What's News?

This is the third edition of the NYUer, the AGSA's not-quite-annual newsletter, written to keep the Anthropology graduate community up to date on the various comings and goings and accomplishments of our colleagues. Keep us up to date with what you're up to -- drop a note in the AGSA box so we'll be sure to get you into future editions of the NYUer.

The AGSA has had an active year. Graduate students and special guests have presented their work in weekly "brown bag" forums that have allowed students to become more closely acquainted with each other's work. Faculty members have also participated, presenting their work in an informal "brown bag" setting. In addition, the AGSA sponsored two parties, the first in January and the second in March. And we finally got the long-awaited student directory in the mail. If you didn't receive a copy, stop by the office to pick one up. An updated version will come out next year.

AGSA t-shirts, with an appropriate "non-Western" motif, went on sale in January. If you missed yours, let us know. A second order could be arranged for next year.

The facilities in room 213 are continually being upgraded to better serve our needs. The recently resurrected coffee pot is 213's latest innovation. Computer facilities in 213 now include a laser jet printer hooked up to an IBM with both 3-1/2" and 5-1/4" drives. Sign-up sheets for computer use are in room 213. Books by our faculty are on permanent display and available for reading (though they're not to be taken out of 213), and the following journals are available for perusal: American Journal of Physical Anthropology, American Ethnologist, Current Anthropologist, and Anthropology Today. In addition, Public Culture, American Antiquity, The Commission on Visual Anthropology Newsletter and The Society for Visual Anthropology Newsletter will be available soon.

Thanks to Scott Maurer, Robert Moise, Beth Epstein and Nancy Brighton for their service to the AGSA this year. Volunteers are always needed to get AGSA events off the ground. Any and all participation is greatly appreciated!

"I think globally, but I spend locally."
Grants and Awards

Jean Howson and Hannah Davis have received Dean's Dissertation Fellowships for '90-'91. Jennifer Gates has secured a 4-year Javits Fellowship awarded by the US Department of Education. Nancy Sullivan and Janet Romanowicz are recipients of Graduate Research Fellowships from NSF. Hildi Hendrickson is the recipient of a James Arthur Fellowship. Helle Goldman won the Esther DeBerg Kahn Award from the NYU Alumnae Club in recognition of outstanding work in anthropology. Susan Terrio has received a Chateaubriand Award from the French Government for dissertation research in France. Anne Pike Tay was the recipient of the James C. Healy Award for the most outstanding dissertation in the Social Sciences.

Papers and Conferences

Lots of NYUers attended the American Anthropological Association meetings in Washington, DC in November. Ethnographic film students presented the panel "Not Necessarily Ethnographic Film: Recent Concerns in Visual Anthropology" with Faye Ginsburg introducing:

Meg Molagen -- Constructing America; Middletown, 'Seventeen,' and the Politics of Representation;

Nina Mandel -- Imaging Vietnam: How a Country Became an Event;

Annette Wong -- Popular Culture: Representations of the Other: The Public, the Media, and Trickel-Down Anthropology;

Ilana Abramovitch (Performance Studies) -- Through a Woman's Lens: Two Women Ethnographic Filmmakers

Diane Scheinman -- Videodisc Technology and the Design and Use of an Ethnographic Film Archive.

Beth Epstein -- Methodologies that Speak: The Politics of Representation.

Elizabeth Weatherford (Museum of the American Indian) and Steve Feld (University of Texas) were discussants.

Barbara Bianco organized a panel on "Women’s Things: Contested Identities in Sub-Saharan Africa" including the following papers by NYU students:

Barbara Bianco -- Pokot Women’s Belts;
Elisha Renne -- Women, Water and White Cloth;

Hildi Hendrickson -- The Significance of the Ova Herero "Long" Dress.

Hannah Davis presented a paper entitled "The Dialectics of Shame in a Moroccan Town" on a panel on "Gender, Reflexivity, and Cross-Cultural Comparison."

