

Social Science Advocate

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Dean Leeder's Notes



This has been an eventful summer, one that did not quiet down after the faculty left for break. There have been many comings and goings of faculty and staff, with many moves and changes. First of all we should welcome our new faculty. In Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Eric Williams has joined us. Eric comes to us from University of Puget Sound where he was a visiting professor. His Ph.D. is from Rutgers University; in Counseling Julie Shulman (recently from Alliant University) and Adam Zagelbaum (Governors State University in University Park, IL) are our newest faculty members. Julie got her Ph.D. at University of Memphis in 2003 and Adam finished in 2005 at Ball State University. In Political Science we are pleased to welcome Cynthia Boaz who was an assistant professor at State University at Brockport (with a Ph.D. from UC Davis); in Sociology is Sheila Katz who just completed her Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University and in Women's and Gender Studies we now have added Don Romesburg (most recently an adjunct here) with a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and Lena McQuade who just finished her Ph.D. from University of New Mexico. Please make it a point to introduce yourselves and make them welcome.

In staff comings and goings Katie McCormick had a wonderful baby girl on July 31st. She is named Amelia Katherine McCormick Stück. Ashley Wise resigned from the Pols/History/Anthropology unit, Celeste McDonald moved from Psychology to Faculty Affairs. Sophia LaRosa and Caitlin Kyse are now temps in the School. Please welcome them to our family.

We have plans for some exciting events coming up. On September 25 President Alejandro Toledo, the former president of Peru has agreed to speak at the Andrea Neves and Barton Evans Social Justice Lecture series, which will be co-sponsored with the Osher Lifelong Learning Program and the School of Education. We are moving along on the construction of the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Grove which has been created by Jann Nunn of the Art Department. Two years in the making this moving sculpture will honor victims of the Holocaust and genocides of the Native Americans, Armenians, Cambodians, the Tutsi genocide of Rwanda and Darfur. We are hoping to unveil the sculpture sometime this spring. Also in the Spring, Barbara Bloom of Criminology and Criminal Justice will be bringing a traveling exhibit of art by incarcerated women. The show will be in the Schulz Information Center and in conjunction there will be workshops and keynote speakers for the entire month. Watch for notice of these events.

As for myself I continue to teach at San Quentin on a monthly basis, where I coordinate the New Leaf on Life Lifers group, which brings 38 men together for lectures by SSU professors. If you are interested in being a guest speaker, please let me know. I am also still writing and teaching, as well as deaning, all of which keeps me busy enough as I enter my eighth year of work at SSU.

Warmly,

Elaine

Donuts with the Dean

Don't forget to join Dean Elaine Leeder for **DONUTS WITH THE DEAN**, in which faculty, staff and students are invited to an hour with the Dean. Now planned as a regular activity, everyone is invited to come to visit, complain or just grab a donut. The dates for this semester are: September 25th, October 30th, and December 4th from 10-11 am in the Anthropology Lounge, Stevenson Hall, room 2054. These donuts have zero trans fats. No kidding!



Dates to Remember:

- Campus Closed
11/11 Veteran's Day
11/26-11/28 Thanksgiving
12/25- 1/1 Winter Break
- Alejandro Toledo Lecture
Thursday, September 25, 7pm
in Person Theater

School of Social Sciences Summer Research Grants

Maureen Buckley~ Counseling. My summer grant involved a literature review on the variables school climate, school context and academic achievement, particularly for at-risk groups. Based on my own prior research and the research of others, I delved into the question of whether the specific nature of the relationship between school climate/school engagement and academic achievement might vary by gender or ethnicity. This led to a subsequent question as to whether the particular dimensions of school climate and engagement typically measured are differentially important for various groups. Of particular interest was exploring what aspects of school climate were most important to engaging Latino students.

Glenn Brassington~ Psychology. I have made significant progress on a review of the literature for a chapter entitled Physical and Psychological Effects of Physical activity for the Handbook of Health Psychology. Significant benefits can be accrued from as little as 30 minutes each day of moderate intensity exercise. Physical activity should be prescribed in the primary and secondary prevention of psychological disorders (e.g., depression, anxiety, insomnia) and medical diseases (e.g., heart attacks, stroke, cancer, and diabetes). Although the majority of research on exercise adherence

Stephen Bittner~ History. I used my summer grant to help fund three weeks of research on the history of Black Sea viticulture and winemaking in the heart of Crimean wine country, Simferopol, Ukraine. I worked in the collections of the State Archive of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and of the Tavrika Scientific Library. I also visited vineyards in Alushta and Yalta, on the southern shore of Crimea, and (solely for reasons of historical scholarship) sampled numerous bottles of Crimea's famous white muscat.

has focused on interventions targeting individuals, more current research indicates that interventions to increase physical activity in the US and abroad should be expanded to include social/ethnic groups and the built environment. This will require collaboration among research from a variety of fields (e.g., psychology, sociology, public health, and urban planning).

examined the 2004 Indian Parliamentary election, and found that socio-demographic attributes of voters do not serve as a reliable predictor of voter behavior, and that region or "place" must be included as an independent variable affecting how people vote. I wrote-up these results, and have submitted an article to a leading journal in Political Geography.

