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René Millon, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of Rochester, received the A. V. Kidder Prize from the American Anthropological Association this year for his contributions to mapping and excavating at Teotihuacán, Mexico. Sharing the prize will be George L. Cowgill, professor of anthropology at Arizona State University.

The world's largest organization of anthropologists calls the mutual achievements and leadership of Millon and Cowgill on the Teotihuacán Mapping Project "one of the most important investigations of early urbanism in the history of archaeology."

From 1964 to 1970, Millon led a team of Mexican, American, and Canadian researchers who produced the first complete building-by-building map of the 2,000-year-old city northeast of Mexico City. Known for its Pyramids of the Moon and the Sun, Teotihuacán was the largest and most influential city of the pre-Columbian New World, and now the most visited archaeological site in Mexico.

The citation from the Association points out that articles written by Millon over four decades to examine Teotihuacán as a functioning city defined many of the topics now considered fundamental to the analysis of ancient urbanism. He conceived of the Teotihuacán Mapping Project, obtained funding for it, and directed it through its early and intermediate stages. "That it exists today is a testament to Millon's intellect and determination, and his rare combination of vision and practical acumen," the citation reads.

In addition to publication of the Teotihuacán map, the AAA applauds Cowgill's "broad theoretical sophistication and formidable expertise in quantitative methods and computers helped attract attention to the Teotihuacán data."

Millon was a professor and researcher at Rochester from 1961 to 1986. Since then, he has worked as a consultant at Teotihuacán. In 2001, Millon was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, the nation's most select group of thinkers and scientists.

SPRING ANTHRO ACTIVITIES



Students and Faculty met up at **MacGregor's Grill and Tap Room** after class one Friday for some good eating and conversation.

Anthro Picnic at the Farm

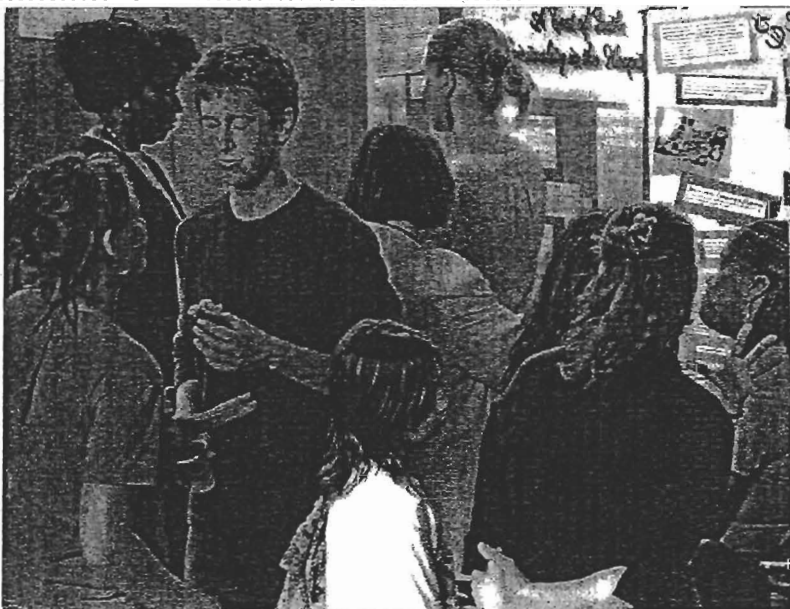
Professor Tony Carter and his wife, Penny, invited faculty and students to a day at his farm in nearby Yates County. The day was beautiful and the food was excellent. The undergraduates would like to thank Professor Carter and his wife for their gracious hospitality and a wonderful afternoon!



A few brave anthropology undergrads attended the **Northeastern Anthropological Association Conference** at Lake Placid from April 3rd-6th. The students attended talks, paper presentations, and career workshops, conversed with fellow anthropology undergraduates from other institutions, and took in some of the local flavor.

