Melody was married to her best friend, Jeramie Struthers and together they are raising his two daughters (10 and 12 years old) and their son (3 years old). They live outside of town in a country setting where they have horses, gardens, and they both are able to experience their family life with a great deal of indulgence. (Pictured Below)

Adrienne Scott
Staff Member Since 2001

Adrienne Scott is poised to finish her MA in Education- Curriculum and Instruction this spring. This has been a three year process for her while maintaining her full-time role as museum curator. Her thesis, Museum-in-the-Classroom: How a Museum/School Partnership Can Enhance Social Studies Instruction explores how to make K-12 students aware of the interpretive qualities of the past. Using artifacts, context, and perspective-taking sixth-graders in a year-long study became aware of the many ways history can be told. Once the semester is over, she and her husband are planning a first-time trip to Hawaii to celebrate her milestone.

P Willey
Faculty Member since 1989

P had another great year, semi-retiring in June 2014. It’s practice, he says, for his impending full retirement. With time to
Judy and P continued exploring the trails and hinterlands of Northern California, although at a slower pace and in shorter distances than two decades ago. With no teaching responsibilities in fall 2014, they undertook a long-distance car-camping trip up the coast to Washington, then across the northern tier of states to Minnesota, where they visited relatives and friends. P rediscovered the wonder of watching a bobber on a still lake. In addition, P did a couple backpack trips into the Trinity-Alps—his favorite wilderness—and for the first time, went into the heart of the Sierra Nevadas near Bishop.

Judy continues her fine woodworking projects, suffers from lack of pet cats, spends enormous time gardening, and enjoys her 4-year-old grandson.

Kevin Dalton

Staff Member Since 2008

2003, Bachelors in Anthropology
2011, Masters in Anthropology

Kevin continues to teach in the Anthropology Department and manage CRM projects for the Archaeological Research Program. During the fall of 2014, he taught Archaeological Site Survey (ANTH 484). Students in the class got rained on while surveying in the Bucks Lake Wilderness, snowed on camping outside of Susanville, and sunburnt during the late fall at Black Butte Lake.

Additionally, Kevin continues to teach the Zooarchaeology and Field Ecology summer course at Eagle Lake with Frank Bayham, Jack Broughton, and Jay Bogiattto.

Frank Bayham

Faculty Member since 1985

The past year has been busy and it is hard for Frank to imagine that he is winding down a career at Chico State that has spanned 30 years. Frank started with the Department of Anthropology in 1985 and continues to find his classes, colleagues and research fulfilling and rewarding. During the summer of 2014, like so many before since 1988, Dr. Bayham was again involved with Zooarchaeology and Field Ecology at Eagle Lake in northeastern California. This course is now run through the University of Utah under the watchful guidance of alumnus Dr. Jack Broughton. Some may remember Jack as both an
undergraduate and graduate student in the late 1980’s?

Frank continues to pursue research on the evolution and development of intertribal boundaries and conflict in northeastern California. In 2012, he published a paper in an edited volume entitled Large Game Exploitation and Intertribal Boundaries on the Fringe of the Western Great Basin with co-authors and alumni, Kelly Beck and Kim Carpenter. Subsequently, he was invited to and presented a different iteration of this paper focusing on conflict at the Society for American Archaeology meetings in Honolulu in 2013. More recently, Frank collaborated with his son, Jude who is now an economist on a post-doctoral fellowship at Yale University, on a bioeconomic model of conflict and resource use which they presented at the 12th International Conference of Archaeozoology in San Rafael, Argentina in September 2014. In Jude’s absence Frank presented their co-authored paper entitled Large Game and Intertribal Boundaries: How the Costs of Competition Effect the Formation of the Buffer Zone in a Symposium organized by alumni Deanna Grimstead, now a Professor at Ohio State University, on a bioeconomic model of conflict and resource use which they presented at the 12th International Conference of Archaeozoology in San Rafael, Argentina in September 2014. Jude was noted above.

To Frank’s great surprise and amazement, in January of 2015 Jude accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in the College of Agriculture here at Chico State and may have an office in Plumas Hall next academic year! Frank thinks the incredibly low probability of this event may qualify it as something of a miracle? Holly is now a lawyer in Denver and is a certified tax attorney; while incredibly busy she seems to find time to ski every weekend with her friends. Frank’s baby, Mary, is now 24 and in her first year in graduate school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville; she is working on her Master’s degree (MPH) with an emphasis in Global Health. Frank hopes this little run down on his life finds you happy and in good health.

