



Culture Inscribed

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Emerging Leaders Retreat

By Juanita Rivas (New Board Member)

The Emerging Leaders Retreat began on Friday October 22nd and ended on Sunday October 24th. While attending the retreat, all of us were faced with the physical and mental task of completing the ropes course here on campus. The main goal of completing the ropes course was to have all the people in the group work together and trust one another regardless of their cultural background; the fun part being that we were all for the most part strangers. By doing this, we learned to work with others and to bring out each individuals best quality in order to complete the ropes course successfully. During the actual workshops at Bass Lake, I learned many valuable lessons about leadership. The central theme was that leaders are risk-takers; in order to succeed, a person must sometimes step out of her 'comfort zone'. Overall, it was a great experience and I encourage all students to apply for the next Emerging Leaders Retreat in 2005.

AnthroClub Minutes

By Crystal Alvarez

The last meeting of the semester was held on Tuesday (11/30) from 5-6pm. Jim provided a variety of sugar-based confections for the participants! We will be helping welcome newly arrived Hmong immigrants at the **"Welcome to America" party at Stone Soup, on December 18**. All are welcome!

Also, the **"Vagina Monologues"** will be coming to Fresno State the 3rd weekend of February. Auditions will be this coming Monday and Tuesday (12/6-7).

Finally, all members of the Anthropology club need to bring Morghan Young a picture and a favorite quote to the Anthropology Party.

COME TO THE HOLIDAY STUDENT RECEPTION AND MEET NEW PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CSUF ANTHROPOLOGY!!!

This is a great time to join the AnthroClub. If interested talk to any of us or attend the party.

The Zapatistas of Chiapas in Emic Relief

By Gilberto Lopez

On Monday, November 22nd M.E.Ch.A sponsored a presentation by Alex Hawkins. The presentation, named Chiapas Media Project, was a series of two films that were made by the Zapatista movement in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. The purpose of the project is to let the indigenous people tell their own story by being involved in the whole production process, from filming to editing to the distribution of the films. Alex Hawkins is a documentary film producer who along with a number of Mexican organizations decided to begin this project. This has allowed the world to see the Zapatista movement through the eyes of the Zapatistas themselves. The first film focused on the Zapatistas new political organization and describes how their new government is to function. This is a local government that claims self-rule within the country of Mexico. The second film depicted the ecological landscape of the indigenous people of Chiapas and primarily focused on the issue of water. The Zapatistas decided that they wanted to build their own water project without the help of the Mexican government due to fear of the government one day asking for something in return. The two films contextualized the lack of trust that the people of Chiapas have towards the Mexican government and how their independence is growing through efforts to attain self-sufficiency

AnthroGeek

Student: Hey AnthroGeek, why did the anthropologist cross the road?

AnthroGeek: To gain an "emic" (or insider's) perspective of what it is like to be a chicken.

Image in print version only

**--Local AnthroNews --
Morghan Young Presents at
National Conference**

Morghan Young (anthropology major and AnthroClub board member) presented a poster of her ethnographic research on Latina daughters of non-migrant Central Valley farmers at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association's Council on Anthropology and Education in San Francisco last month. The session was well attended and Morghan met a variety of 'notables' in her area of specialization. This will certainly assist her in her objective to start a PhD next year.

Graduate School Panel

The graduate school panel (held 11/16) was a great success. Around 20 anthropology students and recent graduates gathered to discuss where and how to apply to graduate programs. We are grateful to the members of the faculty who donated their time and advice to make this possible: Roger LaJeunesse, Henry Delcore, Charles Ettner, Ellen Gruenbaum, James Mullooly and John Pryor.

Progressive Potluck and Documentary

Network with campus and local organizations. Socialize with old and new friends, enjoy both vegetarian and meat dishes, relax and celebrate a successful semester of activism, take pleasure in a short documentary, and more.

WHEN: Thursday December 2, 5:30pm-7:00pm

WHERE: USU 317

Bring minimal organizational material for the door-side info table and bring food or beverage.

For more information, contact Morghan at 917-7788 or morghanyoung@csufresno.edu

Sponsored by Buddhist Students for Peace Through Dialogue and People Organized for Women's Empowerment & Representation.

Anthropological Terms of Interest

Cultural anthropologists describe **rites of intensification** as opportunities for members of a culture to strengthen the bonds that hold them together or reaffirm processes germane to their survival (e.g., the Roman Catholic rite of confirmation, the annual anthropology student reception).

ANTHROPOLOGY HOLIDAY PARTY



**The Department of Anthropology
would like you to join us for our
Annual End-of-the-Semester
Student Reception**

**All are welcome, particularly
Anthropology majors, minors
and those considering a degree
in Anthropology.**

DATE: Tuesday, 12/7

TIME: 3:00-5:00pm

WHERE: Peters, Room 390

**An abundance of holiday
treats will be available**

**Announcing the New
Mentoring Program**

**We are launching our Student
Mentoring Program at this year's
Reception**

**Meet fellow students, faculty,
graduates and others doing
anthropology on and around
campus as we achieve our
community of practice through this
annual
Rite of Intensification!!**

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