



Culture Incribed

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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.

AnthroClub Meeting

Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 19th at 3:30 in Peters 390.

Tuesday Night Social Hour

Our next “intellectual conviviality” will be **Tuesday, May 2nd around 7pm-10pm** at the John's New England Pizza, SE corner of Shaw and Woodrow (near Starbucks). Come alone, or bring a friend. Drinking is optional. Check out our last one:

www.csufresno.edu/Anthropology/events/tuesdaysocials.html

AnthroClub Business

Last week's meeting was very successful. It is good to see more new faces getting involved within the anthropology club. The T-Shirts are in the process of being made as I write. The new Anthropology T-Shirts will be gray with a black logo and design.

Also, Ann Spagna is asking people for help with the Maya Works sales mostly within the 10-2 time slots. The specific times are: 10-11am, 11-12pm, 12-1pm and 1-2pm. We would like two people in each of the time slots if at all possible. If you can sign on, contact Ann at: spagna@csufresno.edu.

AnthroGeek

Student: What do you call someone who takes a pencil out for a pizza at John's New England Pizza?

AnthroGeek: I don't know?

Student: “Carbon dating” get it!?!?!]



[This joke actually came from the owner of John's New England Pizza?, Blame him not me!]

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Anthropology Day April 27, 2006!

Come one, come all! April 27th is the official Anthropology Day of Fresno. Come alone or bring a few friends. Help us increase awareness of victims of natural disasters on this day. To honor victims of global disasters, we will be wearing blue, which will represent tears.

Anthropology Day Events:

-10:00am-2:00pm, **MayaWorks** sales of indigenous crafts in the CSUF union

-2:00-5:00pm Peters 390, CSUF
Anthropology Department Reception and MayaWorks sales

-3:00pm Reception High Point – Contest:
“Do you know your Professor?”

-7:00-9:00pm, East Engineering 191,
Distinguished Lecture by Dr. Lucia Cargill and MayaWorks sales.

Throughout the day, The CSUF AnthroClub will unveil and sell their brand new **Anthropology T-Shirts** for a nominal fee.

At 7:00pm in the evening, Dr. Lucia Cargill, RN, Ph.D., President/Executive Director, American Overseas Medical Aid Association will deliver a public lecture entitled, “The Indonesian Tsunami in Ethnographic Relief: Applied Anthropology as Disaster Response” in CSUF’s East Engineering 191. Prior to this talk, Dr. Cargill will attend an Anthropology Department reception as the guest of honor from 2:00pm-5:00pm. This is primarily for anthropology faculty and students from Fresno City and Fresno State. At 3:00, the highpoint of this reception will be an event entitled, “Do you know your Professor?”. This new annual ritual at this, our annual end-of-the-year “intellectual conviviality” will be the high point of the reception. All faculty members are strongly encouraged to attend.

During this time, we will also be sending off a group of CSUF Anthro seniors who will be presenting papers with Ellen Gruenbaum annual meeting of the Southwestern Anthropological

Association conference in Los Angeles. Ellen and her students have organized a stunning session of applied regional issues of concern to anthropologists. On April 28, 2006, Dr. Cargill will visit two anthropology classes and make presentations on this same topic. The classes in which she makes her appearances will be open to the campus community.

The 2006 Distinguished Lecturer

Lucia C. Cargill, RN, Ph.D.

On Thursday April 27, 2006, the Anthropology Club with the generous support of Associated Students, will sponsor a lecture by Lucia C. Cargill, RN, Ph.D., President/Executive Director of The American Overseas Medical Aid Association.

Dr. Cargill is a distinguished applied medical anthropologist with over twenty years of service in aiding communities in need. Since the Indonesian Tsunami, her leadership of the American Overseas Medical Aid Association has resulted in changing the lives of thousands of Indonesian survivors stuck in “internally displaced persons (IDP) camps.

Dr. Cargill’s lecture will give the campus community first hand exposure to a global catastrophe whose implications are still being felt around the world and in our own country from a collaborative development perspective.



This event is made possible through the generous support of CSUF’s Associated Students