Buenos Aires along with a pilgrimage to the tomb of ‘Evita’. Frank and Nette consumed lots of Malbec wine and ate large amounts of cattle and goat meat at several feasts put on by their Argentinian hosts in the town of San Rafael. Lastly, on a two day field trip up into the Andes they were able to see guanacos in the wild, transhumant goat herders called puesteros and the Andean condor. The only thing Frank laments is that they did not have enough time to take lessons and learn the tango!

Frank’s children are now all out of the house and embarking on paths of their own making. Jude is married to a wonderful woman named Marissa and received his Ph.D. in 2013 in environmental economics, as was noted above.

When Amanda graduated in 2011, she decided that her next adventure would entail finding employment in the field that the Anthropology Department trained her for. It was a perilous quest filled with interviews, second interviews and dishearteningly polite rejection letters. But fear not, for finally in 2012 she received an offer of employment from Missouri state Parks to be their Registrar. (Achievement unlocked!) She would assist all 82 parks and historic sites in the state park system to manage and protect any artifact or archive collection that they possessed. She often travels around the state and is enjoying visiting the various historic places in Missouri (all while learning to not freak out over ticks and tornados…) September 2014 brought the 35 year milestone, so the human parts of her family traveled to Chicago, where they were able to cross off a few museums off the bucket list. (The non-human parts of the family would have been miffed that they were not going had they not been cats and didn’t care…)

Alumni

Amanda Van Woert

2011, Masters Degree in Museum Studies

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[FERPs Bayham and Martinez in Argentina!]

Frank was accompanied on this international excursion by Chair Nette Martinez; he presented a thematic travel log of their visit to Argentina last November at the Anthropology Forum. Frank highlighted images of angels, cathedrals and protests in
Robin M. Cordero

2004, Masters Degree in Anthropology

Since 2006, Robin Cordero has been with the Office of Contract Archeology, a division of the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico, where he is a Principal Investigator/Project Director. Robin also serves as the resident Bioarchaeologist and Zooarchaeologist at OCA, and has directed numerous excavations and surveys across New Mexico and southern Colorado. In addition, Robin is in the PhD program in Evolutionary Anthropology at UNM and is a member of the Southwest Faunal Working Group. Outside of work and research, Robin enjoys taking his two daughters, Madeline and Lillian, on hikes and road trips to explore the southwest.

Barry Hewlett

1971, Bachelors Degree in Anthropology (Cultural Transmission) and 1977 Masters Degree in Anthropology

The last few months have participated in over 30 media interviews (from NPR, CNN to Scientific American) and working with Center for Disease Control, AAA Special Task for on Ebola, and Gates Foundation on how to contain Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Our book is the only social science/anthropology text on the topic (see below). Our 7 kids are grown and out of the house and we now have 6 grandchildren.


New Book

New Articles


Jacob Carr

2006, Bachelors Degree in Anthropology with Minor in Linguistics

Jacob’s years since graduating from Chico have been great! He is still happily married and has three children. His wife and him are both local educators. He found his new passion as a Waldorf teacher at Blue Oak Charter School in Chico. His training as an anthropologist truly prepared him to work with children and navigate the politics of parents, administrators, and fellow faculty members.

He is currently very excited to be breaking into the realm of adult education. In January 2014, he began mentoring Waldorf teachers in India, training them on ways to incorporate music and the arts into their academic subjects.

Jacob has continued to build these international relationships, and will be returning again in January 2015. His years with Dr. Loker, Dr. Heinz and many others absolutely paved the way for Jacob to understand cultural differences between the US and India, and helped him create culturally relevant lessons for them. From this work in India, and also with mentorship from the Rudolf Steiner College in Fair Oaks, California.

Jacob is currently writing and publishing a culturally appropriate music curriculum to be used in the Waldorf and Waldorf inspired schools across India. What a blessing and an honor to be called to this great work! If you’re interested about his work, please visit his educational blog athttp://mrcarrontheweb.wordpress.com.