Senior Expo 2005: *Spiritual, Ethical and Imagined Communities*

Most senior projects focussed on the way Americans are constructing new ethical and spritual models to cope with the complex demands placed on traditional cultural models by new information and medical technologies; by America's growing political and military commitments around the world; by conflicting interpretations of the nation's historical and contemporary treatment of Native and African Americans; and by concern over the future viability of our relationship with the natural environment.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2005!!



Hannah S. Barbash

Distinction, Double Major in Women's Studies, Minor in Film Studies

Hannah plans to eventually be attending graduate school for urban planning.

Karen E. Forsythe

Take Five Program

Karen's Take-5 study will be on the relationship between psychology and abstract art with a particular focus on Pablo Picasso.

Bradley R. Henson

Distinction, Double Major in Psychology

Brad will be working in Rochester for a year before going to law school.

Anna C. Lessenger

Highest Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, Double Major in Art History

Anna will be earning her Masters next year at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK.

Meghan A. Ochal

Highest Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, Minor in Spanish

In the Fall Meghan will be pursuing a Masters of Public Health in Behavioral Sciences/Community Health at University at Albany.

Alexander J. Provan

Double Major in Psychology

Alex will be working in the Sales and Marketing field in Madison, Wisconsin.

K. Zoe Sylvester

Highest Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, Minor in Religious Studies

Zoe will be working in Rochester for the summer planning a conference on youth involvement in urban gardens. She is then traveling in Latin America for the fall working on organic farms.

Sarah A. Tarka

High Distinction, Double Major in Linguistics, Minor in Spanish

Next year Sarah will be attending graduate school at the University of Montana for an M.A. program in Anthropology with a focus in Cultural Heritage. This summer she has an internship with the Cultural Resources Management section of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Laura K. Tobias

High Distinction, Double Major in African and African American Studies

So far Laura's tentative plans are to work until December and then volunteer for the WorldTeach Program in Namibia for a year.

Pauline A. Van Goozen

Distinction

Pauline hopes to attend nursing school next summer; hopefully culminating in certification as a pediatric nurse practitioner with a focus in Neonatal Intensive Care. She and her fiancé will be married in 2007.

Ileah D. Welch

Minor in Spanish

Ileah will be attending law school at the University of Buffalo in the fall.

Special Awards

2005 Alumni Award
Promoting Anthropology and the Public Good
Kate Zoe Sylvester

Distinguished Service Award
Bradley Robert Henson

Helen S. Jones Award
Meghan Anne Ochal

ANTHROPOLOGY COURSE SCHEDULE

FALL 2005

ANT 101 Cultural Anthropology	Beth Buggenhagen
ANT 1010Q Cultural Anthropology	Anthony Carter
ANT 102 Introduction to Medical Anthro	Lois Metcalf
ANT 110 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis	Christine Gunlogson
ANT 202 Modern Social Theory	Thomas Gibson
ANT 204 Ethnographic Themes	Robert Foster
ANT 210 Anthropology & Education	Signithia Fordham
ANT 214 Love, Friendship & Community	Thomas Smith
ANT 227 Local & Global Market Research	Maryann McCabe
ANT 248 Colonial & Contemporary Africa	Elias Mandala
ANT 249 Envisioning Shangri La	Ernestine McHugh
ANT 250 Political Films	Ewa Hauser
ANT 260 Islam In and Out of Africa	Beth Buggenhagen
ANT 266 Global Culture	Robert Foster
ANT 270 Urban Schools: Race & Gender	Signithia Fordham
ANT 278 Solving Population Problems	Anthony Carter
ANT 291 Research Practicum	Ayala Emmett
ANT 295 Home From Abroad	Ayala Emmett
ANT 390 Supervised Teaching	
ANT 391 Independent Study	
ANT 392 Practicum in Anthropology	
ANT 393 Honors Research in Anthropology	



Alumni News

A.M. Janovic ('92 MA) was elected to the Newport School Board in November. She is delving into the wonders of school law, which is a unique sector of Constitutional law. She graduated from law school in May, and will take the Bar exam in July. Keep your fingers crossed! "Property law, inheritance and rights and obligations within the domestic sphere have always been core interests of mine. I've been blessed by having a job waiting for me with a law firm here in Kentucky and will take over the firm's domestic relations practice. I hope to also practice immigration law, due to its obvious nexus with cross-cultural issues."

