

Department of Anthropology
Annual Report for AY 2007–2008
Richard W. Franke, Dept. Chair

I. Staffing

- A. New Hires: none
- B. Tenure: Dr. Neeraj Vedwan
Promotion: none
Retirements: none
- C. Graduate Assistants: none

II. Curriculum Development:

- renamed some courses
- changed some course descriptions
- added ANTH 103 Prehistoric Archaeology and ANTH 100 Cultural Anthropology to the K2 Nonwest category
- reorganized some course requirements in the major to bring majors into more upper level courses to better prepare them for post-graduate work
- added ANTH 180 Health and Healing in Cross-Cultural Perspective – this course also was accepted for the nonwest requirement
- prepared syllabus and content for ANTH 340 The Anthropology of Work to give it a work-and-gender focus that led to it's being cross-listed in Women's Studies
- began discussions with Women's Studies Director for creation of an undergraduate course on gender and sexuality in cross-cultural perspective; this course to become a cross-listed course in both our programs
- established a course rotation system for upper level majors courses so that each faculty member comes up with equal frequency with the opportunity to teach such a course
- held a four-person meeting with A. J. Kelton to discuss possibility of launching some hybrid or on-line courses in the near future
- held lengthy discussions on ways to make course sequencing more cumulative; includes possibility of adding a 300-level required transition course for majors

III. Programs, Projects, Special Events:

- solicited \$1,000 grant from an alum to pay for outside guest speakers
- created a “friends of the anthropology department” email list that now has 40 names
- established and carried out The Anthropology Seminar Series:
 - April 23, 2008. Ken Brook. *Higher Education, the Scholarship of Engagement, and Applied Anthropology*. 20 attendees

- March 27, 2008. *Rebuilding New Orleans from the Grassroots: Reflections from MSU Alternative Spring Break 2008*. 25 attendees
- March 6, 2008. Elaine Gerber. *What can blindness teach us about race in America?* 15 attendees
- Feb 26, 2008 12 noon. Peter Siegel. *What Do We Mean by an Archaeological Culture? The Concept of “Taíno” in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean*. 12 attendees
- November 15, 2007, 3:15 pm: *New Patterns in a New Age: Gender, Globalization, and Networks in Rural Mexico*. Frances Rothstein, Professor of Anthropology, MSU 30 attendees
- October 18, 2007: *Anthropology and Counter-Insurgency*. Katherine McCaffrey, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, MSU. 30 attendees
- September 20, 2007: *Consuming Interest: Water, Rum and Coca Cola*. June Nash, Distinguished Professor Emerita, Department of Anthropology, City University of New York. Cohen Lounge. 30 attendees.
- established a course rotation guide for students, which appears on the department website as a link “When will my course be taught?”

http://chss2.montclair.edu/anthropology/when%20will%20my%20course%20be%20taught_2.htm

- established congratulations letter to graduating seniors. This letter is accompanied by a one-page questionnaire that is intended to help us keep in touch better with our graduates and encourages them to become members of the “friends of the department” email list.
- drafted and approved department by-laws – first time in more than 15 years
- carried out the Visiting Committee assignment that the previous chair had failed to conduct in the required year of AY 06–07
- drafted and approved a 12-13 credit graduate certificate program in community development. Met with community leaders for input into the program. Spoke at April 08 statewide meeting of New Jersey Community Development Association about the program.
- got approval for use of 3-ledger account from lab fees in ANTH101 for lab equipment and supplies
- hired two work-study students who assisted in maintaining department services during the maternity leave of our secretary that lasted from Nov 23, 2007 to Feb 1, 2008.
- set up an email list of “North New Jersey Anthropologists” for use in attempting to expand our seminars into a regional series; we might try to accomplish this in AY 08–09
- kept the office functioning at almost normal levels during the maternity leave of the department secretary.

IV. Other Department/Program Achievements and Endeavors:

See section III above.

V. Activities of Administrative Units within Departments [if applicable]:

The Anthropology Department maintains an informal and ad hoc relationship with the Center for Heritage and Archaeology. We provide the course ANTH 470, Archaeological Field Methods that constitutes the Summer Field School. This is being offered in Summer 08 by Dr. Peter Siegel. The Anthropology Department is covering the costs for this course including maps, new equipment and transportation.

