



Geography- Anthropology

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Greetings from Geography-Anthropology

Dear Students & Friends,
Wishing you all a very happy and productive 2012! I take this opportunity to bring you up to speed with all the happenings around Geography-Anthropology (GYA) over the past year. We've had an exciting fall 2011 semester as we made the transition over to the Muskie School of Public Service in the College of Management and Human Service at USM.

Geography-Anthropology is the first undergraduate degree program within the Muskie School, which houses several graduate programs in allied fields. Moving to the Muskie School allows us more interdisciplinary collaborations, greater integration with graduate programs, and provides our students with many more learning

and research opportunities. You can learn more about the Muskie School at: muskie.usm.maine.edu
Our faculty have been actively engaged in research and teaching opportunities this past year and continue to collaborate closely with students on laboratory research, conference papers, and journal articles. Faculty members, Kreg Ettinger and Matthew Edney received sabbaticals for fall 2011 and spring 2012 respectively.

Students received research assistantships through NASA and NSF and were placed in internships across southern Maine and in *Study Abroad* programs. We look forward to many GYA students participating in the upcoming USM undergraduate student research

conference *Thinking Matters* this academic year.

Maggie Tinker continues to do a super job in the Geography-Anthropology office. We couldn't do without her efficiency and bright smile!

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics has placed Anthropology, Archaeology, Geography, & GIS among the 'faster than average' job growth areas in the coming years—great news for our students!

All of us look forward to working with you during a productive spring semester ahead! Please keep in touch and let us know how you are doing.

Best wishes,

Firooza Pavri
Chair, Geography-
Anthropology

From the Executive Director, Muskie School

It is a great pleasure for the Muskie School to now become the administrative home of the Department of Geography-Anthropology. As some of you know, we currently offer master's degrees in community planning and development, public health, and public policy and management. We believe that this relationship will strengthen both the Depart-

ment and the School and that it will lead to greater cooperation between the units and some new opportunities for students who, we anticipate, will be able to move from bachelor's degree work through master's degrees with greater ease and a shortened period of time.

Muskie brings with it numerous opportunities for student

research and public service engagement. It is our sincere hope that this marriage will be productive and positive for all of our students, faculty and staff!

Mark Lapping

Executive Director, Muskie
School



Matthew Bampton



Matthew Bampton is working on three research projects at present. He is working with Maine Medical Center's National Children's Study Center as part of a nationwide 21 year longitudinal study of children's health.

He has recently started a new project collaborating with scientists from Bates College, The University of Maine, and The University of Edinburgh looking at climate change and hu-

man response in the Shetland Islands, in the mid seventeenth century.

He continues to work on a project with six other University of Maine System campuses exploring the relationship between student's prior knowledge and the effectiveness of GIS teaching.

He is also working with colleagues in the Geography-Anthropology programme, and

the Muskie School of Public Service to develop USM's planned MS in Applied GIS.

Matthew Edney



Matthew Edney attended a symposium on early mapping at Oxford University in June, gave a paper at the International Conference on the History of Cartography in Moscow, Russia, in July (in a beautiful eighteenth-century mansion overlooking the Kremlin, albeit with very poor acoustics!), and gave two papers to a cartography symposium at Colonial Williamsburg in October. Several chapters and es-

says that have been hanging fire for several years have appeared this year, or are about to appear, including a study on the three printed maps of the Kennebec valley from 1753-55. One of his essays from 1993 has been reprinted in three collections this year: *Classics in Cartography*; *The Map Reader*; and *Human Geography*. Among the eighty papers in the last collection, it is one of just three on cartography. At USM, the

number of his guest classes within the Osher Map Library in Fall 2011 has reached an all time high of 11 sessions, ranging from Art to Community Planning and Development. After long negotiations the University of Chicago Press has put the first two volumes of *The History of Cartography* online for free access: www.press.uchicago.edu/books/HOC/

