



Letter from the Chair

Greetings from the Department of Anthropology at the beginning of a new year. It is hard to believe it is 2006 and it is equally hard to believe that I am in my fourth year as Chair of the Department. When I look back on the last four years I am pleased at how much we have accomplished. During my term as Chair we have initiated Outcomes Assessment of our graduates, an ongoing measure of the success to which our majors are learning the skills we wish them to have. We have been restructuring our undergraduate major with the addition of a qualitative methods course and a senior seminar, courses that are being offered experimentally for two years and then will be phased into our major requirements. We are continually proud of the accomplishments of our students. Each year our Anthropology Student Conference gets bigger and more impressive. In 2005 there were six paper panels with a total of twenty-one papers, a poster session with thirteen poster presentations, and four workshops. This last year we initiated the tradition of having a distinguished alumnus be the keynote speaker at our conference. Dr. William Belcher, of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command of Hawaii, gave an inspiring talk entitled "Traditional Fishing Practices of the Baluch Fisherfolk, Pakistan" which described research he did on the relationship of fisher folk to the subsistence and commercially-based economy. Our undergraduate research is getting more impressive every year and thanks to donations by our alumni we were able to establish an endowment to fund research or travel proposals to three undergraduates each year. This grant is tentatively called the "Friends of Anthropology Undergraduate Research Fund." Thanks to all of you who made this possible. We have big plans on the horizon. We have a proposal in to build a long-awaited biological anthropology teaching and research lab. Our next big project is to fund space to curate the archaeology collection. Those of you who focused on archaeology may remember the armory. Well, the armory is in an irretrievable state of disrepair. We are looking at ways to find not only adequate storage space to curate over fifty years of accumulated materials, but also a place where preliminary lab analysis and, ideally, some public involvement could take place. We are proud of our accomplishments but we still have much to do. We look to our alumni to help us reach our goals. Many thanks for your ongoing support!

Daniel Boxberger

The Department of Anthropology has 226 undergraduate majors including 42 bio-anth majors, 30 archaeology concentration, and 15 social studies (elementary education) concentration. In any year we have between eight and twelve new graduate students, in 2005/06 there are 18 graduate students enrolled. In the last year faculty offered 73 undergraduate courses and 22 graduate courses. In 2005 134 anthropology majors received their degrees and five graduate students completed the requirements for a masters degree.

Faculty Notes

Kathleen Young introduced two new classes: "Cross-cultural Law," and "Islam and Conflict in Central Europe," she has two new publications "Women, Gender and Virginit: Discourses and Practices: Eastern Europe" in *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures* and "Everything but the Genocide: Anthropology, the ICTY, and Srebrenica," in *Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference Examining the Bosnian Genocide Ten Years After the Betrayal of Srebrenica*, in Sarajevo, Bosnia, July 2005. In 2005 Dr. Young took six students (Natalie Cooper, Dani Dolan, Andrew Holcom, Katie Hostnik, Amy Linder, and Jessica O'Neil) to the conference in Sarajevo and to Srebrenica, Bosnia, where they participated in a Muslim mass funeral and reburial of 600 bodies and the excavation of a mass grave. The students accompanied her to the Milosevic trial in Den Hague and then to the International Criminal Court. In October, she gave a talk for the Bureau for Faculty Research, "Studying Genocide, Considering Suicide: Lessons from Bosnia, 2005," about life in post-genocide societies and the will to continue "tending and mending." Anthropology continues to be as humbling and challenging as it is compelling.



James Loucky is developing research on comparative immigration and border policy through an encyclopedia entitled "Immigration in America Today" and a co-edited book on "Transboundary Policy Challenges in the Pacific Border Regions of North America," both of which will be published in 2006. He has also enjoyed accompanying students to investigate global issues, most recently in northern Spain where the focus was on the rapidly changing face of Europe in an age of unprecedented global migration.

Joan Stevenson This is her 26th year at WWU. She serves on several committees, has been the premed adviser for 8 1/2 years (but quit in June), is book review editor of the *American Journal of Human Biology* and will also be participating in the selection of the best student papers at the American Association of Physical Anthropology meetings in Anchorage in March. At the conference (including Human Biology Association) she is on three papers, two on aspects of attention deficit disorder co-authored with others including her husband, Phil Everson, and one on the genetics of Southwest Asia with Moses Schanfield, hopefully will be published. She especially appreciates the support of her colleagues and loves the presence of another physical anthropologist, Michael Grimes. Her sons, Ward and John, are now almost 20 and 16 years, respectively. Ward likes math. John loves his alto saxophone and was selected for state honor concert band.

Sarah Campbell and Rich Hutchings (M.A. 2004) published "The Importance of Deltaic Wetland Resources: A Perspective from the Nooksack River Delta, Washington State" in the *Journal of Wetland Archaeology* 2005. Sarah also contributed an entry on Shell Middens to the *Encyclopedia of Coastal Science*, 2005, edited by Maury Schwartz, of the Geology Department.