VI. Faculty Achievements:

Kenneth Brook

A. Scholarship

Presented a lecture at the MSU Anthropology Seminar Series, “Higher Education, Scholarship of Engagement, and Applied Anthropology” April 24, 2008
Workshop: “Harnessing the Power of Engagement: Teaching as a Gateway to Scholarship” 2007 Service-Learning Faculty Fellows Winter Workshop.

B. Grants/Contracts/Awards

1. MSU Service-Learning Program was the recipient of the 2008 TIAA-CREF Hersburgh Award Certificate of Excellence for the MSU Service-Learning Faculty Fellows Program (I primarily drafted this program).
2. The MSU Service-Learning Program was the recipient of proclamations from the Montclair Board of Education and the form the Mayor’s Office in recognition of the successful ten year partnership between the MSU Service-Learning Program and the Montclair Board of Education. I was one of the creators of this partnerships and an active participant in this program over the past decade.

C. Professional Distinctions

1. Nominated by the Steering Committee of the Bringing Theory to Practice grant to be a co-director of the newly approved minor: “Leadership Development and Civic Engagement.”
2. Continued to serve as the Service-Learning Scholar in residence at the Center for Career Development and Community-based Learning.
3. Worked as an active member of the Curriculum Committee of the Bringing Theory to Practice grant and worked in collaboration with my colleagues to create and gain approval for a new minor: Leadership Development and Civic Engagement.
4. Approved to teach an interdisciplinary, team taught course in Spring 09: tentative title: “American Democracy and Civic Engagement.”

D. Service:

1. Member of the Steering Committee, Research Committee, Co-curricular Committee and Minor Development Committee of the Bringing Theory to Practice Grant.
2. Coordinator for Negotiations, Local 1904
3. University Committees
 - a. University Sabbatical Leave Committee (Union Representative)

- b. University Distinguished Scholar Committee (Union Representative)
 - c. General Education Committee
 - d. Experiential Education Committee
 - e. American Democracy Committee (appointed by the Provost)
 - f. Interdisciplinary Minor in Gerontology
4. CHSS Committees
- 1. Sheldon Pollack Lecture Committee
5. Department Committees
- 1. Curriculum
 - 2. Budget and Equipment
 - 3. Bigel Endowment Fund
 - 4. DPAC, Chair
 - 5. Undergraduate Adviser

Julie Farnum –

**A. Scholarship
Publications**

- 2007 Peer-Reviewed Article
Analysis of human remains: Trace element analysis. (Senior author with Mary K. Sandford). In Pearsall, Deborah (Ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Archaeology*. San Diego : Elsevier Inc.
- 2007 Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter
Skeletal biology of the central Peruvian coast: consequences of changing population density and progressive dependence on maize agriculture. (Coauthor with Ekaterina Pechenkina, Joseph Vradenburg, Robert Benfer). Chapter 2 in Cohen, Mark Nathan Cohen and Kramer, Gillian Crane (Eds.) *Ancient Health: Skeletal Indicators of Agricultural and Economic Intensification*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida.

Presentations

- 2008 Presentation of MSU Demonstration Grant to the Bringing Theory to Practice National Meeting, Washington DC. (Jan 24)

B. Grants

- 2007-2009 BTtoP Demonstration Grant Project Title: Expanding Capacity for Engaged Learning across Montclair State University: Building academic, personal, and civic development through a Service Leadership Program. Co-Investigator with Valerie Sessa, Rick Brown, Kenneth Brook, Todd Kelshaw, Courtney Hopkins, Bertha Diggs, Jaclyn Friedman-Lombardo, Bryan Murdock, and Dana Natale. Grant Amount: \$90,000.

D. Service to MSU

Anthropology Department Committees

Chair of the Anthropology Department Curriculum Committee

CHSS College Committees

Chair of the CHSS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

University Committees

Member of the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Member of the Experiential Education Committee

Member of the MSU Bringing Theory to Practice Steering Committee

Chair of MSU Bringing Theory to Practice – Leadership Development through Civic Engagement Curriculum Subcommittee

Richard W. Franke

Invited Presentations

Local planning: the Kerala experiment. Paper presented at the Left Forum panel on Real Utopia. New York: Cooper Union, 15 March 2008.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3N25DJstKQ&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icXjGdDur4s&feature=related>

<http://chss.montclair.edu/anthro/KeralaExperiment.pdf>

Teaching globalization and sustainability. Presentation to the Levin Institute, New York. 17 June 2008. With Barbara H. Chasin.

