To begin with, I’d like to formally welcome Professor Derick Fay to the department. Derick’s primary research has been on land claims and land reform in South Africa. He is offering a number of exciting new courses for the department including economic anthropology, environmental anthropology, and African ethnographies. I’d also like to thank Katie Newingham for designing and co-editing this year’s newsletter. Her interview with Derick Fay is in this issue.

The rest of the faculty had a busy summer as did many students, involving different combinations of research, writing, teaching, and family life. George Gmelch and I continued our research on the impact of wine tourism in the Napa Valley for several weeks with the help of anthropology majors Sara Melton and Vanessa Dumonet. I also took five students to Alaska for a new mini-term on the impact of tourism there. Linda Cool continued her research and efforts to implement a comprehensive health care system for retired faculty at colleges and universities around the country. Karen Brison traveled to Fiji for research and to set up internships with local entrepreneurs for this Fall’s Anthropology Field School where she is now with ten students. The Fiji internships are being supervised jointly with Professor Hal Fried in Economics. Kenji Tierney worked with anthropology major Emily Laing on a study of US food issues. He and his wife, Si, also became parents to a second son Brian. Derek Pardue relocated to Washington University in St. Louis and is happy with his new home and job.

Sharon Gmelch
Want a new and exciting class? Check it out!

**When Europe Was the Third World**

Winter term sees the return of *European Prehistory* (ANT 024), which had its first and most recent run during Winter 2004. Despite its prominence in our own history, European archaeology is neglected in curricula in this country, and Europe’s countless, unique prehistory cultures — many of them progenitors of our own — are known to Americans only through simplistic and inaccurate entertainments on television. Taught by Steve Jones, who has specialized in European archaeology and particularly, Iron Age France, the course will explore the contentious history of how we make sense of prehistoric evidence, while surveying some of the many amazing societies uncovered by archaeology. Lectures will present brief overviews of different periods then focus on one or two important cultures, highlighting a variety of theories and paradigms. In order to explore at least one theory in depth, students will read Bradley's short book, *Significance of Monuments*, which used innovative perspectives to understand standing stones and other "megalithic" (large stone)

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**Environmental Anthropology**

Taught by Professor Derek Fay this course will examine classic and contemporary anthropological approaches to the environment and to environmentalism. It will examine, among other topics, cultural ecology, political ecology, environmental history, and poststructuralist cultural studies. After reviewing these approaches, the class will then apply them to understanding the human ecology of particular subsistence strategies (e.g., foraging, agriculture) and the environments in which they occur. In the process, we will see how anthropologists and the people they study are engaging with contemporary environmental issues including biodiversity conservation, deforestation, community-based natural resource management, ecotourism, climate change, and the spread of toxins and genetically modified

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**Winter 2006 Anthro Classes**

- **ANT110**: Intro to Cultural Anthropology.K. Tierney (MWF 10:30-11:35)
- **ANT173**: European Prehistory................. S. Jones  (TTH 10:55-12:40)
- **ANT182**: Anthro of Mediterranean Europe......L. Cool (TTH 1:55-3:40)
- **ANT189**: East Asia in Motion.....................K. Tierney (MWF 1:50-2:55)
- **ANT192**: African Ethnographies...............D. Fay  (TTH 1:55-3:40)
- **ANT 241**: Environmental Anthropology........D. Fay (TTH 10:55-12:40)
- **ANT 290**: Thinking about Culture..............L. Cool (TTH 9-10:45)

*This term’s required courses for Majors/Minors*
Anthropology Talks—Mark the Dates!

A Cross-Cultural Look at Children and ADHD: Should Might Make Right?
Ken Jacobson, Boston University, October 24 (Tues), 6:30pm, SS 012

Professor Ken Jacobson will be presenting a talk on his research on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in England and the US. He will talk about “how the results of this anthropological research led me to look at power relationships between children and adults. My discussion will basically be from the children's perspective, and include an analysis of what I label as the children’s ‘default behaviors.’ I will argue that children successfully redistribute adult power to themselves, but in doing so perpetuate a dynamic of ‘might makes right.’ The talk will include some ethnography based on interviews with both the adults and children who participated in the study; and will argue that when children act out or have achievement issues (sometimes high achievement) their behaviors reflect real tensions in their home environments. I will conclude by asking what a world might look like if not premised on the idea that ‘might makes right.’

Pizza, Salad and Drinks will be provided.

