Welcome from the Chair

As my fourth year as Chair of the Department comes to a close it seemed like a good time to inform others of what we have been doing since 2007. We have made numerous changes in the department some of which will be highlighted in this Alumni newsletter. Look for new faces in the faculty and staff (Mark Hill, Jennifer Erickson, Rocky Sexton, Julie Jenkins, Chad Paskiewicz, Chris Keller; Kevin Nolan); the new undergraduate program is reduced to fewer hours and now has three options, General Anthropology, Archaeology, and Applied Anthropology; a non-thesis option has just been added to our graduate program; ARMS has a new name Applied Archaeology Laboratories (AAL); and we are beginning to develop a new ethnographic lab for students.

Our department is larger now then it was then. We have more faculty with Ph.D.s and our curriculum is both deeper and broader. Applied anthropology is more popular with students and has greater legitimacy within the field and beyond. We have been actively engaged with local and international community partners through immersive learning initiatives and we have increased internship opportunities in the AAL and with local museums.

As you know the Department of Anthropology has a tradition of offering summer field schools in historic and prehistoric archaeology and cultural anthropology (Romania) and more recently we have hosted a primate field school in South Africa. These courses have provided valuable opportunities for students interested in applying anthropology outside of the formal classroom setting.

I hope you will enjoy the newsletter and keep us posted on what you are doing!

Cheers!

S. Homes Hogue

Field Schools

There are up and coming annual field schools in Romania and Africa this summer, as well as a local field school in Fort Recovery, Ohio and the continued work in Strawtown, Indiana.

African Primate Field School:

This summer will be the fifth year the department has offered a South Africa Primate Field Study, which annually takes ten to fifteen students to South Africa. Dr. Hicks will be replacing Dr. Bowers as the Ball State member of the teaching team. The other two members are Ball State alumni Shawn Hurst and Brandi Wren, who are currently finishing their PhDs at Indiana
University and Purdue, respectively. The field study not only familiarizes students with South African primates but also teaches students how to carry out observations in the field. Most of the time is spent at the Loskop Dam Nature Reserve, with visits to several other areas. The course also includes a primate evolution component with visits to Sterkfontein and the Witwatersrand Museum, where students have a chance to examine the fossils of *Australopithecus* and *Paranthropus*.

**Immersive and Archaeological Field Schools**

Between fall 2010 and summer 2011, Mark Groover, an associate professor and historical archaeologist, taught several immersion-based courses.

**Remembering Freedom: James Clemens and the Longtown Settlement**

During fall semester 2010 Mark Groover was a Fellow with the Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry (VBC). His team of students at the VBC conducted an immersive study of the James Clemens farm in Darke County, Ohio and the surrounding Longtown farming settlement located on the Ohio-Indiana state line. The project was titled "Remembering Freedom: An Interdisciplinary Study of James Clemens and the Longtown Settlement." The Longtown community was settled by free persons of color during the early 1800s. The Clemens farm was a successful farm owned by James and Sophia Clemens, ex-slaves from Virginia. For the Remembering Freedom seminar students participated in a 6 week archaeological field school at the Clemens farm. Students also created an Emmy-nominated historical documentary about James Clemens and the Longtown community for the seminar. The community partner for the project was the Union Literary Institute Preservation Society.

**Fort Recovery Historical Archaeology Field School**

During May and June 2011 (summers semester 1), Mark Groover taught a historical archaeology field school that located remains of Fort Recovery in Ohio. Recovery was a Federal period fort that was the site of the Battle of Fort Recovery in 1794. The Battle of Fort Recovery played a significant role in the settling of the Northwest Territory during the middle 1790s. Excavations conducted during the field school by students located a 17-foot long remnant portion of the fort's stockade wall trench. The stockade wall, also called a palisade, was constructed of tall vertical posts seated contiguously in a 3-foot deep by 2-feet wide trench. Prior to the field school, the precise location of in-place archaeological deposits and features associated with the fort had never been identified. The east-west oriented palisade trench discovered during the field school closely matched the location of the Greenville Treaty line, suggesting U.S. surveyor Israel Ludlow used the extant fort wall as a surveyor's landmark when he surveyed the location of the treaty boundary in 1795. The Fort Recovery field school was part of a larger archaeological research project supported by a grant from the
National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program. The partners for the project were the Ohio Historical Society, Fort Recovery Museum, and the National Park Service.

