

# ANTHROPOLOGY AT ALABAMA

Newsletter of the University of Alabama Department of Anthropology  
College of Arts and Sciences

## NEW FACULTY!



David Carballo

We are delighted to announce that two new faculty members, David Carballo and Christopher Lynn, will be joining the Department in the fall of this year.

David Carballo is a Mesoamerican archaeologist who will contribute to the Department's specialization in the complex societies of the Americas. David earned his PhD at the University of California-Los Angeles and currently teaches at Penn State University. He has participated in several major

archaeological projects in Mexico, including the Teotihuacan Moon Pyramid project. He now directs his own project on Formative period sites in Tlaxcala.



Christopher Lynn  
(photo credit: Lux Lynn)

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## JIM BINDON RETIRES



Jim Bindon with granddaughter Mia

Professor Jim Bindon has retired after 30 years of distinguished teaching and scholarship in our department. Jim joined the department in 1978 as the first biological anthropologist outside of osteology, broadening and deepening the department's teaching and scholarship in human biology.

Jim has been honored multiple times by the college and university for his teaching and leadership, including as a College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Board Fellow 2002-2005, recipient of the UA Alumni Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award in 2004, and serving as McNair Scholars Program Faculty Fellow 2005-2006. He also served as Chair of the Anthropology Department from 1993-1998.

A doctoral student of Paul Baker at Penn State University, Jim has since been involved in a wide array of research projects concerning human adaptability, social and cultural change, and chronic disease risk. Jim was a member of the Samoan Studies Project, a foundational multidisciplinary study regarding modernization and health, and his work with Samoans and Samoan Americans has examined feeding practices, infant/child growth and development, body morphology, aging and diabetes from an integrative biocultural and population perspective. Jim also has undertaken biocultural research on diabetes among the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi, and on blood pressure and cardiovascular disease risk in Alabama and Hawaii. He has contributed to the discipline through multiple executive, program, editorial, and nominations committee positions with the American Anthropological Association (including the Biological Anthropology Section and Council on Nutritional Anthropology), the Human Biology Association, and the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.

Jim remains affiliated with the department as Professor Emeritus, and continues to teach Race, Ethnicity, and Human Variation, a course he developed that is a perennial favorite with our undergraduates. We will miss his daily presence, and wish him well in retirement!

## ERICA GIBSON BEGINS FACULTY POSITION AT USC



Erica Gibson (PhD, 2007) has become the first of our young doctoral program's graduates to enter a tenure-track faculty position. Following a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Florida's Comprehensive Center for Pain Research, she joined the Department of Anthropology and the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the University of South Carolina as an Assistant Professor in Fall 2008. This summer she is starting a biocultural research project in Veracruz, MX and Columbia, SC comparing perinatal care experiences of Latina women from a sending and receiving community. Dr. Gibson also received the Carlisle Award in Women's Studies in support of her research.

# NEW FACULTY

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David brings valuable expertise in GIS analysis of regional settlements and household archaeology. His spouse, Jennifer Carballo, is also a Latin American Archaeologist and will be stepping in immediately to teach our four-field introductory anthropology course during the coming academic year. They have a one-year-old son, Anthony.

Christopher Lynn joins our faculty as a biological anthropologist who will contribute to the Department's emphasis in biocultural medical anthropology. Chris is currently a PhD candidate at SUNY-Albany where his dissertation research is on the relationship between glossolalia ("speaking in tongues") and biological stress responses among New York apostolic Pentecostals. More generally, his research focus is on biological stress response, signaling theory, and energetics. Chris has taught at SUNY-Albany, Marist College (NY), SUNY-New Paltz, and Montclair State University (NJ). He is joined by his wife, Loretta Lynn, and his five-year-old triplets: Lux, Jagger, and Bailey.

Anthro friends, students, and faculty join in extending a warm welcome to these scholars and their families as they make their homes in Tuscaloosa.

## STUDENTS WIN ACCOLADES

We are proud of our award winning students at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

**Claire Thompson** was awarded the David and Elizabeth DeJarnette Endowed Scholarship, for her research on domestic areas and social status at the Moundville site.

