

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS

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From the Chair

Susan deFrance

My year as Interim Chair has been exciting and challenging. I'm very grateful for the support of the faculty, staff, and students. We are a very collegial and creative lot. In August I will transition to Chair for a three year term. I intend to represent the department in the best light possible and do what I can to improve the program. This task is particularly difficult when UF is undergoing budget cuts, some of which are affecting the department.

As we move ahead, it is important to know our strengths and the potential problems that we face. In the fall semester we completed an extensive study of the doctoral program. We continue to produce a diverse range of anthropological scholars. Because faculty and graduate students are so active in research, our undergraduate program also benefits. I encourage everyone to bring undergraduates into your research. We have some incredibly bright and eager students.

When the discipline of anthropology came under attack by the governor in the fall, I was impressed by how positively we responded as well as the support of others on campus and beyond. We need to maintain our passion for anthropology and convey that passion to others.

Administration through an anthropological lens is very interesting. I've learned much about how the university operates. One could devote an entire career to the Anthropology of Higher Education.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone in the coming year. I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Working with the Iku toward conservation of the water river system of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Augusto Oyuela-Caycedo is developing a project as co-curator with the religious leaders of the Iku on an exhibition about the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia. The objective is to find ways to protect the river systems of the mountain. The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta is a unique ecological and cultural place, home of four major indigenous groups, Iku, Kagabba, Kankuamos and Wiwa with a religious philosophy focused on equilibrium with the environment. The subject of the exhibition is the responsibility that humans have for problems of environmental change and degradation. The exhibition is planned to start in 2014 in collaboration with the EQ foundation (Canada), and will travel to US and Europe as well. It is expected that indigenous leaders of the Iku group will visit UF in the following months. Oyuela-Caycedo is also conducting field work in the floodplain region of the Lower Magdalena River on archaeological sites from the Paleo-Indian period to the Formative. Preliminary surveys were conducted this summer as well as in different locations near the cities



of Santa Marta and Barranquilla in collaboration with the Universidad del Norte and Universidad del Magdalena.

We Welcome New Faculty Member Dr. Chris McCarty

Chris McCarty has joined the faculty of the anthropology department. McCarty is the Director of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) (www.bebr.ufl.edu) and the University of Florida survey Research Center (UFSRC). BEBR conducts survey, demographic and economic research both for the state of Florida and other states, as well as grant-funded research. BEBR is undergoing a transformation to exclusively deliver data online through a searchable database. Much of the research conducted by BEBR is related to health care. McCarty's previous appointment was in the College of Public Health and Health Professions.



Apart from his work with BEBR McCarty has a program of research in the area of social network analysis. He has worked with Russ Bernard for over 30 years on several research projects, including the Reverse Small World (RSW) and the Network Scale-up Method (NSUM). The latter has been adopted by UNAIDS as a method for estimating the size of hard-to-count populations, such

as IV drug users who are at risk for contracting HIV. McCarty is working with Lance Gravlee on a study that in part examines the effects of personal network composition and structure on stress and hypertension among African Americans in Tallahassee, Florida. McCarty is also the developer of a software program called Egonet that is designed for the collection and analysis of personal

networks. He collaborates with several colleagues using this software. These include a study of the networks of migrants with colleagues in Spain, the effects of personal networks on PTSD among community members living in disaster prone areas, personal networks and co-offending among young adults, and a longitudinal study of the changes in the personal networks of patients in a substance abuse treatment program. McCarty has also studied the publication behavior among academics as represented in the Web of Science.

Archaeological Testing at Shell Mound, Levy County, Florida

A pre-Columbian site known as Shell Mound (8LV42), located near Cedar Key, is one of the few large shell deposits on the northern Gulf coast that has survived to the modern era, owing largely to the stewardship of U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USF&W) and its partnership with local citizens. Until now, its age was a matter of speculation, with estimates ranging from 4000 to 1000 years ago. Its size alone would suggest an extended period of deposition if we assume the oyster

accumulated gradually through the daily meals of residents.