<http://globalization101.org/uploads/File/g101-conference-invitation.pdf>

Elaine Gerber

Kirchner, Corinne, Elaine Gerber, & Brooke Smith. “Designed to Deter: Community Barriers to Physical Activity for People with Visual or Motor Impairments”, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, Volume 34, Issue 4, Pages 349 – 352, 2008. Published online at: <http://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S0749379708000068>

“Ability Studies: U.S. Cultural Assumptions about Non-disabled Partners of Disabled Adults,” paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) annual meeting, Memphis, 2008. Part of organized session entitled, “Transcending Spheres: Disability Studies, Occupational Therapy and Anthropology Go Public.”

“What can Blindness Teach us about Race in the United States?” Presentation at Montclair State University, Department of Anthropology Seminar Series, March 13, 2008

Reviewer, *Social Science and Medicine*

Reviewer, *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*

Applied for “Teachers As Scholars” program (through Dean’s Office)

“A Disability Studies Perspective on Food Studies” abstract accepted for panel organized by the Society for Food & Nutrition (SAFN) at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) annual conference, November 2008.

B. Grants/Contracts/Awards

C. Professional Distinctions (Offices in professional organizations, etc.)

President, Society for Disability Studies

Liaison, Society for Applied Anthropology & Society for Disability Studies

D. Pro-bono Work, Community Outreach, Service to MSU

Service to MSU:

College “Distinguished Scholar Award” Committee

Departmental Budget & Equipment Committee

Departmental Lambda Alpha Honors Society, Faculty Advisor

Departmental Events Committee

Curriculum revision work: new course “Health & Healing: Cross-Cultural Perspectives” [ANTH180] was developed and approved (satisfies GER Non-western requirement)

Rhoda Halperin Annual Report Information 2008

PUBLICATIONS:

GUEST EDITOR (with Suzanne Scheld) YOUTH ENGAGE THE CITY AND GLOBAL CULTURE *City and Society*, American Anthropological Association Society for Urban, National, Transnation/Global Anthropology
2007 Volume XIX no. 2 pp. 169-253

Rhoda H. Halperin and Suzanne Scheld

2007 INTRODUCTION: Youth Engage the City and Global Culture. *City and Society*. 19(2).pp.169-178

Rhoda H. Halperin

2007 “The Political Economy of Mesoamerican States: An Economic Ethnographer’s View” pps 175-184 in *The Political Economy of Ancient Mesoamerica: Transformations during the Formative and Classic Periods*. Vernon Scarborough and John Clark, editors. University of New Mexico Press.

PRESENTATIONS:

Rhoda H. Halperin. “Urban School Displacement: The Resettlement of a Community School” Session Title: Crafting Policies for Development-caused Urban Displacement: Insights from the Field, Pt. I. SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY, Memphis, Tenn., March, 2008/

Rhoda H. Halperin “Urban Ways of Being Modern” Session Title: Theorizing Modernity in Appalachia. Appalachian Studies Association, Huntington, W.VA. March 2008 (paper sent for presentation)

SERVICE:

CENTER FOR HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES (CHAS) Steering Committee

Culture Through Film: Woodrow Wilson Teachers as Scholars Program, MSU, Oct. 2007

CULTURE, LAUGHTER AND SURVIVAL, Institute for the Humanities, Dec. 2007

Andrew Maxwell

Service:

Anthropology Department PAC
Anthropology Department Budget and Equipment Committee
Anthropology Department Curriculum Committee

Kathering McCaffrey

Publications:

“The Struggle for Environmental Justice in Vieques, Puerto Rico.” In David Carruthers, editor. *Environmental Justice in Latin America: Problems, Promise and Practice*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. March 2008.

“Social Struggle against the US Navy in Vieques, Puerto Rico: Two Movements in History” (reprint). In Kal and Olga Wagenheim, editors. *The Puerto Ricans: A Documentary History*. Princeton, NJ: Markus Wiener Publishers.

