

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS

From the Chair:

Dear Friends of Denison Soc/Anth,
This is the first issue of our new Denison Sociology/Anthropology Department Newsletter. We hope that you find it informative and that you will contribute your own news to future editions. We expect to publish (electronically of course) twice a year – after the close of each semester.

The Fall 2010 semester was a landmark in one important way: We had our first section of Soc/Anth 460, Senior Research Seminar, the one-semester senior project course. Students who opt for one semester projects take an extra 300-level elective, so we anticipate that there will be more offerings in the upper level electives in the future. Eight students completed their senior research in the fall (see list to the right).

Twelve other senior majors are at work on year-long projects. We'll highlight them in Issue 2.

The Department will be growing. We are in the process of hiring a three-year, full time anthropologist who will begin in the Fall 2011. Over the next year, we'll be hiring a seventh, full time tenure track faculty member, to begin in the Fall 2012.

Check us out on Facebook at "Friends of Denison Soc/Anth."

Best wishes for the speedy arrival of spring,
Anita Waters



Eight students complete One Semester projects

Carly Baird – *Is the Need Being Fulfilled? Sex Education for Individuals with Mental Disabilities*

Debora Cuellar-Parajon – *Dental Health Intervention in Rural communities in Boaco, Nicaragua*

Marge Curtis – *Contraception and Mexican-American Women: Situating Behavior through Acculturation Theory*

Kelly Eisele – *A Comparative Study of Eco-Tourism Projects in the Brazilian Amazon*

Rachel Tiel Goldhammer – *Personal Conviction in Platform Heels: the Positives and Perks of a Career in Exotic Dance*

Melissa Phineus – *What is "Black Love"? A contextual analysis of black intimacy in situation comedies*

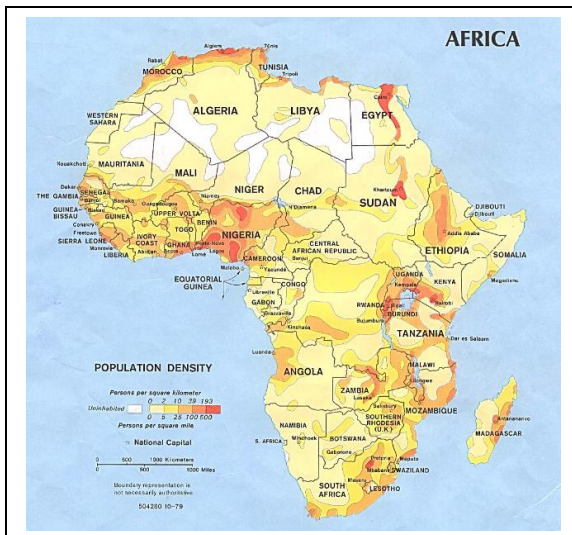
Lauren Sabo – *Ann Kanpe (Stand Up): An Assessment and Critique of Community Health Clinics in Rural Haiti*

Prescott James Woolley – *Social Identity through Automobile Advertisements*

FACULTY NEWS

Spotlight on a new Course

Professor Fareeda Griffith offered a new upper level elective this past semester called "The Demography of Africa." Students studied demographic processes such as mortality, fertility and migration, and explored patterns of urbanization, economic development and educational attainment. Each student pursued a topic in depth. For example, Emily Marshall, Class of 2013, wrote a paper on Malaria in Malawi, and Sam Eiseman, Class of 2013, studied Women's Rights in Ethiopia. Dr. Griffith plans to offer the course again in the next few years.



The Department will be represented at the following up-coming scholarly conferences: North Central Sociological Association (Cleveland, March 2011), Midwest Sociological Association (St. Louis, March 2011), Caribbean Studies Association (Curacao, May 2011), American Sociological Association (Las Vegas, August 2011), American Anthropological Association (Montreal, November 2011)

Professor Susan Diduk presented a paper, "Narratives of Eviction': Retelling Tales of Globalization in Cameroon," at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, in New Orleans in November. Her article "'Guinness is Good for You,' Toasting Political Activism, Oppositional Identities and Standing Against the State in Cameroon" will be published in the *Canadian Journal of African Studies*.

