



Culture Inscribed

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Anthropologist of the Fortnight

Margaret Mead (b. Philadelphia , 1901–1978)

Margaret Mead is the best known personality in American Anthropology. She earned a doctorate at Columbia, studying with Franz Boas and Ruth Benedict. Her earliest ethnographic work resulted in the best-seller *Coming of Age in Samoa*. Mead was able to illustrate that biologically determined features of human development like adolescence and sexual development were influenced by cultural constraints. Although “cultural relativity” is a commonly understood concept today, her work was the first presentation of such findings to the public. The political impact Mead achieved through her publications, speaking engagements, and her 43 years of work at the American Museum of Natural History insured the significance of anthropology while bringing terms like “culture” into the vernacular.

Quotation of the Fortnight

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. M. Mead

Anthropological Terms of Interest

The **Neolithic** (literally, “New Stone Age”) **Revolution** was an era when humanity started domesticating plants and animals about 10,000 years ago. The food surpluses that resulted from this lifestyle shift allowed for the development of complex societies and the first civilizations. Although considered an improvement by most, the costs of civilization include longer working hours, large-scale organized warfare, slavery, the population explosion, epidemics and gaps between classes and sexes.

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SEE REVERSE SIDE of this issue and get in on the ground floor of a club of fully evolved primates.

AnthroNews

Welcome Back Everyone

The summer is never long enough. Be that as it may, it is good to be back on campus. The anthropology department will be throwing our annual start of the semester reception on Wed., Sep. 7, from 2-5pm in Peters 390. Distinguished graduate of CSUF Anthropology, Professor Philip Bock of University of New Mexico will be out special guest.

AnthroClub Focus

Last Year's Accomplishments

By Elizabeth Campos

The Anthropology Club made great progress last semester (Spring 2005). A few of our great achievements and contributions to the Anthropology Department include: 1) a movie night and discussion designed to shed light on the anthropological significance of the film "The Gods Must Be Crazy" for the many Fresno State students who attended, 2) distinguished lecturer, Professor Peter Nabokov of UCLA delivered an insightful talk on American Indian resistance, 3) a day in the community with Jump Start at Vintage Days focused on raising cultural awareness in children, 4) a women's cultural attire display during the Vagina Monologues performances, 5) a display for the anthropology department in the Social Science building, and of course and 6) the many Anthropology Department parties put together by James Mullooly, our Club Advisor. With all this said, it is my pleasure to announce that the Anthropology Club takes pride in making our department a little more visible to the university students. This year will be even better!

Congrats to this year's board members:

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Vice President – Nicole Engle

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And you might meet some very interesting people, while you share your experiences and munch on snacks from around the world!

Future Anthro Club Plans:

- **Attend Cultural Festivals**
- **Tour Local Museums**
- **Get Connected with FCC Anthropologists**
- **Archaeology Dig Trip w/ Dr. Pryor**
- **Multiethnic Potluck w/ faculty & students**
- **High School recruitment visits**
- **Parties**
- **We need your ideas, so please come to our next meeting!!**

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