Presentations

“Fighting For a Future: Military Legacies and Grassroots Struggle in Vieques, Puerto Rico.” Plenary Panel, “War, Accountability and Impunity” at American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting. Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina April 3-5, 2008.

Service:

Editor of a new anthropology journal, *Anthropology Now*
Elected co-chair of the Environmental Section of the Latin American Studies Association
Led the Global Ed Summer Program in Guadalajara
Organized and led the New Orleans Alternative Spring Break Trip
Elected co-chair of the MSU Latin American and Latino Studies Program
Anthropology Department Seminar and Events Committee Chair
Anthropology Department Library Liaison
Anthropology Department PAC (for reappointments)

Fran Rothstein:

Scholarship:

2007 Globalization in Rural Mexico: Three Decades of Change. Austin: Texas.
University of Texas Press.
In press "Review of Wilson's Subsidizing Capitalism." Journal of the Royal
Anthropological Institute, June, 2008.

Professional Distinctions:

2007- 2010 Co-Chair, Commission on World Anthropologies (Appointed by the
President of the American Anthropological Association).
2005- 2007 Secretary, American Ethnological Society (Section of the American
Anthropological Association)

Pro Bono

Fall, 2007 Fulbright Scholar Peer Review Committee
April, 2008 CIES Peer Review Advisory Committee
Anthropology Department Events Committee
LALS Committee
Editorial Board, Critique of Anthropology

Peter E. Siegel

2007-2008 Accomplishments Relevant for Anthropology Annual Report

Articles and Book Chapters

Siegel, Peter E.

Submitted Evidence for a Pre-Arawak Pottery Horizon in the Antilles? *Latin American
Antiquity*.

Siegel, Peter E.

Submitted Competitive Polities and Territorial Expansion in the Caribbean. In *Islands in
the Stream: Interisland and Continental Interaction in the Caribbean*, edited by
L. Antonio Curet. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

Siegel, Peter E., Christophe Descantes, Jeffrey R. Ferguson, and Michael D. Glascock
In press Pre-Columbian Pottery in the West Indies: Compositional Change in
Context. *Journal of Caribbean Archaeology*

Siegel, Peter E.

- 2008 Contested Places and Places of Contest: The Evolution of Social Power and Ceremonial Space in Prehistoric Puerto Rico. In *An Archaeological Perspective on Ritual, Religion, and Ideology from American Antiquity and Latin American Antiquity*, anthology compiled by Gordon F.M. Rakita and Jane E. Buikstra, pp. 187-216. Society for American Archaeology. The SAA Press, Washington, D.C.
- Siegel, Peter E.
- 2007 Dynamic Dualism: A Structural Analysis of Circular Communities. *Proceedings of the International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology* 21(2):525-536. University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Roosevelt, Anna C., and Peter E. Siegel
- 2007 Irving Rouse (1913-2006). *American Anthropologist* 109:235-237.

Published Interviews

Toner, Mike

- 2008 Ghosts of the Taíno. *Archaeology* (published by the Archaeological Institute of America). 61 (2):50-53.
- 2007 Before and After Columbus. *American Archaeology* (published by The Archaeological Conservancy). 11(2):31-36.

Cultural Resource Management Reports

- 2007 Principal Archeologist/Project Manager, JMA
Espenshade, Christopher T., **Peter E. Siegel**, Johannes Loubser, and Hugh B. Matternes
Detailed Phase II Archaeological Testing and Data Recovery Planning, Site PO-29, Portugues Dam and Pool, Puerto Rico. Contract No. W912EP-04-D-0030. New South Associates, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Submitted to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. Copies available from the Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Siegel, Peter E.