Kreg Ettenger



Kreg Ettenger has been continuing his research and scholarship on tourism, community development and related issues during 2011. He is on sabbatical during the fall semester, working on several articles that report on his tourism research with the Cree of Quebec. He has also been working with other USM faculty and administrators to develop a new interdisciplinary B.A. in Tourism and Hospitality. This degree,

which if approved could begin admitting students as early as Fall of 2012, will draw upon courses in anthropology, geography, and other disciplines to provide USM students with a broad knowledge of tourism as an industry and a force of global change. The degree responds to industry needs for highly-trained hospitality graduates, and will also prepare students to transform the face of tourism in Maine to meet

the growing interest in sustainable, culturally authentic, and socially responsible travel experiences. On a personal note, in June Kreg married Monique LaRocque, USM's Executive Director of Academic Outreach, while in Orkney, Scotland. They live in an 1850 farmhouse in Buxton with two dogs, a cat, and an undetermined number of mice in the walls.

Nathan Hamilton



Nathan has been busy teaching courses and working in the field at the Isles of Shoals along with other research projects.

For spring 2012, Nathan is teaching Introduction to Archaeology, African American Archaeology (as a joint undergraduate/graduate level course with the American and New England Studies program at USM) and an Entry Level Experience course on Sustainabil-

ity to the first year freshmen class at USM.

During summer 2011 he took a group of students from USM and Cornell to spend time at the Isles of Shoals on an archaeological dig project. Nathan also accompanied a large group of students to the Society of American Archaeology conference in Sacramento where he presented his research.

Nathan's archaeology lab continues to be a hub of activity with many students working with him on sorting, analyzing and archiving materials in the lab. He looks forward to a productive year ahead engaging students in the field and in his lab and continuing his research and teaching projects.

Firooza Pavri



Firooza had a busy 2011 with teaching, research projects, and chairing the department. She has a couple of journal articles forthcoming on research focused on Maine and India.

Completing her book project on global wetland environments with her co-authors continues to take up most of her spare time.

Firooza's research on monitoring land use and cover change

across the Sebago Lake watershed with colleagues from the University of Maine and USM students is ongoing. The results of this analysis will be presented at the Association of American Geographers conference & the Maine Water Conference during spring 2012.

Over 2010-11, Firooza travelled to Singapore for a NSF faculty workshop to foster international teaching collaborations and to Latvia, Estonia

and Rome Italy, where she tried out her (very) rudimentary Italian.

She continues to travel to India annually and hopes to start a new research project focusing on the environmental and social ramifications of urban expansion across the city of Mumbai (Bombay).

Lydia Savage



Lydia is enjoying being back in the classroom full-time after many years of serving as department chair. She took a year long sabbatical in 2009-2010 and drove coast to coast and back again with her dog, Kazuo, stopping along the way to see as many friends and national parks as possible (Greg made the trip from West to East). She also traveled to Japan to visit long-time friends from when she lived and

worked near Kyoto, practiced her very rusty Japanese, and enjoyed good food and drink.

Lydia is developing new courses and is offering GEO 455: Gender, Race and Class in the City in the spring of 2012 and is hoping to offer another new 200-level course called "Making a Living: Workers in a Global Economy" in the fall of 2012. She is also collaborating with Luis Aguiar, sociologist

from UBC, on an edited volume examining the labor movement through a focus on the Service Employees International Union.

On the homefront, she is looking forward to a Maine winter of snowshoeing and x-country skiing, trips back to her native Northern California to see family, and planning her dream vegetable garden for her plot in a community garden in Portland.

Student Success



Students at the GYA office, Bailey Hall

GYA students continue to excel in several notable ways. Our recent graduates, including Jennifer Johnson and Linda Rideout, went on to graduate programs.

The 2011-12 Frank Hodges Scholarship was awarded to Paul Bourget. Paul also received a year-long NASA fellowship and will focus on examining land use change across the Sebago watershed.

12 GYA students presented their research through posters or oral presentations at

Thinking Matters 2011, the undergraduate student conference at USM. These presentations were based on work they completed in courses or on research projects in collaboration with faculty mentors. Abraham Dailey and Leonora Begin also presented posters at the Maine Water Conference in March 2011. And, a group of students along with Nathan Hamilton attended and presented at the Society of American Archaeology conference in Sacramento CA.