Negotiating Religious Authority at the Margins of the Jewish World
Alanna Cooper, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
November 9 (Th), 4 PM, Everest Lounge

Central Asia’s Bukharan Jews have long occupied the geographical edge of the Jewish world. Their relative isolation, however, has been punctuated by periods of renewed contact with the people, culture and religious practices of the wider Jewish world. These renewed contacts are usually depicted as unproblematic interactions in which the Bukharans defer to the authority of the center. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in contemporary Uzbekistan as well as archival letters, Professor Cooper shows that these interactions were actually filled with tension. In this talk she discusses the Bukharan situation and explores the relationship between local and global religious authority. Alanna Cooper is currently a Posen Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She received her Ph.D. in Sociocultural Anthropology from Boston University in 2000. Her research focuses on Bukharan Jews in Uzbekistan, Israel, and New York. She is currently completing a book manuscript entitled Reining in the Margins: Jewish Peoplehood and the Bukharan Jews of Central Asia.

The Music and Culture of Bali
Guest Artists: I Nyoman Astita, I Ketut Gede Asnawa, I Nyoman Saptanyana, and Ayu Putu Naistarika
October 30 (Mon), 6:30 PM, Nott Mcmemorial

Come and experience the music and culture of Bali with Union’s Asian Percussion Workshop playing the instruments of the Gamelan Gong Kebyar (Balinese Orchestra) and the Music and Culture of Bali class playing Suling (flutes). Student dancers will also be performing.

DO YOU KNOW....

Worldwide, there are more than 2.4 billion cell phone users, with more than 1,000 new customers added every minute.

Fifty-nine percent of these 2.4 billion people live in developing countries, making cell phones the first telecommunications technology in history to have more users there than in the developed world.
Welcome Professor Derick Fay

Derick Fay has joined the Union College Anthropology Department this year. He is from the Boston area and attended Amherst College where he received his undergraduate degree in religion. He also studied at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland where he received his Masters Degree in religious studies. Professor Fay later attended Boston University where he received his PhD in Anthropology.

Before coming to Union, Fay was conducting post-doctoral research in the Department of Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley. He is now finishing up a manuscript on land restitution in South Africa and working on an article that will be published in either a journal or an edited book featuring articles by six to seven anthropologists working in countries around the world.

When asked what made him want to come teach at Union, Fay said that teaching at a small institution was appealing to him based on his own experience at Amherst. He also wanted to either remain on the West Coast or move back to the Northeast to be closer to where he is from originally.

Fay hopes that his students at Union will think critically about the idea of culture, especially its political and economic aspects, and learn how culture shapes society. Fay said, “I like anthropology because of the fact that you can study religion, economics, the environment, and kinship; you’re not bound to one subject, which is how it is in many other studies. Also, it’s fun.”

Studying Wine Tourism

“This summer Sara Melton and I worked as research assistants for Professors Sharon Gmelch and George Gmelch. We spent the summer learning about wine tourism in the Napa Valley in California and the changes the valley has undergone as a result of this development. Wine tourism is a relatively new phenomenon that has emerged largely due to the growing interest in food and fine dining (e.g., fusion cuisine, organic food) in the US. We spent the first several weeks at Union collecting books and articles and analyzing the web sites of Napa’s 300 wineries. We then spent two weeks in the valley conducting interviews, talking to people in the wine industry, attending tastings, and even going on a tourist hot air balloon excursion. It was a very productive summer and a great example of why anthropologists love

Anthropology Thesis Topics
Fall 2006

♦ The Zapatista Movement in Chiapas, Mexico – Mayra Serna (with Prof. L. Cool)
♦ Chinese Adoptions and the Maintenance of Chinese Identity – Tara Campbell (with Prof. G. Gmelch)
♦ Tasmanian Aboriginals: From the Myth of Extinction to Identity Politics – Andrew Maryniuk (with Prof. S. Gmelch)
♦ Motherhood and Coping with Maternal Loss: A Cross-cultural Comparison of Japan and the United States – Vanessa Dumonet (with Prof. S. Gmelch)
♦ An Ethnography of a Restaurant – Dan Felder (with Prof. K. Tierney)
♦ Media Representations of Islam – Mohammad Moral (with Prof. K. Tierney)
♦ Exploring Guyanese Identity: A Visual Ethnography – Nancy Borowick (with Prof. S. Gmelch)
We have just finished our third week of the Fiji Term abroad based in Suva, Fiji. I am here with 11 students, including anthro majors Sara Melton, Dagmara Podwyszynka, Carly Aimi, and Ali Perse. The students are all living with local Fijian families in the capital city of Suva. They are settling in well, although they had some problems with the abundant local insect life (particularly over-sized cockroaches that fly and hang out in bathrooms...) at first.

This year for the first time, the students are doing internships with local businesses and organizations and are analyzing them in terms of American theories about entrepreneurship. They are taking a course in Culture and Entrepreneurship through correspondence with Hal Fried in Economics. This is an exciting experiment and has been working well so far. Ali Perse has been working with a new local magazine, Fiji Life, which was started two years ago by a group of friends who were tired of their jobs in local broadcasting. Fiji Life takes as its mission to promote discussion of issues (such as drug trafficking, women’s rights and so on) that are often swept under the rug in ultra-Christian Fiji.

