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CSU-Fresno Anthropology Students Support Vintage Days

The Anthropology Student Association (aka the AnthroClub) sponsored an activity Friday, April 15 from 10am-5pm as part of Vintage Days. Two Anthropology majors wrote about this event.

Giving Kids a Jumpstart By Morghan Young

Jumpstart Fresno is a local chapter that is housed on the Fresno State campus of the national Jumpstart program. Jumpstart and Jumpstart Fresno make it their mission to prepare all children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school by connecting a child with a volunteer college student who becomes the child's personal tutor for one preschool year. The college student assists the child in developing her/his social and reading skills.

The activity that the Anthropology Student Association participated in during the Vintage Days celebration was hosted by Jumpstart Fresno as an extra service to the community. The "Jumpstart Kid's Zone" activity comprised of nine activities for children to join in free of charge. The anthropology students conducted the activity entitled "Colors of People" where children created the color of their skin with play dough from basic play dough colors (brown, black, red, white, pink and yellow). The anthropology students carried on conversations about skin color and culture with the children as the children worked on their skin color creation. View pictures of this activity at this site: www.csufresno.edu/Anthropology/anthroclub/ www.jstart.org for information on Jumpstart

AnthroAnnouncements Powwow at CSU-Fresno

Location: West of the Satellite Student Union
Days & Times: Sat. & Sun. April 23rd & 24th
(Sat.: Gourd Dance 11am, Grand Entry 1pm, Close 7pm; Sun: Grand Entry 1pm, Close 7pm).

Anthro Club Kid's Zone By Elizabeth Campos

The involvement of the Anthropology Club in "kid's zone" during vintage days was a success. Nicole Engle, Tara Ders, Morghan Young and I introduced a small, yet significant aspect of culture. "Colors of people" was an interesting activity. You wouldn't believe the effort and enthusiasm of children. We had a variety of backgrounds and ages that were very smart and creative. Some definitely matched the play dough to their skin by mixing different colors together. Others decided it was a better idea to expand their infinite imagination and create figures only they could see. It is important that children are allowed to do what their imaginations generate. I would be more than happy to do it again and I think it would be a great idea if the Anthropology Club was involved in many more community activities. For those who participated, thank you very much. Those of you who weren't able to make it, I hope you can next time. It was an enriching activity that we and the kids will remember.

AnthroClub Sponsored Special Guest

Peter Nabokov, Professor of Anthropology at UCLA, will deliver a public lecture entitled, "**Sanctuaries of the Spirit: Hidden Blueprints of the Reservation Era,**" about American Indian expressions of resistance to colonization in art and architecture. The CSUF Anthropology Club will be hosting this event on the evening of Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 7:00pm in East Engineering 191, California State University, Fresno.

Prior to the 7:00pm lecture, Professor Nabokov will attend a special end of the year Anthropology department reception in Peters 390 from 3:00-5:00pm on Thursday, April 28th. Anthropology students are encouraged to attend these events. **The Anthropology Club and other anthropology students of Fresno City College will be our special guests.**

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Speaker Event

Cultural Anthropologist **Peter Nabokov** will be giving a talk entitled,

"Sanctuaries of the Spirit: Hidden Blueprints of the Reservation Era"

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 28th at 7:00pm

LOCATION: East Engineering 191, California State University, Fresno.

This event is free and open to the public

My research concerns an architectural maneuver whereby Indians from four disparate cultural areas of the United States - Great Lakes, Northern Plains, Southern Plains and north-central California -were able to resist the "civilization" campaign and other pressures to assimilate.

-P.Nabokov



**Peter Nabokov, Ph.D., Professor,
Culture and Performance
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Anthropologist and writer, Nabokov has conducted ethnographic and ethnohistorical research with Native American communities throughout North America. He is the author of numerous articles and reports and has published eight books, including *Indian Running* , *Native American Testimony: From Prophecy to the Present 1442 - 1992* , and *Native American Architecture*.

Currently, Nabokov is completing two books on the relationship between American Indians and **Yellowstone National Park**. *A Forest of Time: American Indian Ways of History* was recently published.

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