In the Spotlight...

Congratulations to:
Rayed Khedher
We are proud of our recent graduated student for his achievements on Best Graduate Thesis and being listed on the Dean’s List. His research focused on the issue of clandestine migration from Tunisia to Italy though an ethnographic study of the Hay Etadhamen townships located on the outskirts of Tunis. Rayed sets a remarkable example to other students of CSULB. We look forward to his continued success.

Alumni Corner

Letter from the NEW Chairperson
Dr. Barbara LeMaster

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, and Alumni,

Welcome back to the CSULB Department of Anthropology. We are looking forward to a year filled with opportunities for research, collaborations, new learning experiences, stimulating guest lectures, special events, workshops, faculty/student/staff/alumni mixers, and much more. Be sure to check out our “Save the Date” section of this newsletter. I hope you will all welcome our new Staff Support Coordinator, Ms. Donna Reese, in FO3-305.

Also new in our department is our Film and Anthropology course, a visual anthropology lab, and our search for a new faculty member in Visual Anthropology. We hope to bring our prospective new faculty to campus for interviews early Spring ’08. Dr. Scott Wilson is Chairing our search committee, and can keep you updated as there are opportunities for you to meet candidates (swilson4@csulb.edu). Applied anthropology continues to be strong at CSULB as we focus on medical, community, and educational research. Our newest hire is Dr. Ron Loewer, an applied medical anthropologist.

I am looking forward to a great year with all of you.

Warm Greetings to Students for the Fall Semester 2007

Dr. Jayne Howell serves the department as Undergraduate Advisor. Her advising hours will be on Tuesdays from 12:30 - 2:30pm, three or four more posted hours at different times, and by appointment. The hours may be posted monthly. Undergraduate Anthropology majors and minors (and prospective majors and minors) can sign up for half-hour appointments on a clipboard near her office.

Dr. Karen Quintalini serves the department as Graduate Advisor. Her advising hours are on Tuesdays from 12:00pm to 1:40 and Wednesdays from 4:40pm to 6:00pm, and by appointment. Graduate Anthropology students can sign up for 20 minute appointments on a clipboard near her office.
New Visual Anthropology Lab
Submitted by Dr. R. Scott Wilson:

103-320 is now the home of the department’s new visual anthropology lab. Six workstations – three PCs and three cross-platform iMacs – are available for student use in digital video and sound editing, as well as ethnographic data analysis. In addition, anthropology students can now check out cameras, harnesses and professional sound equipment for class and research purposes. We look forward to finding a permanent home for the visual lab in the 2008-2009 academic year.

Visual Ethnography Hire
Submitted by Dr. R. Scott Wilson:

The department is currently conducting a search that will culminate in the hiring of a visual ethnographer to start in the Fall semester of 2008. The person to assume this position will help strengthen visual anthropology as an emphasis in the department. Our aim is to provide both graduate and undergraduate students with training in ethnographic film, as well as in how to approach ethnographic research visually. As a result, the new hire will have a large hand in developing new courses in the sub-fields of visual and multi-media ethnography.

Introducing NEW faculty member and staff:
Submitted by each:

Dr. Ron Loewe,  
Associate Professor

He received a Ph.D in anthropology from the University of Chicago in 1995. His articles have appeared in the Journal of American Folklore, the American Anthropologist, Social Science and Medicine, the Journal of Anthropological Research, Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry, and a number of other publications. His primary research interests include medical anthropology, Maya language and culture, and politics. He is currently working on a book entitled Making Mayas into Mestizos: Nationalism, Identity, and Power at the Mexican Periphery, as well as a study of civil rights tourism in Mississippi.

Donna Reese,  
Administrative Support Coordinator

Donna Reese has been on this campus about 10 years. She started working here in Dr. Paul A. Bott’s Center for Career Studies. She then moved to the Foundation in Grants and Contracts management. She was next employed by the Philosophy Department and was administrative support there for 5 years. She took an opportunity in the Academic Senate office last year, but had some health issues arise. Upon returning, she was lucky enough to find a niche here in the Anthropology Department and is grateful to be here. She looks forward to meeting all of the faculty and students of the Anthropology Department.

ANTHROQUEST @ The Beach!
Adventure Stories, Research Experience, Discoveries, etc.

Long Masters an Intensive-Language-Learning Program

This year the CSU system was given money by the NSA to encourage the learning and mastering of four target languages: Persian, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, and Korean. This program requires a two-year commitment by the participants and is all expenses paid. The first summer is spent in intensive language learning on the campus. The participants must agree to only speak the target language. The following school year is spent in a maintenance phase, and the second summer is spent in the target country, where the students will take morning language classes and in the afternoon, work with a company doing an internship that pertains to the individual’s major. I was chosen as one of 12 participants in the Mandarin Chinese program of CSULB, and I can say with certainty that in the first phase of this program I am excited and just plain tired.

Krystal Long,  
Applied Anthropology, 2nd-year Grad