William Anderson

2008, Masters Degree in Anthropology

William is currently attending University of Illinois, Rockford, College of Medicine and is currently in his 3rd year of medical school. He is continuing to raise his family with his wife, Carly and two children, Ethan and Brooklyn (Picture Below). He and his family love traveling and took a family trip to upper Michigan this summer.
Darrell Mullins

1978, Bachelors Degree in Anthropology

Darrell will pick up the saga from 2005. After being employed by a large commercial farming for 25 years Darrell found himself unemployed much to his dismay. By 2006 Darrell had been hired by the Los Molinos Mutual Water Co. as General Manager. He oversees the irrigation of about 5,000 acres and infrastructure of three Diversion dams, 100 plus miles of pipeline and ditches.

He finds it a very challenging job, considering the historic drought conditions and Salmon restoration issues.

Darrell still volunteers at the Tehama County Museum as a Board Member and Curator. The Museum was the recipient of a $40,000 grant from the McConnell Foundation and $16,000 worth of new windows from Sierra Pacific Industries. These funds are being used to restore the main brick building that was built in 1859 as a School downstairs and a Masonic Hall upstairs. He encourages any Museum Studies student to consider the Tehama County Museum for an internship. See what the real world of Museums is like.

Darrell is still married to his first wife Neville, no surprise there. He has taken care of his mid-life crisis by buying a Harley Davidson Sportster and tries to find time for He and Neville to ride up to their cabin in Mineral near Mt. Lassen for a weekend to cool off. Hoping to retire in couple of years and continue restoring his 1933 Dodge coupe and recently purchased 1934 Dodge Pickup which needs a lot of attention. He still stays in contact with a few of the old timers and breaks out the old trailer from time to time with Eric Ritter’s crew from Shasta College. Here’s looking forward to the new issue of Clan Destiny.

Megan Anne Conn

2003, Bachelors Degree in Anthropology and Minor in French

In 2013, Megan was promoted to Development Manager at Turtle Bay Exploration Park, an interdisciplinary museum and botanical garden in Redding, California. She successfully led her organization through the American Alliance of Museum’s “Museum Assessment Program” and was recently at the forefront of redefining the mission and vision of Turtle Bay. Megan graduated from the California Association of Museums “Leaders of the Future” program and has served on CAM’s Foresight Committee since 2012. She was selected as one of Redding’s “20 Under 40” in 2011 for her service in Catalyst-Redding Young Professionals, and as an American Association of Museum’s “Emerging Museum Professional Fellow” in 2010, Though she can no longer wield a shovel from complications due to Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a connective tissue disorder that cropped up post-graduation, Megan is still kicking butt and taking names! In her spare time, she enjoys cuddling with her furry dog-child, Nordic walking Northern California trails with her hubby (pictured below), and taking the scenic route in her new car. Life is good!

Carolyn Orbann

2006, Degree in Anthropology

Carolyn was married 2009 and has two kids (Helen, age 4 and Ruben, age 2). She was awarded the Missouri Students Association TA Choice Award Fall 2012. Carolyn took a position as Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Health Sciences, University of Missouri – Columbia, July 2013. She is also a faculty leader for the Department of Health Sciences study abroad to Cape Coast, Ghana Jan 2014.

She graduated with a PhD in Anthropology from University of Missouri – Columbia in May 2014. She also was the recipient of the Writing Intensive Teaching Excellence Award, University of Missouri Campus Writing Program May 2014. Carolyn is scheduled to lead the Department of Health Science study abroad to Pune, India January 2015.

Ashley Kendell

2006, Masters Degree in Physical Anthropology

Ashley was recently awarded a Smithsonian CIC Fellowship, a one-year fellowship to support research in residence at Smithsonian Institution facilities. The fellowship funds will be used to support the data collection phase of her dissertation research from October 15th, 2014 until October 14th 2015.

Her dissertation research aims to accomplish a geographic and temporally expansive analysis and visualization of violence using a large dataset of Arikara-related skeletal materials inventoried at the Smithsonian Institution. This research idea developed from my long-standing interest in trauma analysis, both in the bioarchaeological record and in modern forensic cases. Primarily, her work will assess whether or not the standardized data sets recorded at the Smithsonian are useable to investigate traumatic injury in the bioarcheological record. Because the physical collections and the repatriation laboratory are located at the Museum Center in Suitland, Maryland, this is where she will be conducting the bulk of her research.