James Dean~ Sociology. This summer, I used my summer research grant to write chapter five of my book proposal. This chapter is entitled "Gays in the (Straight) Public Eye: Heterosexual Anxieties and Gay Media Visibility" and it explores the narrative responses of heterosexual men and women to the unprecedented level of gay and lesbian media visibility in American society today.

Steve Estes~ History. With my summer research grant, I traveled to the American South, where I was working on a history of Charleston, South Carolina since the civil rights movement. On this trip, I conducted oral history interviews with the mayor, three state legislators, two Muslim community leaders, and the father-in-law of Stephen Colbert (of Comedy Central's "Colbert Report").

Bruce Owen~ Anthropology. I traveled to Peru, for analyses of artifacts from my previous archaeological excavations. Susan DeFrance (University of Florida) studied animal bone from three Inka and early historic settlements, confirming that they were occupied largely in historical times, but were scarcely affected by Spanish colonial domination. Karen Gardener, a CSU Chico graduate student, collected human hair and bone from 1100-year-old mummies for an isotopic study of travel between the coast and highlands during their last years of life. I documented ceramics, lithics, bone, and other materials from a second Tiwanaku temple (700-1100 AD) near Moquegua, indicating that it was used by a distinct ethnic group in what now appears to have been a multiethnic prehistoric agricultural colony.

Tom Jacobson~ Environmental Studies and Planning. I completed a paper called "Local Government Planning for Sustainable Development in California" along with co-author Alex Hinds, Community Development Agency Director for Marin County. We presented the paper in July at the Joint Congress of the Association of North American Collegiate Schools of Planning and the Association of European Schools of Planning.

Michelle Jolly~ History. My grant has provided funding for a professional transcriptionist to transcribe several interviews conducted last spring as part of the Sonoma County Women's Oral History Project.

Madeleine Rose~ Sociology. I worked with a colleague, Harriet Soares, to develop, test, and modify an in-depth interview form for parents of adult children. I did exploratory interviews with six parents. A preliminary analysis of these interviews helped us to further refine our research project.

Jann Nunn~ Holocaust Sculpture. I worked on the fabrication of the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial sculpture throughout the summer. This fall, portions of the monument will be on display in the Art Faculty Exhibition from Sept 11 - October 19 in the University Art Gallery. The campus community is welcome to attend the reception for the artists on Thursday Sept 11, 4-6 pm. <http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/grove/index.html>

Karin Enstam Jaffe~ Anthropology. This summer, I wrote a manuscript entitled, "Observations on a group of vervet monkeys (*Cercopithecus aethiops*) after a group fusion event," which will be submitted to the *American Journal of Primatology* during the Fall, 2008 semester. This manuscript documents observations I made shortly after our two study groups fused into one group after significant leopard predation. Multiple females from one group chased and bit a female from the other group, forcing her out of a tree, and causing her to plummet approximately 12 meters to the ground. These observations are significant because the group fusion occurred when both groups had multiple adult members present and because of the vicious nature of the attack, neither of which has been previously documented in vervet monkeys. I am expanding my research to captive primates and am including undergrads in this project called SSUPER (Sonoma State University PrimatE Research project).

SSUPER Research Assistants Kevin Knowles and Rochelle Garman recording ring-tail lemur vocalizations and Safari West in Santa Rosa.



School of Social Sciences Summer Research Grants continued....

Geri Olson~ Psychology. I studied raw, self-taught, untutored, and folk art, art that is done without formal art training and generally outside of the attention of the art world. I took special interest in the spontaneous, obsessive and driven art done by artists in confinement, secrecy or solitude, living on the margins of social groups or in prisons and other institutions where supplies are limited and freedom to meet like-minded others is rare. My inquiry took me to the Intuit Museum in Chicago and the American Museum of Folk Art in NYC, visiting special exhibitions of the work of Henry Darger.

William Clay Poe~ History. This summer, I co-directed, with Carolyn Audet of Vanderbilt University, an archaeological research project in the Zotz Group of the Maya site of Cahal Pech located in San Ignacio, Belize. The project consisted of excavation to define the architectural history of the principle structure in the small group, excavation to determine whether or not there was an architectural focus in the center of the group, and clearance of a *chultun*, a constructed subterranean chamber to investigate the function of the structure.

Gisela Wendling~ Psychology. I traveled with a group of 11 Westerners to Namibia this summer to participate in the healing dances of the Ju/huan Bushman (also known as Kalahari Bushman or San). My goal is to build on my previous research that examined the cultural and epistemological challenges having to do with Westerners trying to integrate experiences of initiation from the Andean indigenous healing traditions into their lives as change agents in the United States. The research led to new insights into the rites of passages framework (a framework that underlies most theories of change) and especially the concept of liminality. I will use the current study to refine these insights.