**Digital Archaeology Seminar**

During June and July 2011 (summer semester 2), Mark Groover co-taught a digital archaeology seminar with faculty colleagues Ron Morris, BSU Department of History and Paul Gestwicki, Department of Computer Science. The digital archaeology seminar was supported by a competitive immersion grant from the BSU Provost's Office and also received institutional support from Ball State's Building Better Communities program and BSU’s Digital Corps. Students in the Digital Archaeology Seminar created an archaeology computer simulation that will be used as a video game to teach 4th grader students about the history and archaeology of the central Midwest, particularly Indiana and Ohio. The seminar consisted of 9 students from the anthropology, history, and computer science departments. A team of students composed of anthropology and history students assembled the archaeological and historical content for the video game. Another team of students consisting of the seminar's computer science students, created the digital platform for the game based on the content developed by the anthropology and history students. The archaeology and historical content of the game was drawn from previous excavations conducted by Mark Groover at the Moore-Youse house in Muncie, at the Huddleston farmstead in Cambridge City, and the James Clemens farm in Darke County, Ohio. Results of the digital seminar will be highlighted at the Building Better Community's immersion showcase on December 7, 2011.

**Applied Archaeology Laboratories – Focusing on Students**

The Applied Archaeology Laboratories (AAL, formerly ARMS) has had a great 2010-11 academic year! AAL logged over 6,500 student hours during the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters completing research projects, conducting cultural resource management (CRM) archaeological surveys, and planning and executing public archaeology events. Major research projects included an Indiana Department of Natural Resources HPF Grant for Montgomery County, field school at Taylor Village in Hamilton County, and a National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program Grant in Fort Recovery, Ohio. Multiple CRM record checks and Phase Ia
surveys were completed and submitted for DHPA approval. Key public archaeology events were conducted as part of Indiana Archaeology Month, Ohio Archaeology Month, and with the Campus Mentors for Kids program.

All of these projects were planned and executed with large amounts of anthropology graduate and undergraduate student input and support. Our staffing this academic year included 4 graduate assistants, 1 independent study student, 10 interns, over 20 student volunteers, and over 15 paid student employees. Students were involved in all aspects of planning, executing, and analyzing our research projects, CRM surveys, and public archaeology events – providing a true immersive learning environment for students. We also had great student participation at the 2010 MAC Conference, the 2011 BSU Student Symposium, and various other state and regional conferences and workshops. The Applied Archaeology Laboratories is directed by Dr. Mark Hill and includes archaeologists Christine Keller and Melanie Cabak, and research fellows Dr. Mark Groover and Dr. Colleen Boyd.

Field School students Ashley Hessel, Tori Kiefer, Kristin Kjeldsen, and Emily Murray at Taylor Village.

Alumni Updates: (Please email shhogue@bsu.edu about what you are doing!)

Christina Blanch (MA 2006) is pursuing her EED in Adult, Higher and Community Education at BSU.

Horatiu Burcea (MA 2010) is attending Sorbonne University in Paris.

Chris Keller (MA 2009) archaeologist for the AAL, Dept. of Anthropology, Ball State University.


Erin Miller (MA 2008), Ph.D. candidate University of Missouri

Andrew Ozga (MA 2009) is now a Ph.D. student at Oklahoma.
Janilee Plummer (MA 2010) is attending the Ph. D. Program at the University of Manchester in response to the invitation to continue her research on the role of spinning in women’s culture and history.

Andrew Smith (MA 2010) Staff archaeologist for the IPFW-Archaeological Survey.

Lydia Spotts (BA 2009) received a Fulbright Grant to begin research in Mainz, Germany this September.

Jamie Whitaker (MA 2007) Is an adjunct anthropology instructor at Ivy Tech in Bloomington, IN.


KUDOS

Colleen Boyd was accepted as one of 16 participants (from US and Canada) for the NEH Faculty Seminar at MIT this summer, The English Encounter the Americas

Christina Blanch (MA 2006 ) received the 2009-2010 Outstanding Educator Award from Continuing Education.

Alina Beteringhe Was awared the P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship for $9000. The (IPS) fund was established in 1949 to provide scholarships for international women students to pursue graduate study in the United States and Canada.

Victoria Lucas, undergraduate major, won one of two undergraduate awards at the 2011 BSU Student Symposium for her poster Interurban Station Mounds State Park.