**Rebecca Diehl** won the C. Earle Smith Award for undergraduate excellence in anthropology.

**Rachel Cunningham** was awarded second place in the UA Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Conference. Mentored by Dr. Keith Jacobi, her poster was entitled "Evidence of Skeletal Trauma Due to Warfare and Subsistence Strategies in Archaic and Mississippian Populations of Alabama."

Congratulations to all three for their outstanding work!



Claire Thompson



Rebecca Diehl



Rachel Cunningham

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We resume an occasional series on the recent activities of graduates from our MA program. In this issue, we feature graduates who received PhDs from other universities within the past 5 years.

**Rob Beck** (MA 1997) received his PhD in 2004 at Northwestern, and has recently accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Michigan.

**Duke Beasley** (MA 1998) completed his PhD in 2008 at Northwestern, and is Archaeologist at GeoMarine based in Plano, TX.

**Tony Boudreaux** (MA 1997) received his PhD from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 2005. He has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Anthropology at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

**Jessica Edwards** (MA 2000) received her PhD in Maternal and Child Health from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health in 2004. She is Associate Research Scientist at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation.

**Mike Haller** (MA 1999) completed his PhD at the University of Pittsburgh in 2004. He is presently Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

**Scott Hammerstedt** (MA 1995) completed his PhD at Penn State in 2005. He is now Archaeologist with the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey.

**Charlan Kroelinger** (MA 1997) completed her PhD in Epidemiology at University of South Florida's School of Public Health in 2005. She has just accepted a position as Lead Senior Scientist for the Maternal-Child Health Epidemiology Team, Division of Reproductive Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Robert Lusteck** (MA 2002) received his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 2008. He is presently Faculty Fellow for Environmental Studies at Rhodes College, Memphis, TN.

**Jon Marcoux** (MA 2000) completed his PhD at UNC-Chapel Hill 2008. He is Project Manager at the Charleston area office of Brockington and Associates.

**Janelle Meyers Menard** (MA 1998) completed her PhD at University of South Florida in 2008. She is now a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Miami's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

**David Morgan** (MA 1995) received his PhD from Tulane University in 2003. He presently serves as Archaeology and Collections Program Chief, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, National Park Service.

**Karla Wesley** (MA 1998) completed her PhD in Geography at UC-Davis in 2004. She is now Manager of the Volunteer Program for Australian Volunteers International, Melbourne, Australia.

Congratulations to all for their accomplishments!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

We humbly invite you to consider making a tax-free donation to one of the following initiatives:

***The Anthropology Field School Gift Fund*** goes to the support of our undergraduate field schools in archaeology. Our field schools receive no budget from the University, and depend heavily on these gifts for supplies and operating expenses. Our most recent major purchase from this fund was a work truck that has proven invaluable to faculty and graduate student research. Our annual field schools for undergraduates date back to 1956. Traditionally they are among the most memorable experiences of our alumni.

***The Anthropology Lectureship Fund*** goes to support distinguished guest speakers from outside the University. We try to have at least four guest speakers per year. These speakers greatly enrich our undergraduate and graduate programs by exposing our students to prominent ideas by the leading lights in our discipline.

***The David and Elizabeth DeJarnette Endowed Scholarship in Anthropology*** is awarded to support graduate student research on Moundville or Moundville-related topics. Each spring, the award is made during the popular DeJarnette Barbecue, held at Moundville Archaeological Park during the Saturday of Honors Week. Since it was founded in 1993 by Sarah and James Caldwell, the endowment has steadily grown. In recent years our DeJarnette Scholars have received awards of as much as \$6,000.

***The Richard A. Krause Award*** is given for academic excellence at the graduate level in anthropology. The recipient of this annual award is chosen by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department based on classroom performance and the promise of the student's proposed thesis or dissertation research project.

***The C. Earle Smith Award*** is given for academic excellence at the undergraduate level in anthropology. The annual award goes to the graduating senior in anthropology having the highest overall grade point average. Names of former "Smitty" award winners are prominently displayed on a plaque in the Department.

***The Bob Work Award*** is a graduate student paper competition with a monetary prize of \$100. Each January, archaeology graduate students submit papers for review by a faculty committee. The winner receives recognition during Honors Week.

Checks directed to any of these initiatives should be made out to the UA College of Arts and Sciences and mailed to the Department at Box 870210, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487. If you would like to discuss a contribution, please contact Jim Knight, Director of Departmental Development.