Kimberly Ornellas

2011, Degree in Anthropology

Since graduating from Chico State, Kimberly has been attending John F. Kennedy University working on a three year MA/MBA dual degree program in museum studies and business management with a focus on collections management and leadership. She has worked for the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society (SFMHS) as their Collections Assistant. At SFMHS she designed, developed, and installed five exhibits about San Francisco history and local artist installations. Kim also worked in tandem with the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology and the Mendocino County Museum (MCM) on a major inventory project for the collection of objects from the shipwreck of the Frolic used in the 2013 exhibit at Chico State.

She is currently working on her thesis. The topic is still in the works; however, her focus will be related to employee engagement in museums. Kim is very interested in how we work together and how museum leadership engages their employees in order to enhance the visitor experience.

On a personal note, Kim has recently moved to Sacramento, California with Cameron Whitfield. They met in the Anthropology Department at Chico State. In fact, they
Doug Crispin’s Student Id Card

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Doug Crispin was director of three museums including the Navajo Nation Museum, Pueblo Grande Museum and Cultural Park (City of Phoenix); and Salmon Ruins Museum and Park (San Juan County, NM). He is proud that these institutions are now thriving and that his tenure resulted in significant upgrades to all of them that included debt relief; new governance; new construction; master planning; exhibit and collections upgrades; and staff improvements. And to think that this all started with Keith Johnson’s museum class way back in the previous century!

Some of his many awards are mentioned here: Lifetime Achievement Award from the Governor’s (Arizona) Archaeology Advisory Commission; Governor’s (Arizona) Heritage Preservation Honor Award; Byron S. Cummings Award for Outstanding Contributions in Archaeology, Anthropology, or Ethnology from the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society; Professional Archaeologist of the Year Award from the Arizona Archaeological Society; and the General Thomas White Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management from the United States Air Force.

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do good for mankind. Find a passion in life. Pursue it. Try to make that passion a career. Also, find a great partner to share life’s experiences and struggles.

Finally, embrace that old 1960s ethic: “If you’re not part of the solution, you’re are part of the problem.”

Trudy Waldrop

2004, Honorary BS in Anthropology (Her most prized award)

Trudy says that not much has changed (which is a good thing) since the last CD. She still enjoys attending Anthro events and keeping in touch with former and current students and faculty. Attended her sister’s daughter’s wedding in August. And will attend her son’s wedding next year, sounds like in Hawaii. When it rains it pours.

Geoff Kushnick

1995, Bachelor’s Degree in Anthropology

In 2014, Dr. Geoff Kushnick conducted a 5-month Fulbright Scholars Award research project in Indonesia, studying the biocultural dimensions of the decline of matrilateral cross-cousin (impal) marriage among the Karo Batak. He blogged his experience at http://karoimpal.wordpress.com. In July, he started a new faculty position in the School of Archaeology and Anthropology at the Australian National University in Canberra. One of the many great things about the job is that he gets to ride his bike to school, something he hasn’t done since his undergraduate years at Chico State.

The following was written by Geoff Kushnick regarding his 2014 Fulbright Scholars Award research in Indonesia: “I’m a biocultural anthropologist with an interest in how and why societies change, especially when cultural and biological factors might play a role. I’m extremely grateful for the Fulbright Scholars Program and the opportunity it has given me to study this among the Karo people.

The Karo are 1 of the 6 “Batak” groups from North Sumatra, Indonesia. Agriculturalists from the rural highlands, the Karo have undergone much social and cultural change in the face of missionary, colonial, and national influences over the past 150 years or so. Despite this, some aspects of their culture have remained intact, such as the prohibition on marrying a clan-mate, and the responsibilities of “wife-taking” families (referred to as anakberu in Karonese) to their “wife-giving” counterparts (referred to as kalimbubu in Karonese).

The Karo have a stated preference for marrying matrilateral cross-cousins, or impal. This means that, as a man, you would marry the daughter of your mother’s brother; as a woman, the son of your father’s sister.

Despite the preference, ethnographic reports suggest that this type of marriage is rare. In Singarimun’s classic ethnographic study, just 5% of marriages were between impal.