Staff of the Lower Suwannee Archaeological Survey, under the direction of Ken Sassaman, conducted testing at Shell Mound this past spring to address some basic questions about the formation and dating of the ridge. Preliminary results show that the shell-free interior of the ridge was occupied at about 1200-1300 years ago; that the southern edge of the surrounding ridge took final shape in the previous two centuries; and that beneath the shell in this same location are the remains of occupations going back another 2000 years. In the area tested, shell appears to have accumulated quickly, although portions of the remainder ridge may have accumulated over longer spans of time. Encased in this portion of the shell ridge is an appreciable amount of fish and turtle bone, as well as abundant gastropods shell tools (mostly small hammers), and plain pottery.

Shell Mound was likely a place of social gathering, with a small resident population that occasionally hosted others for special events, including perhaps eventful weather. Future fieldwork will take up these and other questions through the continued support of the Hyatt and Cici Brown Endowment for Florida Archaeology. More details on the Lower Suwannee Archaeological Survey can be found at the website of the Laboratory of Southeastern Archaeology (<http://www.anthro.ufl.edu/LSA/>).



2012 Kingsley Plantation Historical Archaeology Field School

During Summer A of this 2012 (May 14 - June 22), James Davidson once again led the Historical Archaeological Field School at the Kingsley Plantation, located on Fort George Island, Duval County, Florida, within the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve National Park. Davidson and four graduate students – David Markus, Karen McIlvoy, Clete Rooney, and Justin Dunnivant – instructed 10 undergraduate

students in field and lab methodologies, including unit/level excavations, basic artifact identification and recordation/mapping.

The summer's excavations focused on gaining a greater understanding of the use of yards associated with the Africans who once lived and labored in the Kingsley era slave cabins, and excavations adjacent to the tabby-walled barn were conducted to help establish the chronology and sequence of events in the barn's construction and later use. This field school marks the seventh year of such student-centered research at the Kingsley Plantation, which has primarily focused on the life of the enslaved during the 1814 to 1939 era, when Zephaniah Kingsley, his African-born wife Anta Madgigine Jai, and their four children, owned and operated the plantation.

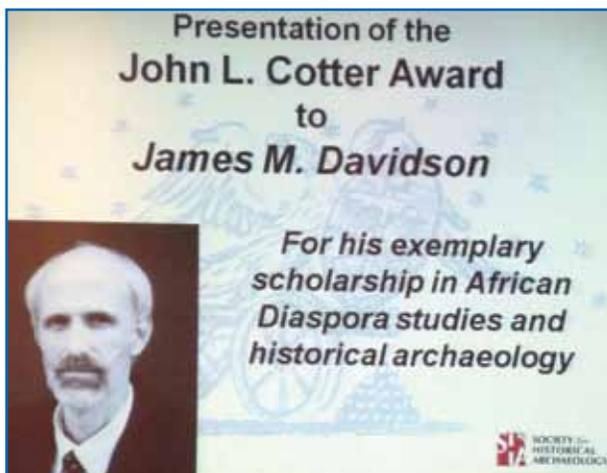
Over the past seven years, researchers have excavated four slave cabins, and the remnants of a cottage for friends of the Kingsleys, uncovered the massive tabby-walled Sugar Mill complex, a slave-dug water well, and finally uncovered the location of the long lost Kingsley-era African Burial Ground. Over these past seven years, 103 undergraduate students have been trained in the basics of field archaeology, African-American history, and while living and working together on a beautiful Sea Island fronting the Atlantic Ocean, they shared an unforgettable experience.



Faculty Achievements & Honors

James Davidson is awarded prestigious Cotter award!!

At the Society for Historical Archaeology 45th annual meetings in Baltimore, Maryland, **James M. Davidson** was selected as the 2012 recipient of the Society's John L. Cotter Award. The Cotter Award was established in 1988, and named in honor of John L. Cotter, a pioneer educator and advocated for the discipline. This award



is presented to recognize outstanding achievement by an individual at the start of his/her career in historical archaeology. Specifically the award recognized "significant contributions to historical archaeology, particularly in the field of African Diaspora archaeology. There are two areas in which Davidson has produced a substantial and critical body of research: (1) historic mortuary and bio-

archaeological studies, and (2) long-term research regarding the lives of enslaved Africans at the King- sley Plantation in Florida. With regard to the former, Davidson is one of the leading experts on the bioarchaeology and cultural dimensions of burial practices among people of African descent,

and has published his research widely on these topics. His work is representative of the best that our field has to offer in making innovative and socially relevant contributions to historical archaeology."



