

# Anthropology Department Newsletter

## Colorado College

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### Thank you to our 2008-2009 visiting professors!

We were fortunate to have four great visiting professors teach in our department this year. Rich Wilshusen, Calla Jacobson, Jean Scandlyn, and Krista Fish were all great teachers and mentors to our students. Thank you for spending the year with us and we wish you luck in your future endeavors!

#### Jean Scandlyn's exciting summer plans!

I just found out that I received a Fulbright teaching scholarship for Bolivia. I will lead a series of workshops on qualitative research methods and computer-based data analysis for staff members of NGOs that belong to PROCOSI. PROCOSI is a network of 33 national (Bolivia) and international NGOs working on maternal-child and youth health issues in Bolivia.

#### Rich Wilshusen's next adventure!

I served as a visiting archaeology professor at CC these last two years and am returning to the field this summer. By mid-May I will be working as a senior researcher on a large overview of the Eastern Mesa Verde region. This region between Chimney Rock and Durango has received relatively little attention over the last thirty years and yet archaeologists in the last five to ten year increasingly have recognized its critical role in the shaping the history of the greater Mesa Verde area. I am working with Jason Chuipka on an archaeological overview that incorporates information on more than 900 sites, as well as nine sites they tested with two crews last summer. I am also cooperating with a colleague on survey research in the area around Cebolleta in eastern New Mexico. It has been a fantastic experience to get to teach in a small liberal arts setting; the only thing that might be better is getting back into the field. Adios amigos!

### Accomplished Seniors!

The *Courtney Cusick Memorial Award*, an annual award for the outstanding senior paper, was presented to **Stacy Du Clos** (L) for her senior paper "**Raising and Razing Fences in Nogales, Sonora.**"

We are pleased to announce that senior **Kelsey Smith's** (R) thesis entitled "**The Ball's In Your Court: Selfhood, Performance, and Competitive Climate at a Colorado Summer Tennis Camp,**" was published in the *Rocky Mountain Undergraduate Review!*



The Anthropology Department Newsletter is edited by the paraprofessional.

If you would like to make a submission, feel free to email at [SRidings@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:SRidings@coloradocollege.edu)

Alumni are especially welcome to send in a 150 word update, letting us know what you are up to these days. Pictures are great too!

## New Faculty Hire

### Esteban Gómez will be the new Archaeology Professor!

Esteban M. Gómez is an archaeologist who received his doctoral degree in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. His research in Central America highlights the multi-faceted nature of cultural entanglements between and within groups of Mesoamerican Native Americans, Africans, Europeans, and mixed-race American-born peoples during the colonial period. Since 1998, Esteban has effectively collaborated with a diverse range of governmental agencies and local communities while doing archaeological research in Latin America. At the same time, Esteban has worked hard to create alternative, pluralistic histories that are inclusive of groups and peoples whose pasts have been excluded and/or marginalized from larger national narratives. Esteban developed his strong ideological underpinnings during his undergraduate career at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and while doing archaeological research at Ludlow, for the Colorado Coal Field War Project in 1999. He looks forward to developing these aspects of his research while teaching at Colorado College. Beginning in the Fall semester of 2009, Esteban will be teaching Introduction to Archaeology, Archaeology of Central America, Archaeology of the African Diaspora, and Anthropology of Space and Place. In each course, Esteban will place a special emphasis on fostering a supportive environment where all participants can build on their own individual experiences and understandings in a shared learning environment.



At UC Berkeley, Esteban was supported by three fellowships: the Eugene Cota-Robles, Dean's Normative Time, and the University of California Chancellor's Dissertation Year. In 2004, Esteban was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, just after his first semester of teaching at UC Berkeley. His research program in eastern El Salvador was supported by the National Science Foundation, and he looks forward to continuing his research efforts in northern Honduras. While doing archaeological research in Central America, Esteban has worked collaboratively with local universities to provide field and laboratory training for undergraduate students from the *Universidad Tecnológica de San Salvador* and the *Universidad Autónoma de Honduras*. As a scholar of Mexican descent from the great state of California, Esteban has made strong use of his Spanish and his cultural background to reach broad audiences, ranging from international scholars to Spanish-speaking communities in rural Central America.



## Anthropology Days

This year Anthropology had an outstanding class of 19 seniors! We celebrated our senior class with four anthropology days where our students presented their senior theses. We would all like to congratulate the Seniors for all their hard work and contribution to the field of anthropology.



Bianca Paiz, Carrie Evans, Halley Brunsteter, Anne Parker, and Stacy DuClos



Anna Jackson, Caroline McKenna, Rachel Yokum, and Emma Epstein



Penelope Morgan, Eli King, Tristan Droppert, Megan Finnegan, and Ryan Maloney



Tia Bell, Marie-Page Phelps, Lisa Mondelli, and Kelsey Smith

### Halley Brunsteter:

Community Based Research Strategies of the Post '71 Committee

### Anne Parker:

Codeswitching: A Study of Communicative Competence and Pedagogical Practices within the Foreign Language Classroom

### Stacy DuClos:

Muralism in Borderlands: Defining Spaces

### Caroline McKenna:

The Coexistence and Clash of Worldviews: Activism Surrounding the Issue of Abortion in Colorado

### Anna Jackson:

Bringing Clean Water to the Peruvian Amazon: How and Why *Cultural Values and Sustainable Implementation*

### Emma Epstein:

A *Gerim* Journey through Judaism

### Rachel Yokum:

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of the American Dream: Hegemony and Social Capital in the United States

### Marie-Page Phelps:

The Hohokam: An Interpretation of Cultural Changes through Landscape

### Kelsey Smith:

The Ball's in your Court: Selfhood, Performance, and Competitive Climate at a Colorado Summer Tennis Camp

