



# Culture Inscribed

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## Did You Know?

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Many of us know about the famous Anthropologists such as Margaret Mead, E.B. Tylor, Julian Stewart, Franz Boas, and Clifford Geertz just to name a few. Did you know many well known people hold degrees in Anthropology? Here are the names of some of those people.

- Kurt Vonnegut, writer, University of Chicago
- Yo Yo Ma, concert cellist
- Gary Snyder, poet



The Beat Page  
Photo Gallery.

- Peter Beard, wildlife photographer; model for Gap ad
- Billy Graham, Evangelist
- Melvin Konner, *New York Times* and *Natural History* columnist

## Quotation of a Fortnight

*Human beings themselves are at risk - not just on some survival-of-civilization level, but more basically on the level of heart and soul. We are ignorant of our own nature and confused about what it is to be a human being. -- Gary Snyder*

## How Well Do You Know the Anthro Theorists?

1. Which of these 19<sup>th</sup> century theorists held that there was a biblical cause for societal variations?
  - Progressivists
  - Degenerationists
  - Evolutionists
  - Naturalists
2. Who was the evolutionist who added "savagery, barbarianism, and civilized" to anthropological terms?
  - Lewis Henry Morgan
  - Frederick Engels
  - Sir James Frazer
  - Edward Burnett Tylor
3. What did Julian Steward call his study of multilineal evolution?
  - Advancementism
  - Neoevolutionism
  - Cultural Ecology
  - Functionalism

Find out what the correct answers are in the next issue of Culture Inscribed. (Adapted from funtrivia.com).

## Anthro Club News

Results of an email poll determined that Tuesdays at 3:15 is the best time for meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 and every other Tuesday after that.

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## What I did this Summer “Reproduction, Globalization, and the State”

### Seminar in Bellagio, Italy

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Professor Ellen Gruenbaum was an invited participant this summer at a week-long seminar at the Rockefeller Center in Bellagio, Italy. The 20-person seminar on “Reproduction, Globalization, and the State” included presentations and discussion of the research of each of the participants, who came from seven countries, and intensive planning for the publication of an edited book. Gruenbaum’s paper, entitled “**Global processes and religious ideological controversies: The impact of international and local programs for Muslim women’s reproductive health and human rights in Sudan,**” was based on the research she carried out in Sudan during her sabbatical leave in 2004.

At the end of the seminar, Dr. Gruenbaum traveled to Florence, Italy, where she presented her research in a symposium on Harmful Traditional Practices at the University of Florence Medical School. She also was on a panel presentation at the Edison Bookshop in the Piazza de la Repubblica, where she discussed her book, “The Female Circumcision Controversy: An Anthropological Perspective,” along with the Italian and Somali-Italian authors of the study “*Ferite per Sempre*” (Damaged Forever), a book that focuses on female genital cutting practices affecting Somali immigrants to Italy.

While in Florence, she met with people at the Innocenti Research Center, UNICEF’s center for research on children, to help plan the Academic Consultation on Harmful Traditional Practices that was held at UN headquarters on September 8-9. Dr. Gruenbaum attended that two-day meeting along with 25 representatives of academic disciplines, researchers, and activists from several countries.

The meeting, which included the Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Rima Salah, and the Director of UNICEF’s Child Protection Unit, representatives of the Innocenti Research Center and the Italian Government, featured a panel introduced by Dr. Gruenbaum that focused on research experiences on this topic in several countries.

The purpose of the meeting was to redirect UNICEF’s efforts for Child Protection in the area of harmful traditional practices such as FGC.

Dr. Gruenbaum’s photographs of Sudanese children were featured in a 2005 publication about female genital cutting. Issued by the Innocenti Research Center in Florence and available on their web site.

Dr. Gruenbaum’s photographs can be viewed at the following Web address.

[www.uniceficdc.org/presscentre/presskit/fgm/photos/gallery/pages/1288.html](http://www.uniceficdc.org/presscentre/presskit/fgm/photos/gallery/pages/1288.html)

## AnthroFacts

### Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>

Many people are afraid of bad luck on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. In fact a fear of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> has a name, paraskevidekatriaphobia. This fear has been present throughout history. Literature has advised people not to harvest, conduct business, move, and even get married on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Some even think babies born on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> will be forever doomed. No one seems to know where the fears originated, but they trace back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. We hope you had a lucky Friday.

## AnthroGeek

By Jim Mullooly



**Student:** What do you call someone who studies anthropology but is currently working in another field?

**AnthroGeek:** Anthropology is a great field to prepare one to work in a variety of areas. Anthropology’s holistic approach allows one to be prepared for any number of fields.

**Student:** Hugh?? Successful! Get it?!?!?!?