Robert Marshall continues his work on Japanese worker cooperatives and *Linda Kimball* her work in Brunei.

Kathleen Saunders pulled together several strands of her teaching interests Fall quarter with the introduction of service learning into her course Economic Anthropology. The pedagogical objectives were to help students connect global processes with local conditions, to breach the artificial boundaries between the academy and the community, and to give students experiential learning regarding problem solving. She enlisted community partners as the "real world" experts on the issue of hunger and food insecurity in Whatcom County. Over the quarter, the class gleaned one ton of corn and two tons of apples. They provided labor for a community dinner that served 630 meals. They participated in a food bank food drive, sorted contributions at the Salvation Army, and helped prepare hot meals at Maple Alley



Inn. Each experience at reducing hunger put the students in contact with the community experts who are on the front line of the fight every day. In return (all good anthropologists should practice reciprocity!) the students produced professional-level presentation materials for use by the Whatcom County Anti-Hunger Coalition in their efforts at public outreach and fund raising. Saunders presented an analysis of her students' reflections on their service learning at the AAA Conference in Washington, DC in November entitled "The Somatics, Semantics, and Semiotics of Service Learning."

Anne Marie Goodfellow's book *Talking in Context* was published in 2005 by McGill-Queen's University Press, and she submitted the manuscript *Rethinking Endangered Languages* (as editor) to Arizona University Press. She is currently working on *Simon Girty in the Lyman Draper Manuscripts* for Edwin Mellon Press and a film *Crossing Over* on the life of Simon Girty. *Todd Koetje* has been working on neanderthal behavior during the late middle paleolithic in southern Russia, in 2005 he co-taught the archaeology field school at Woodstock farm outside of Bellingham.

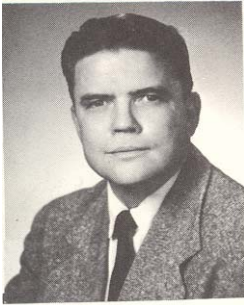
Michael Grimes is a biological anthropologist working on the physiological connections between metabolism and reproduction. He is especially interested in how breastfeeding serves to lengthen inter-birth intervals.

Joyce Hammond was recipient of the Peter J. Elich Excellence in Teaching Award, 2005. Joyce Hammond exemplifies the Department of Anthropology's commitment to excellence in teaching. Identified as a teaching-learning scholar, Hammond was praised for her creativity, passion for teaching and scholarship, and her respect for students and their ideas. Hammond recently initiated an innovative course, "Participatory Action Research" which places students in in situations working with community partners. Students join stakeholders of organizations to research questions important to the community partners. Together with graduate students Maria Hicks, Jason Miller and Rowen Kalman she published an article in the *Michigan Journal of Community-Based Learning* on pedagogical PAR principles in the classroom.



A Half Century of Anthropology at Western

I once asked Herb Taylor why he, a recent Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, who could have gone virtually any place he wanted, chose to come to Western Washington College of Education. It was simple, he said, "I wanted to teach." Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Herbert C. ("Bud") Taylor, understand what he was saying. He was a teacher that set the standard for the rest of us. It was a beautiful September in 1951 when Bud Taylor arrived in Bellingham. He was recently hired to be the first anthropologist at Western. When he joined the faculty of the Division of Social Studies at the ripe old age of twenty-six he immediately set the standard for teaching excellence at



Dr. Herbert C.
Taylor

Western. Western Washington College of Education was a teacher's college and the faculty was expected to make teaching future teachers their primary goal. Nevertheless Herb Taylor immediately started research in local archaeology and ethnography. Recruited by local Indian tribes to do research for land claims cases, Taylor did some of the seminal ethnohistorical work in the Pacific Northwest. He conducted a number

of excavations for tribes and as field schools. For four decades Herb Taylor was anthropology at Western. Many former students still remember some of his classic lectures, such as "counting coup." He retired in 1986 but remained active in the department until he passed away in 1991.

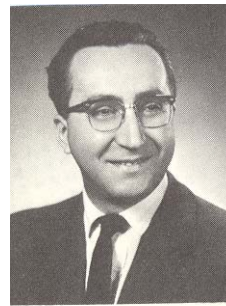
It was not until 1955 that Western got its second anthropologist. Angelo Anastasio, also a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, is also remembered as an excellent teacher. Angie, as he was fondly known to students and faculty alike, would spend hours in the lounge regaling students with his stories. He was also an accomplished musician and many of his stories tended to get around to oboes. He is especially remembered for his witty sayings, referred to as "Angie-isms." His Ph.D. research on inter-group relations on the Columbia Plateau still stands as a classic contribution to the ethnology of that area. Angie retired in 1984 and passed away in 2002. The photos of Taylor and Anastasio are from the 1962 *Klipsun*.