Loren Holditch, won best paper at the Indiana University AGSA Symposium for her paper Christianity and Reality Television: The Role of Media in Midwestern American Supernatural Beliefs. Indiana University AGSA Symposium, The Technologies of Culture: Techniques and Theory

Lauren has also accepted a position as a program coordinator with the San Jose Children's Museum in San Jose, CA. She will be moving to California in late April. Best wishes, Lauren!

Troyer Scholarship Recipients 2011-2012

Tyler Wolford and Jesse Fivecoate

Minihaha Foundation Scholarship

Victoria Lucas

Mark Groover and VBC Students

Nominated for a NATAS Emmy Award for their documentary Remembering Freedom: James Clemens and the Longtown Settlement.

Whitney Lingle, a current MA student, was selected to receive a $500 2011 Bernadette Perham Scholarship awarded by the BSU College of Sciences and Humanities. The award will be presented in October 2011.

New Hires

We have added several members to the faculty and staff; Julie A. Jenkins, Jennifer
Jennifer Erickson:

In March 2011, I lead a series of “communiversity” classes in Fargo, North Dakota, about best practices for volunteers working with refugees. The classes addressed power and the construction of race, class, and gender through volunteer/refugee relationships. It included ways to appreciate – and ignore – cultural difference in favor of establishing more equitable relationships. The classes were in conjunction with a volunteer manual that I am developing for the refugee community in Fargo.

In July 2011, I will attend the course "Gender, State and Welfare in a Global Economy," at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. After the course, I plan to visit Bosnia-Herzegovina, where I lived from 1998-2000 and the summer of 2003, and where I will establish post-doctorate research-related relationships.

My most recent publication is In press Erickson, Jennifer and Caroline Faria. “We want empowerment for our women”: Transnational Feminism, Neoliberal Citizenship and the Gendering of Women’s Political Subjectivity in South Sudan.” Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society. 36(3): Spring 2011.

Julie A. Jenkins:

My research explores a form of female religious affiliation to ‘Ewe’ shrines in the Volta Region of Ghana, known as Trokosi or Fiasidi. Trokosi has been the subject of a campaign consisting of Christian-based NGOs and various government agencies that have labeled the practice ‘female ritual slavery’. Subsequently, they have successfully criminalized the practice and organized ‘liberations’ of the initiates. I first learned about the practice while on a study abroad program to Ghana during my undergraduate degree and was compelled to conduct more research on the practice at a PhD level, since the practice had not been examined previously from an anthropological perspective. My research considers the ongoing debates about the nature of Trokosi and Fiasidi at a national and international level and explores in detail the meaning attached to the initiates and her position in three shrines that contest the characterization of the practice as ‘female ritual slavery’. Some of the themes that come out of my research are gender, development, religion, modernities, media representations, human rights and NGOs.

Rocky Sexton

During Fall 2010, I worked with cultural activists in Acadia Parish Louisiana to obtain an $8,000.00 grant provided by the Tee Mamou/Iota Mardi Gras Festival Association and several other local organizations. The grant will, in part, provide support for me to spend a month in Acadia Parish over the Summer to help
develop a small portable exhibition on the rural Mardi Gras celebration. It is hoped that the project will serve as the basis for a long-term project to develop a large permanent museum devoted to rural Mardi Gras as it is celebrated by Cajuns and Creoles throughout rural southwestern Louisiana.

Kevin Nolan

Kevin recently joined the AAL as an archaeologist. He is an Ohio Valley archaeologist with a primary research interest in the Late Prehistoric period (ca. AD 1000 – 1600) of the Middle Ohio Valley, particularly how humans interact with the environment. He has published collections based research, results of fieldwork, and theoretical models for the Middle Woodland (ca. 50 BC – AD 400) and Late Prehistoric periods. Other research interests include evolutionary approaches to human behavior, siteless survey and regional analysis, paleoenvironments, and systematics. Kevin also has an interest in public education and has regularly given presentation to grade school and high school classes about archaeology and science.

Chad Paskiewicz

Chad has replaced Susan Blair (retired January 2011) as Administrative Coordinator for the department. He received his BS in Business Administration in May 2006 from Ball State. Chad is currently working on a 2nd BS in History. His main interests in history are U.S. history, Middle East history, and military history. He also researches his family history. He enjoys whitewater rafting, basketball, scuba, and spending time with his family.