Carolyn Saarni~ Counseling. My project involved learning about international negotiation, more specifically, how emotion regulation and strategies of self-presentation are embedded in negotiators' behavior. I immersed myself in an excellent graduate-level on-line class titled "The Art of International Negotiation," sponsored by the Dept. of Agriculture. I quite enjoyed the active discussion board with the instructor and my fellow students, all of whom live in Washington, D.C. and apparently work for the USDA in international trade. I also did a lot of reading and downloading of articles on this topic and will have to submit in late October a chapter to an edited volume that is being compiled by two individuals working for the European Union in Brussels.

Eric Williams~ Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies. I conducted research in Clallam Bay, Washington and Crescent City, California for a paper on the impact of new prisons on local courts. I interviewed local court personnel about the effect of the increased court filings, both civil and criminal, that are the inevitable by-product of a new prison. This research is an offshoot of my dissertation, which was an ethnographic study of two rural prison towns.

Mary Halavais~ History. I have been working in the Archive of the Crown of Aragon, investigating the role of Madrid, and of the Council of Aragon, in the expulsion of former Muslims from Spain in the early 17th century. I particularly enjoyed reading some of the correspondence concerning the expulsion signed by the famously corrupt Duke of Lerma, advisor to young Philip III, King of Spain.

JoAnn Smith: Staff Excellence Award Winner!!!!



JoAnn Smith
08-09 Staff Excellence
Award Winner

We are thrilled that our very own JoAnn Smith, Administrative Coordinator for Women's and Gender Studies and Environmental Studies and Planning departments, is one of the 2008-2009 Staff Excellence Award winners! This award was created to recognize outstanding service by staff members. We are proud that she represents our school.

2007-2008 Election Results

Academic Senator, 3 years, John Wingard and Maria Hess.
Academic Policies Committee (APC), 3 years, Art Warmouth
Educational Policies Committee (EPC), 3 years, John Wingard
Fairness Board, 3 years, Steve Bittner and Diana Grant
GE Sub Committee, 3 years, Rheyna Laney
Scholarship Committee, 3 years, Glenn Brassington
Faculty Standards & Affairs Committee, 3 years, Richard Senghas
University Standards Committee, 3 years, Michelle Jolly
Travel Committee, 1 year, Myrna Goodman, Caroline Christian, and Geri Olson
School RTP Committee, 3 years, Sascha Von Meier, Kathy Charmaz
Election Committee, 3 years, Laura Watt
VP's Budget Advisory Committee, 3 years, Caroline Christian
 Adding the words "public service" to the title of the school to read: School of Social Sciences and Public Service was opposed.

Delphine Newman Scholarship Awards

The Delphine Newman Internship Scholarship is a competitive scholarship awarded to deserving students in the School of Social Sciences, who are engaged in internships in the human services, particularly related to care of women and children. Others will also be considered. Each student will receive \$100 for the semester in which he or she is engaged in the internship activity for expenses incurred by doing the internship activity.

The recipients of the Spring 2008 awards:

Paula Salazar
Quenby Kemler
Jasmine Benzvi

Crystal Nicklas
Daniel Wyatt
Leslie Smirhoff

Alejandro Toledo "A New Social Agenda for Democracy"

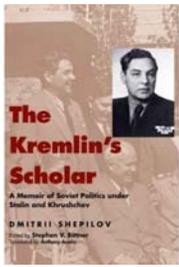
Former Peruvian President, Alejandro Toledo addresses issues surrounding social injustice, indigenous people, education and democracy in his lecture at Sonoma State University at
7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 25

in the Person Theatre, SSU campus. The event is the fourth in a series of annual lectures in the Andrea Neves and Barton Evans Social Justice Lecture Series, co-sponsored by SSU's School of Extended Education, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the Associated Students and organized by the School of Education and the School of Social Sciences. The lecture is free and open to the public on a first come, first serve basis.



Alejandro Toledo

Faculty Feats



"The Kremlin's Scholar", the Shepilov memoir that our own Stephen Bittner (History) edited has been named a Book of the Year selection by New Statesman Magazine. (Britain's award winning current affairs magazine.)

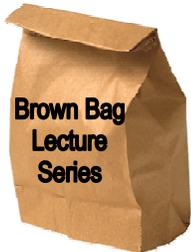


Professors Melinda Milligan (Sociology) and Caroline Christian (ENSP) have been selected by the Center for Teaching and Professional Development as the first faculty associates for that center. Melinda will be the Associate for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and Caroline will be the Associate for Research and Creative Activities.



Steve Estes' Class celebrate him with custom made t-shirts

Brown Bag Lecture Series ~ Fall 2008



TUESDAYS 12-1pm
Stevenson 2011
Bring Your Own
Lunch!

September 30: William Clay Poe (History).
Title: "Everything I Needed to Know I Learned in the Field"

October 14: Madeleine Rose (Sociology).
Title: "Connections Across Generations: What SSU Students and Senior Citizens Tell Each Other"

October 21: Maureen Buckley (Counseling).
Title "Enhancing School Engagement and Bonding for Latino Students....What Really Matters?"

December 2: Karin Enstam Jaffe (Anthropology).
Title: "Monkeys in Kenya and California: New Research and Results"

TBA: Heather Smith (Psychology).
Title: "Group Norms, Group Member Prototypicality and Drinking Behavior"

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