



# The Participant Observer

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## PAUL FARMER

### *SWORDS OF SORROW*

#### PUBLIC LECTURE

#### STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

October 6, 2004, 7:00 PM

Hubbell Auditorium, Hutchison Hall

Reception Following:  
The Rotunda, Schlegel Hall

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

#### WITNESSING HEALTH CARE

October 7, 2004, 4:30 PM

Hoyt Hall

#### PUBLIC LECTURE

#### MAKING MEDICINE

#### MATTER: RETHINKING HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

October 9, 2004, 1:45 PM

Hubbell Auditorium, Hutchison Hall



# MORGAN LECTURES CONT.

## THE LECTURER

**Paul Farmer** is a physician and a medical anthropologist. He is a leading figure in the worldwide fight against HIV/AIDS and drug-resistant tuberculosis and in efforts to understand and correct structures of power that cause large numbers of people to be at increased risk of falling ill and far less likely to receive timely and effective treatment.

Dr. Farmer received his M.D. and his Ph.D. in anthropology from Harvard University where he is now Professor of Medical Anthropology in the Department of Social Medicine. He is the founder and medical co-director of the Clinique Bon Sauveur in rural Haiti, attending physician at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital (Division of Infectious Disease) and Executive Vice President of Partners in Health. Dr. Farmer has been a member of the International Scientific Committee's International Conference on AIDS; Coordinator of the International Working Group on Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis; a member of the DOTS-Plus Working Group for the Global Tuberculosis Programme of the World Health Organization; Chief Advisor of Tuberculosis Programs of the Open Society Institute; Chief Medical Consultant for the Tuberculosis Treatment Project in the Prisons of

Tomsk (Siberia) for the Public Health Research Institute, a member of the Scientific Committee of the WHO Working Group on DOTS-Plus for MDR-TB, and a member of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He has served on the Scientific Review board of ten International Conferences on AIDS. He is the recipient of the Duke University Humanitarian Award, the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association, Outstanding International Physician Award from the American Medical Association, the Heinz Humanitarian Award, and a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship.

Dr. Farmer's numerous publications include:

- AIDS and Accusation. University of California Press. (1992)
- Women, Poverty, and AIDS (co-editor). Common Courage Press. (1996)
- Infections and Inequalities. University of California Press. (1998)
- The Global Impact of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (co-editor). Harvard Medical School and Open Society Institute. (1999)
- Pathologies of Power. University of California Press. (2003)

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## A WORD OF APPRECIATION

During August, the Department received a visit from a former graduate student, Dr. Mei Yue (Ph.D. 1994), whom we had not seen for ten years. For the past several years, Mei has been working for the United Nations World Food Program in Afghanistan and in DPR (North) Korea. Since 1995, the WFP has provided over 3.5 million tons of emergency food assistance to hungry people in DPR Korea and supported agricultural recovery through food-for-work projects. Mei treated us to a fascinating slide show of places in Afghanistan and Korea where few foreigners have visited. As she was leaving, she told us that she thought of the department as part of her family and gave us a generous donation to advance the educational mission of the department. We are very grateful to Mei both for her gift and for the way she has used anthropology to make a difference in the world.

## *Congratulations to the Class of 2004!*

### **Bachelor of Arts:**

Donald E. Albrecht  
 Anna K. Barnes  
 Julia Mae Elder  
 Jessica Erin Gale  
 Heathra King  
 Moshe Harris Gedalya Kornfeld  
 Hillary Overberg  
 Kristoffer E. Piper  
 Cecilia Ponce  
 Ellen Meredith Ray  
 Spring Worth

### **Special Awards:**

*2004 Alumni Award Promoting  
 Anthropology and the Public  
 Good*

Anna K. Barnes  
 Spring Worth

*Gerald Williams Memorial Prize  
 for the Study of Language and  
 Culture*

Jessica E. Gale

*Distinguished Service Award*

Ellen M. Ray

## **ALUMNI UPDATES:**

**Beatrice Sandelowsky (1965)** is in the process of publishing a book about her archaeological and anthropological work in Namibia. After receiving her B.A. at the University of Rochester, she went on to earn a Ph.D. at UC Berkeley. She is presently devoting herself to the establishment of an Alumni Association for a Non-Government-Organization called TUCSIN (The University Center for Studies in Namibia). TUCSIN has been instrumental in sending many of the first generation of Namibian academics to universities.

**Melissa Kucinski (2001)** will be completing her J.D. at Pace University School of Law in Westchester, New York. Melissa completed her M.A. at the American University in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. A trained mediator, Melissa wrote her thesis evaluating one dispute resolution program used in the small claims court of Maryland. Melissa's fiancé, also an alumnus of the University of Rochester, is a lawyer and software engineer working with IBM in Westchester.

**Kate Navarra (2001):** "I have two jobs this summer. One at Wistariahurst Museum as Assistant Curator, one as a researcher for the Springfield Armory - we will soon have a publication out with me as author! So things have been quite busy." Along with her busy working summer, Kate and Bryan Thibodeau (Computer Studies 2001) had a July wedding in California. They honeymooned in Hawaii. They are now in Massachusetts hard at work on their graduate studies.

**Cecilia Ponce (2004):** Cecilia is currently living happily in Santiago, Peru, and is in the process of applying to graduate schools for the Fall '05 semester.

## *From the Editor's Desk*

What makes anthropology such an important field in the world today is its value as a complement to so many other fields of study. In the case of Paul Farmer, anthropology and medicine come together to interpret the role of health care in individual societies. Many of the anthropology majors here at the University of Rochester became interested in anthropology after they discovered it to be a fine complement to their own personal interests such as social justice, environmental policy and medicine—to name only a few. In my own case, I combined anthropology with a major in art history. I have used anthropology to examine these issues of representation, collection and display in hopes that it will serve me in the future as I continue along the path to working in museums.

As this year's editor of the Participant Observer, I plan on exploring the vast possibilities open to those interested in anthropology.

Internships, study abroad experiences, extra-circular pursuits and double majors all serve as ways of expanding and enriching anthropological studies. The benefits of anthropology are often obscured in these outwardly unrelated interests, but they testify to the ubiquitous quality of the field and thus its value to society.

Want to help write for the PO? Questions or comments on any articles or upcoming events? Please feel free to contact me!

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