But, have they always been this rare?

My previous research suggests that they have not. Based on a study of over 2,000 marriages recorded in the local parish, I found that the rate had fallen to under 5% in 2010 from almost 15% in 1940. Because the norm stipulates that one should not marry an impal if their sibling has already done so, the rate would never have been more than 25%.

The goal of my project is to study the contribution of a handful of factors in driving down the rate of impal marriage. To do this, I visited over 50 Karo villages to build a sample of almost 100 impal couples. I interviewed either one or both spouses at length about their reproductive histories and the social and economic context of their marriages, including whether the marriage was by choice or arranged by their families. For comparison, I asked similar questions to a matched sample of non-impal couples.

The first factor that I am looking at is demographic. Increased access to contraception and other factors have led to decreased rates of childbearing, which should also lead to each person having fewer marriageable impal. The second factor is religion. In other parts of Indonesia, rates of cousin marriage declined because it was looked upon with disdain by missionaries. Did the large-scale conversion of Karo to Christianity contribute to the decrease? The third factor is descent and alliance. There are a number of strategic reasons to marry a relative, such as keeping farmland in the family and perpetuating anakberu/kalimbubu relations. Perhaps the importance of marrying one’s impal for these reasons has decreased. The fourth and final factor is negative imprinting. Humans find the prospect of marrying those they grew up with at a young age distasteful, viewing them more as siblings than potential mates. If impal are more likely to grow up together in the same village or household now than in the past, they might also be more likely to find the prospect of marrying a cousin distasteful.

I am currently analyzing these wonderfully rich data from my encounters with impal couples. It was a pleasure to hear their stories—stories that, in a generation, may be lost for the telling. Please visit my Fulbright Research blog for more information: http://karoimpal.wordpress.com

Thanks again to the Fulbright Scholars Program for giving me this opportunity!”

Erin Galiger

2004, Bachelors in Anthropology with Honors, Bachelors in Environmental Studies and Cultural Ecology, Minor in Tourism and a Certificate in Museum Studies

Erin earned her Master’s Degree in Ethnobotany (MSc.) at the University of Kent, at Canterbury (UK). She is currently a herbalist and educator in Santa Fe, NM.

Erik Kassebaum

1988, Bachelors Degree in Anthropology and 1990, Masters Degree in Anthropology

Erik got married in 2000 to Laurie Melton and became a dad in 2006. He has been my daughter Sofia’s primary caregiver, think stay-at-home dad, since she was born. We lived in San Diego from 2004 up through
summer of 2014. We’ve since relocated to a little rural beach spot off Highway 1 called Montara, CA. It’s just south of Pacifica and is ideally located for doing things in both San Francisco and Silicon Valley.

Erik did a second MA in Business and Organizational Security Management back in 2006. A version of his thesis was published in a journal devoted to National Intelligence. His goal for 2015 is to transition back into the workforce. Erik’s preference would be to resume work in the realm of qualitative user-centric usability research and design. While at Alcatel-Lucent, one of the things that he was proudest of was the usability and test lab that he built from scratch.

Erik has been back to Japan a few times since serving as a member of the JET Program (1993-1996). On his last trip to Japan he had an impromptu reunion with two of his key informants from 25-ish years ago. Let’s just say they were central to my MA thesis and both have made use of their degrees from CSU Chico to do interesting things.

Erik got back into mountain biking and swimming a couple years ago and have also done two sprint triathlons--against Marines at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Oohrah!

He is looking forward to reading about what everyone else has been up to!

Susan Lane
2011, Bachelors Degree in Anthropology
Susan is working for the USFS as an Archaeology Technician on the Tahoe National Forest. This is her 3rd year with the Forest Service.

Larry D. Solberg
1978, Master Degree in Anthropology
Larry has been married to his wife Phyllis for 43 years. They have two children, two sons-in-law. Each pair has a boy and a girl.

Larry retired as a 5th grade teacher in 2004 after 35 years. He served on the Board of Trustees in Pacheco Union School district 2006-2014. Now he works on his 11 acres in Churn Creek Bottom (south of Redding).

Baron Howe
1994, Bachelors Degree in Anthropology and Geography
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Best Wishes!
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| Katie Jorgensen (right) and her predecessor Alexis Moad (left) |
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