### Bianca Paiz:

Arriba Nuevo Mexico: Identity, Place, and Tradition through New Mexican Music

### Carrie Evans:

Outside Influence on the Inuit Hamlet of Ulukhaktok: How Western Institutions will Impact the Future of the Inuit Residents

### Tia Bell:

Internet Identity: The Roles of Social-Networking Sites in Relation to Military Wives' Identities

### Lisa Mondelli:

SuicideGirls.com: Hegemony and the Suffocation of Agency in an Online, Alt-Porn Pin-Up Community

### Ryan Maloney:

From Chile to Chili: The Emergence and Evolution of an Iconic Southwestern Dish

### Penelope Morgan:

I Write with Light: Agency and Identity in the Photography of Four Iranian Women

### Megan Finnegan:

Acupuncture in a US Context: Individuals using Agency to Choose an Alternative Medical Treatment

### Tristan Droppert:

Rave Culture and Youth Resistance

### Eli King:

Eye movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) in Colorado Springs: Transforming Therapy, Transforming Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

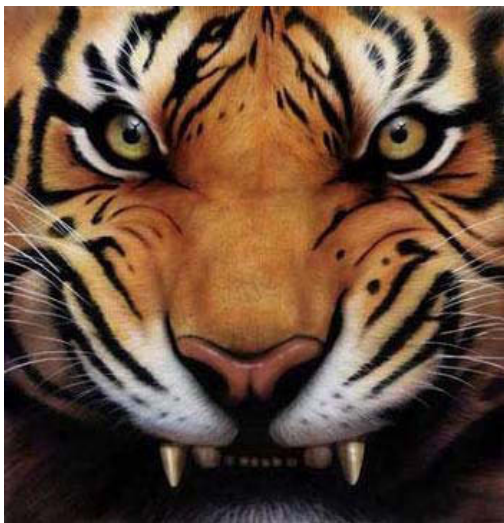


## Alumni Updates

### Natalie Fast '08

I moved to Dolores, Colorado this past fall to work at the Anasazi Heritage Center. The Heritage Center is a great experience so far and I have been learning a lot. It's also a beautiful place to live. I've also been spending lots of time outdoors with Tucker Robinson ('06) since he's doing archaeology in Utah. I hope all is well in the Anthropology department!

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## Alumni

### Blair Daverman '08

After finishing up my year as the department paraprof I will be accompanying Christina Torres-Rouff and rising senior Laura King to Chile to continue research for Christina's ongoing bioarchaeological project. I will then spend some time in Puerto Rico helping out on an excavation. And starting this fall I will be attending Purdue University to pursue a Master's in Anthropology!

### Jocelyn Whitworth

I wanted to say hello to the anthropology department! I also wanted to let you know that I will be starting veterinary school at Cornell this August!

### Gina Curler '01

I often think fondly of my time at CC, and the anthro experience makes up a big chunk of that. I hope that all is well with the department. I am writing with some professional motivation as well--I am currently in the process of developing a U.S. destination for Global Explorers (a nonprofit org that provides educational travel for middle and high school students). Global Explorers trips focus on science, culture, service, and leadership. We have received a large grant from the National Park Service to incorporate sound research into the program, so we are bound for a portion of the trip to be in a National Park or monument. (In fact, just this morning I was talking to a board member who said NPS had specifically mentioned the Sand Dunes as a possible location--which led me to just retell my visits to all the religious orgs. Around the monuments. Which made it all the more exciting to read about the Religion and Ritual class!)

On a separate Global Explorers/anthro note, we just finished our yearly fundraising event, and were able to bring Jane Goodall to Denver. It was very exciting to brush elbows with one of the women who my mom made me read about growing up (having four daughters, she always made sure that we had bios of famous women around the house). Just wanted to say hi!

### Jessica Waclawski '07

I have been accepted into the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work and the School of International Studies. I can not wait to start in the fall!

**We'd love to know what you've been doing!**

**Please drop a line with your alumni update to:**

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## Anthropology Summer Courses!

### A Block:

#### **AN102: Cultural Anthropology taught by Mario Montano**

The study of human societies through the central concept of culture. Explores such topics as meaning, adaptation, social organization, kinship, religion, environment, technology and conflict. Presents anthropological themes including holism, comparison, dynamism and cultural relativism, as well as methodological approaches to studying human experience in naturally occurring contexts. (Meets the Alternative Perspectives: B requirement.) 1 unit

#### **AN208: Topics in Anthropology: The Anthropology of Conversation taught by Eleanor Shoreman**

Courses taught occasionally by visiting professors or by permanent faculty. Topics will vary from year to year.

### B Block:

#### **AN242: Anthropology of Food (Writing Intensive) taught by Mario Montano**

This course will explore food concepts, analytical methods, and the food habits of different ethnic groups. The class will have a field trip to the San Luis Valley, and to Northern New Mexico to document the production of food among farmers, cattle ranchers and restaurateurs. (Limited to 12 students.) (Meets the Alternative Perspectives: B requirement.) 1 unit

### C Block:

#### **AN207: Prehistory of the Andes taught by Christina Torres-Rouff**

This course will examine the patterns of development of Andean culture from its earliest roots over five millennia ago through the Spanish conquest in the 16th century. We will look at how this unique environment gave birth to highly efficient adaptations and cultural systems. Emphasis will be placed on trade and interaction in the Andean sphere, the development of complex social and political structures, and early contacts with Europeans. The focus will be on recent archaeological investigations and interpretations combined with appropriate analogy from ethnohistory and ethnography. No credit if taken after AN 203: States and Empires in the Ancient Andes. (Meets the Alternative Perspectives: B requirement.) 1 unit