This past year, students

honed their academic skills while interning at the Maine State Museum, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the Preble Resource Center, and the Brunswick Historical Society among other venues. Julia Integlia and Mike Gammon just returned from spending semesters studying abroad in Italy and New Zealand.

Abby Mann (past president of the GYA student organization) organized several successful student events during 2010-11.



Students learning from Cree guides



Nathan in the Archaeology Lab



Students entering data in the field

Our 2011 Graduates

Congratulations to our graduates!

The following students graduated with a B.A. in Geography-Anthropology during spring 2011:

Dorothy Barker
Graham Blanchette
Carter Cates
Ian Clark
Heather Froshour

Kaitlyn Hamilton
Gabrielle Heggeman
William Herr, Jr.
Skye Hinkley
Katie Jannelle
Jennifer Johnson
Mica Jones
Meagan Kindlemann
Samantha Linnell
Edward Mattson

Stephen McLeod
Daniel O'Connell
Fabiola Valdez
Brett Pierce
Linda Rideout
Scott Thurston
Tricia Tomlinson
Hayato Wakatsuki
Hask Wiar

Emeritus Faculty News

Judy Tizon, Emerita Professor of Anthropology, will soon be traveling to Peru and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her second grandchild. She also spent some time in New Orleans recently where she met with Dave Davis, former Dean, Provost and GYA professor of Archaeology.

Since her retirement, Dinah Crader, Emerita Professor of Anthropology, has been busy. She volunteers at Maine Medical Center in the Elder

Life Program, working with patients to prevent the onset of delirium. She has traveled to Italy, England, and the Galapagos Islands, where she “walked in Darwin’s footsteps”, swam with marine iguanas and marveled at blue-footed boobies and giant tortoises. She still loves her bones and enjoys research in the Zooarchaeology Lab. She recently analyzed the Etruscan fauna from Capalbiaccio, assisted by former department major Mica Jones, and she wrote a book chapter

summarizing her faunal work on this Italian site to be published in an edited volume. She presented a paper at the 2010 AAA meetings (co-authored with husband Bob Johnson), in a session honoring the well-known Native American linguist, Willard Walker. When not involved in these projects, you can find her in yoga class or working on other writing projects, including a non-fiction work on generations of women in her family.



Maggie Tinker with Kazuo

Updates from the GIS Lab

Thea Youngs is the new Laboratory Operations Manager in the GIS Lab. Thea was an Island Institute GIS Fellow working to establish GIS capacity for the newly formed town of Chebeague Island, Maine. She is currently a master’s candidate in the Muskie School’s Community Planning and Development program and a welcome addition to our staff.

Lab Director, Vinton Valentine, provided support to the Maine Technology Learning Initiative (MLTI) laptop program, which is part of a NSF funded joint University of Maine Machias-USM project to develop a collaborative model for geospatial technology education in a rural region. For this, the GIS Lab co-hosted a webinar and a hands-on workshop for grade

6-12 educators and technology integrators.

The GIS Lab also received a set of new high-end workstations to support teaching and research through the Muskie School’s technology fund. The Lab continues to support GIS teaching in courses across campus through tailored GIS modules. Do visit them in 302 Bailey or www.usm.edu/gis

The Certificate in Applied GIS was awarded to 8 students this past year and currently an additional 45 students are enrolled in the Certificate.

Geography-Anthropology Student Association

The Geography-Anthropology Student Association (GASA), is an organization dedicated to expanding the horizons of students in Geography & Anthropology related fields. We like to get students interested in community pro-

jects and events. Some of these events include our very popular annual spring-time Knap-In, where we bring in locals who teach us about the art of making stone tools. During 2011, a large contingent of students travelled to the Society of

American Archaeology conference in Sacramento CA. We will be organizing the Knap-In & faculty talks during spring 2012—look forward to seeing you there!

Jillian Holmberg
President, GASA



Students on the James River in Quebec, Canada

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Geography-Anthropology programs

We offer the following degree programs, minors and certificates in the department:

- BA in Geography-Anthropology (Anthropology concentration)
- BA in Geography-Anthropology (Geography concentration)
- Minor in Anthropology
- Minor in Applied Geography—Planning
- Minor in Archaeology
- Minor in Geography
- Certificate in Applied Geographic Information Systems

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