Susan Gilbert participated in a panel organized by the Society for Visual Anthropology on "Anthropological Research and Archival Film."

John Krigbaum presented his paper "The Skeletal Remains from the Boucher Site" on a panel on "Current Research in Vermont Archaeology" at the Northeastern Anthropological Association Meetings in Burlington, VT. Also presenting at the NEAAA was Hildi Hendrickson with her paper "Symbolic Interpretation in a Plural Society: The Ova Herero Troop Ceremonies in Historical Perspectives" on a panel entitled "Representations of the Other in Film and Ethnography in Southern Africa."

Joan Garay presented "Phytoestrogens and the Evolutionary Significance of Menstruation" and Bill Sanders presented "Weight Transmission through the Lumbar Vertebrae and Sacrum in Australopithecines" at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Meetings in April.

Diane Dallal presented her paper "Pipeline to the Past: Smoking Paraphernalia and New York History" at the New York State Archaeological Association Meetings in Sparrowbush, NY.
Tina Kalkstein will be hosting a symposium of student papers on the "Social Ecology of Non-Human Primates" at the upcoming American Psychological Society meetings in Dallas, TX. She will present her paper entitled "Sexual Swellings & Affiliative Sexual Behaviors of the Stump tail Macaque." Bonnie Cole will present two papers this summer. The first is "Biochemical Evidence for Multiple Species in the Mus minutoides Complex" at the American Association of Mammalogists Meetings. The second is "Levels of Genetic Variation in South American and East African Muroids" at the American Institute of Biological Sciences in Richmond, VA. Cynthia Kirby will present her paper "The Concept of Kindergarten for Nursery-Reared Chimpanzees in a Biomedical Research Facility" at the American Society of Primatologists Meetings in July. Nora Muntanola will be presenting her paper "La Nacional: A Place Like Home" at the Congreso de Antropologia del Estado Espanol in Granada, Spain in December 1990.

Anthropology Journal

Marjorie Ingle and Kathy Erhardt, coeditors of the NYU Journal of Anthropology are looking for papers, abstracts and book or film reviews for publication. Contact either Marjorie or Kathy if you have something to submit. They can be found on the third floor, 25 Waverly Place, or through the Department Office.

Publications

Holly Hemmalin's paper "Observations of Parturition Among Captive Patas Monkeys" was published in American Journal of Primatology.

Degrees

Congratulations to the following recipients of degrees in 1989:

Anne Pike Tay -- Ph.D.
Jean Howson -- M. Phil.
Ian Burnett -- M.A.
Linda Garofani -- M.A.
Rose Garvin -- M.A.
Ann Guida -- M.A.
John Krigbaum -- M.A.
Margaret McAllan -- M.A.
Lynn Pietak -- M.A.
Jane Rudd -- M.A.
Cynthia Turner -- M.A.

Film Notes

Jonathan Stack's film "One Generation More" was presented at the Margaret Mead Film Festival in New York City in December, and at the NEAA meetings in Burlington, VT in March. Beth Epstein's video "Pannie" was also screened at the NEAA meetings in Vermont. Meg McAllan recently returned from a trip to India where she shot footage for her video-in-progress on Tibetan refugees.

Babies, babies

Emmett to Mark Ingram, Samantha to Faye Ginsburg and Fred Myers, Fabian to Hazel Saigo, Julie to Heidi Knecht, Aaron to Jonathan Stack, and Ariel to Jean DeRousseau.
Looking to the Future

Chris Wallen, Tim Newman, Nancy Brighton, Sarah Teitler, Peg Marten and Tony Rossi will be heading up the AGSA next year. Direct your inspired ideas, suggestions, complaints or offers of assistance towards them, or drop a note in the AGSA box on the second floor. All volunteers are most welcome. Put your eclectic talents to work for the AGSA!

The AGSA will be continuing its tradition of welcoming new students on the first day of registration in the fall. Please drop by Room 213 on September 4th for bagels and coffee -- to meet new students, catch up with old friends, and help the new class find its way around Washington Square.