James M. Davidson accepts the Society for Historical Archaeology's John L. Cotter Award.

Tony Oliver-Smith is awarded prestigious Bronislaw Malinowski award!



Anthony Oliver-Smith, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at UF, has been given the Bronislaw Malinowski Award, which is the highest award given from the Society for Applied Anthropology for 2013. The Malinowski Award is presented to an outstanding social scientist in recognition of efforts to understand and serve the needs of the world's societies and who has actively pursued the goal of solving human problems using the concepts and tools of social science during one's entire career. The Malinowski Award was given in recognition of Tony's work in disaster studies and resettlement

research. During his 35 years at UF, Tony has done anthropological research and consultation on issues relating to disasters and involuntary resettlement in Peru, Honduras, India, Brazil, Jamaica, Mexico, Japan, and the United States. His work on disasters has focused on issues of post-disaster aid and reconstruc-

tion, vulnerability analysis and social organization, including class/race/ethnicity/gender based patterns of differential aid distribution, social consensus and conflict, and social mobilization of community-based reconstruction efforts. His work on involuntary resettlement has focused on the impacts of displacement, place attachment, resistance movements, and resettlement project analysis. He has authored, edited or co-edited 8 books and over 70 journal articles and book chapters. He is currently a member of the scientific committee on Integrated Research on Disaster Risk of the International Council for Science, the Working Group on Coastal Hazards of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and the Climate Change Task Force of the American Anthropological Association.

What are UF Department of Anthropology students doing?

Graduate students:

– **Jen Fiers** published an article in AAA Anthropology News entitled "Paradoxes of Power in Professionalized Youth Sport" that highlights some of the main themes of identity through sport, paradox of power through pain and discipline, and youth athletes' vulnerability to entitlement and abuse and how these issues contribute to the relatively small and recent pool of research that has been done on children's human rights in sport.

– **Angelina Howell** was awarded a Fulbright grant to conduct research in Brazil. She will be affiliated with the State University of Amazonas (*Universidade do Estado do Amazonas or UEA*). Her interdisciplinary research focuses on how archaeological research teams impact the economic, social, and political lives of the rural Amazonian communities in which they conduct research.

– **Alison Montgomery** was awarded the 2012-13 University of Rochester Frederick Douglass Institute of African and African American Studies Pre-doctoral Writing Fellowship. She will be in-residence at the University of Rochester while completing her dissertation entitled "Negotiating the Spaces of Fair Trade in South Africa's Wine Industry."

– **Caitlin Baird Peterson** received a UF FLAS grant to study Kaqchikel Maya through Tulane's Oxlajuj Aj program in Antigua, Guatemala. She will be conducting ethnographic research on infant nutrition in Tecpán and Paquip, Guatemala.

– **Ryan Morini** received a grant from the Sven and Astrid Liljeblad Endowment to conduct ethnographic research on heritage management in the Great Basin, Nevada.

– **Andrew Tarter** led an interdisciplinary team of UF students in May to Haiti where they collected over 120 plants for an archive of medicinal plants

to be housed in the UF Herbarium. They used group interviews with farmers and Vodou priests to learn the Haitian Creole names and uses for the plants. Andrew was awarded dissertation funding from Wenner-Gren and NSF and was also awarded a Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship and will be placed in a ministry of the Haitian government for one year.

Undergraduate students:

– University Scholarawardees – **Giovanna Aveillo** (mentor – Dr. Susan deFrance, "Contextualizing Native American ethnographic collections: Regional perspectives"), **Shannon McNulty** (mentor – Dr. Connie Mulligan, "Comparison of Y-chromosomal, mitochondrial, and autosomal genetic diversity in Yemen"), **Alice Rix** (mentor - Sharon Abramowitz, "Patient and care-giver perceptions of health and illness in rural Florida"), **Mark Wright** (mentor – Dr. Peter Collings, "Ethnographic research on the lived experience of the Troubles, 1960-1998, Ireland")

– McNair Scholar - **Kapri Crowley** (mentor – Dr. Rick Stepp, "What changes does a short informational program have on students' opinion of the Other")

What are recent Department of Anthropology graduates doing?

