



Culture Incribed

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Anthropologist of the Fortnight

Sir E.E. Evans-Pritchard (1902-1973)

Evans-Pritchard was one of Great Britain's most significant figures in the development of social anthropology. He is best known for his work amongst the Azande and Nuer tribes of southern Sudan and his theoretical work in the area of religion is still influential. Evans-Pritchard argued against the notion of anthropology as a natural science (argued by Radcliffe-Brown and others) and believed that the field is best understood as one of the humanities. In terms of the study of religion, he claimed that the researcher's personal perspective on religion heavily influenced that person's research of religion. Evans-Pritchard argued that non-believers are more likely to explain religious experience in terms of biological or psychological theories that accommodate illusion, whereas believers are more likely to explain religion in terms of humans' conceptualization of reality.

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).

AnthroEvent

March on the Mall

Starts: Feb 28 2006 - 12:15pm

Location: Clock Tower on the Fulton Mall, Mariposa and Fulton, Fresno. **Free of charge**

Event details: Performance art meets civic duty! Gather on the Fulton Mall in support of the Creative Economy Council report, and show Fresno what the Mall would be like if it were busting with hundreds of people. With artists, performers, and live music. Then head to City Hall as the council votes on adopting the CEC report. **Event website:** <http://www.fresnocec.org>

AnthroClub Business

We now have a full board (see page 2) which is busy working towards a variety of objectives for this semester. Join us this Wednesday to find out more. **Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 1st in Peters 390.** Forthcoming business includes: fiscal report, webpage creation of club logo, board photos, t-shirt update, proposed field trips, proposed guest speaker, and a visit from the Social Science campus Senator.

Tuesday Night Social Hour

Our next "Doghouse Rock" will be **Tuesday, March 7th around 7pm-10pm** at the John's New England Pizza, SE corner of Shaw and Woodrow (near Starbucks). The last social hour included over 14 Anthropology practitioners, students and faculty from Applied Earth Works, Fresno City and Fresno State. Drinking is NOT a prerequisite. Bring your friends, anthro or otherwise!

Next AnthroClub Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 1 @ 3:30pm in PB 390. All are welcome.

AnthroGeek

Student: Hey AnthroGeek, What do you call it when Stone Age tools rest?

AnthroGeek: Technically speaking, there is no such thing as "a Stone age". This term is a general referent for human prehistoric times that are best known for stone tool use, and divided into the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. And tools cannot rest, so I don't know?

Student: "Flint napping", get it!?!)

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Meet the AnthroClub 2006 Board – *They won't bore you.*

President My full name is **Nicole Eloisa Engle**. Within my family I have a multicultural background which has ignited my love for different cultures, hence my choice in major: Cultural Anthropology. For example, on my mother's side I am second generation Cuban American and third generation Ukrainian American. I have had several opportunities to see culturally diverse parts of the world. Last summer I traveled with Dr. Delcore and several other students to Northern Thailand for a three week study tour. I have also been fortunate to volunteer in a few Latin American countries, including Mexico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. In addition to being fascinated with cultures, I enjoy studying the Spanish language. I am minoring in Spanish and am at a functional level.

Vice President: Hi my name is **Ann Spagna-Klinetobe**. I have been at CSUF for four years working my way through the Anthro halls to the ultimate goal of a Bachelor degree. In December 2005, I completed my degree in Cultural Anthropology. I am the third person in my family to be a winter college graduate. History has always interested me and when I took my first anthropology class I was completely hooked. This was the way I wanted to pursue history. My next academic step will be in the Masters Program in Archaeology. For the last 20 plus years I have been employed as an Educational Sign Language Interpreter, and I am currently working at the middle school level of education. I am very excited to be changing careers and with the continued support of the staff and fellow students I look forward to a wonderful future.

Chancellor of the Exchequer (i.e., Treasurer): My name is **Amber Renae Calvert**. I was born and raised in Fresno, which as you know is an extremely diverse community. I was raised by my parents to always be open minded and respectful of other people and their ideas, so when I stumbled across Anthropology at Fresno City College a few years ago, I knew it was perfect for me. I have enjoyed every minute of it since. I am graduating in summer '06 and I plan on traveling after that. I am an advocate for animal rights, and volunteer at the CCSPCA as much as possible. Other than that, I enjoy reading and being outdoors.

Artistic Consiglieri – I, **Rebecca Allen**, am a native of the central valley. I first developed a love of studying other cultures during travels around the Baltic Sea in high school. This love was further cultivated during a semester spent in London. This interest in culture is coupled with one of art. I favor figure drawing and am the Librarian at the little known CSUF Slide Library on the first floor of the Conley Art Building. I am currently an intern at the non-profit Golda foundation, which specializes in helping artists and art survive and flourish.

Here are less verbose but no less qualified board members:

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