Anthropology Club

The Anthropology Club has aimed to be more active in the department and to offer more opportunities for students to learn. The Fall picnic was co-sponsored by the Anthropology Club along with the Anthropology Department. The Annual Ghost Tours were held October 29th and 30th, as the first fundraiser of the year. In the Spring, the Anthropology Museum opening was co-sponsored by the Anthropology Club, and the Club also donated funds for an honorarium for Mr. Kelsey Timmerman to give a presentation to Dr. Colleen Boyd’s ANTH 101 class. Fundraisers for the spring include a book sale and baked goods sale. The Anthropology Club Student Research Conference was held April 21st from 10:00am-4:00pm in BB 300, and several undergraduate and graduate students participated. Elections for the 2011-2012 school year were held, and the new officers are: Jesse Fivecoate-President, Kristen Vincenty-Vice President, Laura Smith-Secretary, and Jessi Munn-Treasurer.

Donating to the Department of Anthropology

The Department relies on the generosity of others to support student research and faculty interests. If you would like to make a donation to the Department of Anthropology Department, please visit https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/
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**Recent Publications**

**Gail Bader**

2011 Cheryl Klimaszewski, Gail Bader and James M. Nyce. Studying up (and down) the cultural heritage preservation agenda: Observations from Romania. European Journal of Cultural Studies, accepted.


**Evelyn Bowers**


**Colleen E. Boyd**


Boyd, Colleen E. and John B. Boyd “Cultural survival, tribal sovereignty and river restoration on the central Northwest Coast.” In Barbara R. Johnson, ed., Water, Cultural Diversity & Global Environmental Change: Emerging Trends, Sustainable

Boyd, Colleen, Sue Guillaud, Mai Kuha, Lisa Kuriscak and Melinda Messineo 2010 Making Environmental Connections in Courses in the Humanities and Social Sciences. (presentation was revised, submitted, reviewed and accepted for publication in upcoming volume, in progress).

**Jennifer Erickson**

Erickson, Jennifer


Erickson, Jennifer and Caroline Faria
In press “We want empowerment for our women”: Transnational Feminism, Neoliberal Citizenship and the Gendering of Women’s Political Subjectivity in South Sudan. Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society. Spring 2011.

**Mark Groover**

Baumann, Timothy E. and Mark D. Groover (co-edited monograph)
Frank H. McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Groover, Mark D.

**Ronald Hicks**

Dr. Hicks is continuing his research on the pre-Christian religion and sacred landscape of ancient Ireland. His article on the Irish royal sites appeared in the May/June 2011 issue of *Archaeology*. He has two other articles in press:

Some Correlations between Henge Enclosures and *Oenach* Sites. *Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland* and

The Lughnasa Triangle: Symbolism and Astronomy in the Ancient Irish Sacred Landscape. *Archaeoastronomy*.

Other recent publications include the following:

**2009**


2007

Mark Hill
Hill, Mark A.
2012 Tracing Social Interaction: Perspectives on Archaic Copper Exchange from the Upper Great Lakes. Accepted for publication, American Antiquity

Hill, Mark A.
nd The Benefit of the Gift: Exchange, Ritual, and Emergent Regional Systems in the Late Archaic Western Great Lakes. Accepted for publication in the University of Michigan’s International Monographs in Prehistory series. In preparation, anticipated release in April 2012

S. Homes Hogue
Peacock, Evan, Lauren Lowrey, S. Homes Hogue, James Barnett, and Janet Rafferty
2010 Vertebrate and Invertebrate Remains from Early Nineteenth Century, Choctaw-Related Occupations in Central Mississippi: The Loper (22NE548) and Jackson’s Well (22AT512) Sites. Mississippi Archaeology 42(1):67-102.

Kevin Nolan
Roos, Christopher I. and Kevin C. Nolan

Nolan, Kevin C. and Robert A. Cook


James M. Nyce
2011 Cheryl Klimaszewski, Gail Bader and James M. Nyce. Studying up (and down) the cultural heritage preservation agenda: Observations from Romania. European Journal of Cultural Studies, accepted.


2010 James M. Nyce, Gwendolyn Bakx and Sidney Dekker. From Normaltaktik to Auftragstaktik: Lessons for Safety in the


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