Visiting Assistant Professor Susan Glover presented a paper, "Gender, Evolution and Auction Fever: Exploring Bidding Behavior in Central Ohio Grocery Auctions," at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, in New Orleans in November.

Professor Fareeda Griffith presented a paper at the American Anthropological Association meetings in New Orleans last November, entitled "Race and Space in Post-Apartheid South Africa."

Professor Veerendra Lele will become Director of International Studies in the Fall 2011 semester. He will also still teach sociology/anthropology courses. Prof. Lele's role will facilitate closer relationships between Sociology/Anthropology and International Studies.

Professor Tuominen's article "Speaking and Organizing Across Difference: Multi-Racial Coalitions and the Grassroots Mobilization of Child Care Workers" is forthcoming in the journal *Feminist Formations*.

Professor Anita Waters presented a paper at the Ronald Takaki Memorial Conference at the College of Wooster last October, on a panel entitled "Carving out a Third Space between Domestic Diversity and Globalism in Liberal Arts Education."

SOC/ANTH FORUM

The Sociology/Anthropology Forum sponsored a Career/Graduate School Information Session in November, organized by Anna Hammersmith (Class of 2012). James Davis, Class of 2008, who is now pursuing a graduate degree in Sociology from Ohio State University, talked with students about his graduate school experiences. Professors Veerendra Lele, Fareeda Griffith, and Susan Glover, along with Career Services Interim Director Ryan Brechbill, spoke about how students should best prepare for internships and graduate school applications.

Study Abroad

Jennifer Sloan, Class of 2011

I studied abroad in Geneva, Switzerland in the spring of 2010 with the School for International Training, on a Global Health and Development Policy program. Not only was I able to get credit for two 300-level sociology/anthropology electives from my course work over there, but I was also able to study a subject that does not get much attention at Denison -public health. Studying pre-medicine and soc/anth here has naturally led me to an interest in community health, and I was able to explore that interest abroad. Course work aside, living in a new country with a new culture and traveling around Europe broadened my knowledge and perspectives of society, and sparked reflection on my own culture. Studying abroad undoubtedly enhanced my understanding of sociology and anthropology.

UPCOMING DATES

Senior Symposium – May 2 & 3

Graduation – May 15

Reunion Weekend – June 3-5

Big Red Weekend – September 23-25

ALUMNI NEWS

KiKi M. Mosley, Esq., Class of 2000, is an immigration attorney in Chicago with Scott M. Beller & Associates.

Adrienne Frech, Class of 2003, has completed her Ph.D. in Sociology at Ohio State University and will become an Assistant Professor at Akron University in the fall.

Julie Corbett, Class of 2004, is founder of a consulting firm in Chicago, Corbett Education Consulting.

Amy Ali, Class of 2009, is with Lutheran Volunteer Corps, where she works as a Community Organizer at 9to5, National Association of Working Women, in Milwaukee, and living in an intentional community with others who also work at social service organizations.

Hawa Kaba, Class of 2009, is a case manager for the Boston Public Health Commission.

Charles Fear, Class of 2009, is working for the Chewonki Foundation's Outdoor Classroom in Wiscasset Maine, and working at Sugarloaf Ski Resort for the winter.

Jerelle Reverak, Class of 2010, works for an Americorp Program called TechMission in Boston, promoting online/internet safety for kids as well as working to use the internet as a tool for success.

Anna Kostial and John Murphy, both Class of 2010, are teaching English together in Jangyu, South Korea.

Daniel Taylor-Shaut, Class of 2010, is teaching English in Rwanda with the Peace Corps. He is living in the village of Rusaza until January 2013.

Kristen Bauman, Class of 2010, is pursuing a Masters Degree in Social Work at University of Michigan, and loves it!

Kim Lewis, Class of 2010, is currently teaching and conducting research in Ambato, Ecuador on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship grant.

Alums: please continue to send us your business cards for our "Where are they now?" bulletin board. Current students and their parents love to see your accomplishments!