In 1961 Western Washington College of Education became Western Washington State College. Departments were formed out of the former Divisions, one of which was the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Herb Taylor was Chair of the Department from 1961 to 1965 and then Dean of Research from 1965 to 1975. In 1976 Sociology and Anthropology split into two separate departments with James Bosch as first Chair of the Department of Anthropology, a position he kept until 1982 when ill health forced him to step down. He passed away later that year. There have been just five more chairs since. There was a frenzy of faculty hiring at Western in the late 1960s as the student population was growing rapidly and qualified

faculty were at a minimum. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology recruited a number of anthropologists from the University of Washington, including Colin Tweddell, a linguist (1965), Garland Grabert, an archaeologist (1967); James Bosch, a cultural anthropologist (1967) (although Bosch was a Ph.D. from Stanford, he had been a visiting professor at UW from 1959 to 1961) and Edwin J. (Ted) Allen, a physical anthropologist (1969). Also at this time the department hired Howard Harris (1966) who is still actively teaching in the Independent Learning program at WWU. When Ted Allen left in 1976, Linda Kimball was hired and in 1979 Joan Stevenson joined the faculty. Gar Grabert, who died unexpectedly in 1987, trained many archaeologists during his twenty years at Western, many of whom are professionals in the field today.

The Department of Anthropology was authorized to begin offering a Masters Degree in 1975. The first MA in Anthropology was James Daniel Vaughan whose thesis was entitled "Haida Potlatch and Society: Testing a Structural Hypothesis." In the thirty years since there have been a total of 168 master's theses.

In the 1980s the Department again enjoyed a growth spurt when much of the current faculty came to Western. Daniel Boxberger and Kathleen Young were hired as part-time faculty in 1983 and later moved into tenured positions. Joyce Hammond came in 1984, and Robert Marshall in 1985. This was when the Department shifted its focus from primarily Native American specialists to the broader Pacific Rim. When the older faculty started to retire, or in some cases, unfortunately, pass away, Sarah Campbell was hired in 1988, and James Loucky in 1989. Robert



Dr. Angelo
Anastasio

Marshall spent the most time as Chair of the Department, serving for ten years, from 1992 to 2002. During that time two new positions were added, Todd Koetje, an archaeologist came in 1997 and Michael Grimes, a biological anthropologist in 2001. Bringing us to our current size of ten faculty.

We have also had the good fortune to have some very qualified part-time faculty in the department in the last ten years, including Maria Chavez, Kathleen Saunders and Anne Marie Goodfellow.

Last, let us not forget the Administrative Assistants who, as everyone knows, make the department function. Since the formation of the Department of Anthropology there have been just three; Linette Smith, 1976 to 1979; Eileen Smith, 1980 to 1994 and the incomparable Viva Barnes from 1995 to now.

News and Notes

Anthropology Club

The Anthropology Club is a group of students and faculty who promote interest in the discipline of anthropology. We plan and promote speakers, trips and events which relate to all of the sub-fields of the discipline. Anyone with the slightest interest in anthropology is invited to the meetings and events we organize. We welcome undergrads, grad students, faculty, alumni, folks yet undecided, your kids, your family, your neighbors... Thanks to the officers and other club members for their hard work and support.

Visit the WWU Anthropology Club online:

<http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~anthclub/index.html>.

Departmental Awards 2005

Each year the *Gar and Jane Grabert Community College Transfer Scholarship* is awarded to an outstanding student transferring from a northwest community college to major in anthropology at WWU. This award is supported by annual donations from the faculty of the Department of Anthropology. The 2005-2006 recipient is Christian Opfer, who transferred from Everett Community College. Previous recipients of the Grabert Scholarship include Elizabeth Chambers, 2004-2005; Sunny Radosivich, 2003-2004; and Teresa Gibney, 2002-2003. The *Taylor-Anastasio Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research* is given in memory of Professors Herbert C. Taylor and Angelo Anastasio. Faculty nominated papers, posters, or other scholarly endeavors are eligible. The 2005 recipients were Kolby LaBree for her paper "Images of the Ouled Nail, A Cultural Studies Analysis;" Andy Pflander for his paper "The First Hominid Tool Use: Implications from Anatomical Evidence and Non-Human Primate Behavioral Studies;" and Michelle Mullavey for her paper "Colon Cancer, Low-Carbohydrate Diets and College Students." The recipients of the Taylor-

Anastasio Award present their papers in a special session of the Anthropology Student Conference held each May during WWU Scholars Week.

Outstanding Graduate 2005

The Outstanding Graduating Senior for 2005 was Sarah Johnson. Previous outstanding graduates were Teresa Gibney, 2004; and Adam Gilbertson, 2003.

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Distinguished Alumni

We are taking nominations for an alumnus to be the guest speaker at Scholar's Week and to be highlighted in next year's Anthropology Newsletter — any ideas?

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