



Culture Inscribed

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Anthropologist of the Fortnight

Mary Nichol Leakey (1913-1996)

Mary Leakey, one of the best known archaeologists of the 20th century, discovered finds that include the first Proconsul Africanus skull in 1948, Zinj (*Paranthropus boisei*) in 1959, and the Laetoli footprints in 1978.

Mary spent much of her time searching for hominid remains and pondering clues that have held to unravel the story of human evolution.

Unlike her husband (British anthropologist Louis S. B. Leakey, 1903-1972) and their son Richard (b. 1944), Mary never received a higher degree in anthropology but her contribution to the study of human evolution is undeniable.

Anthropological Terms of Interest

Oldupai Gorge (in Tanzania, Africa) is considered by most, the birthplace of our ancient ancestors. Although most encyclopedias, spell the name of this region as "Olduvai" the actual name is Oldupai. Since the Leakeys started conducting archeological research in this area seventy years ago, remains of more than sixty hominids have been recovered.

AnthrGeek

Fresno State NON-Anthro Major: Hey dude, I've heard of Medical Anthropology but what is Calcium Anthropology?

AnthrGeek: Well, if I were Comedian Steven Wright, I'd say, "Oh, it's the study of milkmen". Since I'm AnthrGeek, I have to admit no such subfield exists.

AnthroNews

AnthroClub Report

By Tara Ders (Pres.)

We had a successful first meeting last Thursday evening (9/22) and we missed many of you that said you would come (hint hint). Here is an update on what we covered:

- We are going to talk to John Pryor about a trip to Table Mountain where he is working.
- Nicole is putting together a calendar of local events we would like to attend (see other side).
- We are going to get in contact with other, more established clubs and plan to combine activities.
- We also discussed the following:
 - having another Grad Studies Info Session with the professors (early Nov.).
 - having a potluck with the professors and adding activities such as making acorn mush and flint knapping (yum!).
 - writing articles for "Culture Inscribed".

Department Reception

The anthropology department had a very successful reception earlier this month. Our annual **start of the year reception** was well attended. We were honored to host one of the most distinguished graduates of CSUF Anthropology, **Professor Philip Bock** of the class of 1955. Professor Bock is a **Psychological Anthropologist** from the University of New Mexico. While here, he spoke of luminaries in the field he had worked with and how much the field has changed in the past 50 years.

Professor Bock has also promised us a significant portion of his library. These books and journals will become the basis of an **Anthropology Reading Room** that we are working towards. One day, the "Hall of skulls" will hold more than just empty heads!

Next AnthroClub Meeting

Our next meeting it will be held on Thursday Oct. 6 @ 6:30pm in PB 390. All are welcome.

**AnthroAnnouncement
Local Cultural Events and
Festivals to be attended!!**

By Nicole Engle (VP)

Chinese Materials Collection

(October 15)

Lion dance

Thai Chi demo and dance

Ribbon dance

Chinese music with flute

Painting, calligraphy and Chinese chess

**African American Historical and
Cultural Museum**

(Through October 29)

Tribal Art of East Africa

Renaissance Fair

(November 12 & 13)

Live jousting

Renaissance food

Socialize with knights, nobles and
jesters

Plans to visit **Danish Heritage Center**
in the near future

If you are interested in attending any
of these events and would like more
information on times and locations
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**AnthroAnnouncement
Diversity Conference**

The first annual campus-community diversity conference sponsored by the Central Valley Cultural Heritage Institute (CVCHI) will be hosted by **Fresno State on Tuesday, October 11, 2005**. We invite students to take advantage of this important opportunity.

This full-day conference, entitled, **“Culture and Community Building: Transformative Practices,”** will feature over 30 workshops offered by Fresno State faculty, staff, students and community members. Music and dance performances by Carmencristina and others will delight the audience. A Cultural Expo and Cultural Marketplace will add to the wide spectrum of cultural experience.

Featured speakers will be:

***William C. Rhoden**, African-American sports writer for the New York Times.

***Sergio Arau**, MTV Award-Winning director, and acclaimed actress **Yareli Arizmendi**, co-creators of the film **A Day Without a Mexican**.

Pre-conference activities include a 3-day Train the Trainer Seminar that will instruct participants in how to conduct NCBI “Welcoming Diversity” workshops and a one-day “Beyond Diversity” Workshop that is designed to help teachers, parents and administrators consider the implications of racism and prejudice on student learning.

Sponsored registrations are available for faculty and staff. Interested students should contact CVCHI at 278-6946 to apply for conference scholarships or stop by the Women’s Resource Center, UC 125.

For more information about the Conference and for registration forms contact CVCHI at 278-6946 or visit the Web site at www.csufresno.edu/tapestry.

Cineculture presents: Bagdad Cafe

Director: Percy Adlon (1988)

USA/West Germany. 108 minutes.

September 30, 2005 @5:15PM in ED170

Kremen School of Education