Carly Aimi has been interning at a local clothing company, Xoolu, which manufactures and designs T-shirts to be sold at resorts and uniforms for local companies. She has been shadowing the boss, Hermann Chung, while he goes and "wheels and deals" with local suppliers and buyers. Hermann has been encouraging Carly to design and manufacture her own clothing item. Dagmara has been working with another local magazine, Marama, aimed toward local women. Marama profiles important Fijian women of all ethnicities and walks of life and Dagmara has been making use of her photography skills to help out. Last but not least, Sara has been volunteering at the Fiji Women's Rights Commission, and will be working on a project to meet the special needs of women in their teens and early twenties.

We also have 3 Mechanical Engineers, 3 Economics majors, and a neuroscience major on the trip. One of the engineers, Andy Krauss, has been working with a New Zealand man who manufactures boats out of fiberglass. Andy has been corresponding with an American boat builder (who Hal Fried found) to come up with ideas for manufacturing better boats and to improve safety standards. Another engineer, Ned Lincoln, is working at a Mormon-run Tire-Repair shop which also has a bar on the side. He found that the Tire Repair shop advertised prominently in the company name, actually closed down in 1992 and that the business now focuses on delivering beer to local hotels and collecting the empties and doing landscaping for local Mormon temples. A good illustration of
Summer Mini-Term Looks at Tourism in Southeast Alaska

This summer five lucky students—Dana Seidler, Jay Read, Mike Montesano, Laura Hummer, and Derek Johndrow—under the direction of Professor Sharon Gmelch went to Southeast Alaska for three weeks to examine the impact of tourism there. They spent three days in Juneau, one day in the Tlingit community of Hoonah, and seventeen days in Sitka. Their course work involved meeting with the tourism officials, port managers, national park employees, tour guides, educators, conservation society members, a filmmaker, and others involved in tourism. They also engaged in many informal conversations with visitors, B&B operators, commercial fishers, shop owners, tour operators, and other residents.

Instead of undertaking individual research projects to fulfill the last of their course requirements, the group offered its services to the Sitka Collaborative Tourism Project (SCTP) -- a community group studying the impact of tourism and ways in which it might be controlled. After meeting with the steering committee, it was decided that students could best help by administering a survey to visitors which focused on their activities and perceptions of Sitka’s amenities and attractions. The Union group then developed a survey, pre-tested it, presented a final version at a SCTP stakeholders’ meeting for formal approval, and then administered it to 258 visitors to Sitka. They then compiled and analyzed the data and wrote a thirty-page report which was greatly appreciated.

They also had fun participating in tourist activities, visiting historic sites and going on walking, bike, and boat tours. They saw a lot of nature—even if much of it was in the rain—including the Mendenhall glacier.

Faculty News!

George Gmelch along with Sharon Gmelch, spent the summer doing more research on wine tourism in the Napa Valley with assistance from Union students Sarah Melton, currently in Fiji, and Vanessa Dumonet. He recently published an edited book called Baseball without Borders: The International Pastime (University of Nebraska Press) which looks at the history and development of baseball in 14 countries and how the game has been changed in each to fit the local culture. Two earlier books by Smithsonian Institution Press were updated and republished for the University of Nebraska Press in new editions: In the Ballpark: The Working Lives of Baseball People and Inside Pitch: Life in Professional Baseball. An essay on return migration to Barbados also appeared in Returning to the Source edited by D. Plaza and F. Henry (University of the West Indies Press).

Steve Jones is returning to Union as adjunct faculty, teaching European Prehistory in Winter Term and Introduction to Archaeology in the Spring. Dr. Jones was here on a full-time basis for two years during 2002-2004, when he taught a variety of anthropology courses, including Biological Anthropology, Gifts and Exchange, Rise of Civilization, and Monkeys, Kids, and the Attainment of Wisdom. He has since been engaging in a pre-anthropology pastime, namely fiction writing. Recently he was appointed project coordinator for a three-year survey of Dutch-influenced architecture in New Netherland and the colonial Northeast, combining ecological and architectural interests (with possible archaeological sidelines).

Kenji Tierney had a busy summer both personally and academically. On the personal side, soon after his second son, Brian, was born, he moved back to Schenectady. On the academic side, he revised his chapters for the edited volumes entitled Cuisine, Consumption, and Culture: Food in Contemporary Japan and Japan’s Globalizations. He also oversaw a fascinating summer research project, conducted by Emily Laing, that looked at local organic farmers, sustainable agriculture and vegetarianism. This is part of his next project that will deal with food, consumption and globalization.