- 2008 Ball Courts and Ceremonial Plazas in Pre-Columbian, Puerto Rico: Site PO-29 in Context. Paper to be presented at the meeting of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey, New Jersey Department of Transportation, Trenton. May 17, 2008.
- Siegel, Peter E.
- 2008 What do We Mean by an Archaeological Culture? The Concept of “Taíno” in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean. Paper presented in the symposium “The Taínos: Myth, Invention, or Reality?” organized by L. Antonio Curet, Daniel Torres-Etayo, and John G. Crock. 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia. March 26 – 30, 2008.
- Siegel, Peter E.
- 2007 Dual Organization, Circular Communities, and the Evolution of Caribbean Chiefdoms. Paper presented at the Ben Rouse’s Legacy Memorial Conference. Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University, New Haven. April 20 - 21, 2007. Sponsored by the Yale Department of Anthropology, the Council on

Archaeological Studies at Yale, the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, and the Yale Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Casile, Charlotte A., John G. Jones, and Peter E. Siegel

2008 Human Environmental Interaction in the Caribbean: Pollen as Key to Identifying Population Movements, Settlement and Agriculture. Poster presented at the Northwest Anthropological Conference, Victoria, British Columbia. April 23 - 26, 2008.

Jones, John G., Nicholas P. Dunning, and Peter E. Siegel

2008 A Palynological Perspective on Pre-Columbian Activities on Trinidad. Paper presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia. March 26 – 30, 2008.

Casile, Charlotte A., John G. Jones, Nicholas P. Dunning, and Peter E. Siegel

2008 Pre-Columbian Human/Environmental Interactions on Antigua, West Indies: Palynological Implications from a Sediment Core. Paper presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia. March 26 – 30, 2008.

Siegel, Peter E.

2007 Dual Organization and Circular Communities: Evidence from the Caribbean and North America. Paper presented at the meeting of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey, Monmouth University, West Long Branch. May 19, 2007.

SYMPOSIA

Invited discussant for “Mobility and Exchange from a Pan-Caribbean Perspective,” held at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, March 26 – 30, 2008, Vancouver, British Columbia. Organized by Corinne L. Hofman and Alistair J. Bright.

Invited discussant for “Recent Caribbean Collections Research at the Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University,” held at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 25 – April 29, 2007, Austin, Texas. Organized by Roger H. Colten.

Funded Grants

2008-2010 National Science Foundation, Archaeology Program. Senior Research Grant (BCS-0718819 renewal). Contacted by the NSF archaeology program director that the proposal was highly rated by both the archaeology and the geography and regional sciences programs and an award will be made by this summer. *Historical Ecology in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean*. (\$116,426.00).

2008-2009 National Geographic Society, Committee for Research and Exploration. Grant #8438-08. *Historical Ecology in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean*. (\$27,100.00).

2007-2009 National Science Foundation, Archaeology and Geography and Regional Science Programs. Senior Research Grant (BCS-0718819). *Historical Ecology in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean*. (\$90,726.00).

SOLICITED REVIEWS

- National Geographic Society, Committee for Research & Exploration: 2 proposals in Caribbean archaeology (1 Cuba, 1 in Grenadines)
- National Science Foundation: 1 proposal in Caribbean archaeology (Puerto Rico)
- University of Alabama Press: 1 book manuscript

Neeraj Vedwan

A. Scholarship

- 2008 Vedwan, N., Sajjad Ahmad, Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm, Kenneth Broad, David Letson, Guillermo Podesta. Institutional Evolution in Lake Okeechobee Management in Florida: Characteristics, Impacts, and Limitations *Water Resources Management* 22(6): 699-718
- 2007 Vedwan, N. Pesticides in Coca-Cola and Pepsi: Consumerism, Brand Image, and Public Interest in a Globalizing India. *Cultural Anthropology* 22(4): 659-684.
- 2007 Vedwan, N. Apple Growers' Associations in Northwestern India: Emergence, Success and Limitations in the Context of State-Society Interactions. *Human Organization* 67(1): 86-96.
- 2007 Vedwan, N. Water and Water Management: Water Management and Dams in the United States. *Encyclopedia of the Modern World*. Oxford University Press.
- 2007 Vedwan, N. Natural Resources: Overview. *Encyclopedia of the Modern World*. Oxford University Press.
- 2007 Vedwan, N (with Kirk Barrett). Auto-fuel fee proposal is lean, clean and green. *The Record*. July 13. Available online at: <http://tinyurl.com/28qw5h>

B. Grants/Contracts/Awards

- 2007 Elected Fellow of Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2007 Teaching Fellow of MSU Research Academy for University Learning

Service

Chair, Anthropology Department Bigel Fund Committee