Cecilia Ponce (BA '04) has been in Santiago, Chile, since July 2004, volunteering with the Dominican Volunteers International. She is currently teaching 3 English courses (adults, young adults, and children), and working with the "ollas comunes" which provides warm meals for poor families. Cecilia lives in a community with 4 Spanish sisters, and helps out at the 3 different local parishes that provide after school programs for children and young adults (there is no separation of church and state in Chile). "On the weekends I venture out in the city, take trips across the Andes to visit Greg in Argentina, go to the beach, the south, etc.. All in all this has proven to be a good experience."

Beatrice Sandelowsky (BA '65) is the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees directing TUCSIN (The University Centre for Studies in Namibia) and is pleased to announce the publication of her book, *Archaeologically Yours*—"A personal journey into the prehistory of Southern Africa, in particular Namibia." This publication consists of over two hundred pages of text with more than a hundred illustrations consisting of photographs, sketches, tables, a selected bibliography and a selected index. In his foreword Dr. Bob Brain, well known South African paleontologist, mentions the encouragement and supervision of my doctoral work given by three of Africa's best known archaeologists, Desmond Clark, Glynn Isaac and Brian Fagan, at the University of California, Berkeley campus. Furthermore he recommends, "This highly unusual book to anyone interested in the people of southern Africa and their ancient heritage."

Valerie Burch (BA '00) is working as an immigration attorney in an NGO in Camp Hill, PA. She encourages current or futures students interested in immigration to contact her through the department.

Nicholas Conrad (BA '83, M '86), Professor of Archaeology at the University of Tübingen, Germany, with an active excavation program focusing on pre-historic sites in Syria, South Africa and Germany, visited rochester and gave a talk on April 4, 2005 entitled "The Origins of Figurative Art and Music: Early Examples of Abstract Art and Musical Instruments from Caves in the Swabian Jura, Germany". The talk covered results from recent discoveries in caves of Southern Germany, which have gotten a lot of attention because they might demonstrate the earliest examples of abstract art and music discovered so far. The ages determined for these examples of art and musical instruments range between 30,000 and 40,000 years. His discoveries have been subject of several articles in Nature, and have also been discussed in newspapers such as the New York Times and Die Zeit, a leading German paper. Professor Conrad is an alumnus of the UR ('83, M'86) having made exceptionally good use of the opportunities offered here by receiving a double degree in Chemistry and Anthropology, followed by an exchange program with University of Cologne and an interdepartmental Master of Science, before moving on to Yale for his Ph.D.

Faculty News

Professor **Robert Foster** spent the spring semester as a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago. He used the time to work on a book manuscript, *Worldly Things: Soft Drink Perspectives on Globalization*, under contract with Palgrave/St. Martin's Press. He also participated in a local conference on Muscular Christianity and the Postcolonial World, presenting a paper titled, "From Trobriand Cricket to Rugby Nation: The Mission of Sport in Papua New Guinea".

Assistant Professor **Beth Buggenhagen** has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (Summer 2005) for her work entitled "No One Home: The Global Circuits of Senegalese Muslims and the Politics of Social Production". Professor Buggenhagen's research project will analyze the global circuits of Senegalese Muslims in relation to processes of domestic social production at home, such as gendered and generational struggles and bonds, life cycles and ritual and religious practices and the impact of emergent neoliberal reforms. She will be conducting her research in Brooklyn and Harlem, New York.



*Something new to report?
Send us alumni updates!*

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