Class of 2005

Alexander Rodlach – Assistant professor, Creighton University

Gifford Waters - Collections Manager, Florida Museum of Natural History

Class of 2006

Laura Regan – Lt. Colonel, US Air Force

Amber Wutich – Assistant professor, Arizona State University

Class of 2007

Adam Kis – Country director, Adventist Development & Relief Agency

Martin Renzo Rosales – Priest, Puerto Rico

Class of 2008

Jean Dennison – Assistant professor, UNC Chapel Hill

Rebecca Gray – MRC Research Fellow, University of Oxford

Class of 2009

Adolfo Ivan Batun-Alpuche – Director, Ministry of Urban Development & Environment, Architectural Heritage Conservation, Mexico

Suzanne Grieb – Kellogg Community Health Scholar, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health

Class of 2010

Paul Emanovsky – Forensic anthropologist, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command-Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii

Pete Sinelli – Assistant professor, University of Central Florida

Class of 2011

Edward Shaw – Partner, Brigge-Shaw Group (Jamaican educational NGO), Jamaica

Philip Surles – Researcher, Real, Inc

Faculty Member & Affiliate



Archaeological field school, Lake County, FL

Bulgaria, Maria Stoilkova, Cultural Anthropology
E Europe, Jack Kugelmass, Cultural Anthropology

Alaska, Peter Collings, Cultural Anthropology
Florida, James Davidson, Historical Archaeology
Florida, Ken Sassaman, SE Prehistoric Archaeology
Florida, Lance Gravlee, Medical Anthropology
and Connie Mulligan, Molecular Anthropology
Florida, William Marquardt, Archaeology
Florida, Chris McCarty, Cultural Anthropology
Florida, Kathy Deagan, Archaeology
Florida, Mike Warren, Forensic Anthropology
Nova Scotia, Marilyn Thomas-Houston, Cultural Anthropology

Colombia, Augusto Oyuela-Caycedo, Archaeology
El Salvador, Allan Burns, Cultural Anthropology
Guatemala, Kitty Emery, Archaeology
Guyana, Mike Heckenberger, Archaeology
Mexico, Susan Gillespie, Archaeology
Mexico, Susan Milbrath, Archaeology
Mexico, Rick Stepp, Cultural Anthropology
Peru, Susan deFrance, Archaeology
Peru, Mike Moseley, Archaeology
Peru, Richard Kernaghan, Cultural Anthropology
Peru, Augusto Oyuela-Caycedo, Archaeology
Surinam, Sue Boinski, Biological Anthropology



Danilo Vinafane, leader of the Iku, and Augusto Ayuela-Caycedo, visiting the sacred site of the Iku, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia

Research Spans the Globe

Connie Mulligan collecting biological samples in Yemen on the Red Sea coast



Akha village on the border between Yunnan and Burma

China, C. K. Shih, Cultural Anthropology
China, John Krigbaum,
Biological Anthropology
China, Yunnan, Burma, Rick Stepp,
Cultural Anthropology

DRC, Sharon Abramowitz, Medical Anthropology
DRC, Connie Mulligan, Molecular Anthropology
Ethiopia, Steve Brandt, Archaeology
Ghana, Brenda Chalfin, Cultural Anthropology
Ivory Coast, Dave Daegling, Biological Anthropology
Liberia, Sharon Abramowitz, Medical Anthropology
Morocco, Abdoulaye Kane, Cultural Anthropology
Senegal, Abdoulaye Kane, Cultural Anthropology
South Africa, Faye Harrison, Cultural Anthropology
Tanzania, Peter Schmidt, Archaeology
Tanzania, Alyson Young, Medical Anthropology
Yemen, Connie Mulligan, Molecular Anthropology

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