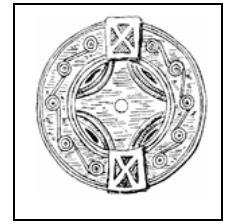




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--Anthro Day Spring 2007--

ANTHROPOLOGY DAY

This semester's special guest scholar is **Patricia Hammer** PhD, joining us from the Center for Social Well Being in Peru where she utilizes Participatory Action Research methods to discover more about the women, people, healing techniques and the changing world in which they live.

Hand Crafted Peruvian Market Items

One-of-a-kind, hand made Peruvian market crafts, which will help to support the local economy of the Andean villagers will be sold at these events.

Anthro club t-shirts will be available for purchase \$15 for students \$20 for faculty at all Anthro Day events.

Important Events this Week

Wednesday, March 7th

6:00-8:50pm Dr. Patricia Hammer presentation in Dr. Mullooly's Ethnography class (Science 143)

Thursday, March 8th

12:30-1:45 - Dr. Patricia Hammer in an Introductory Anthropology class (Science 147)

3:00-5:00pm Anthropology Department Social (Peters 390)

7:00-9:00pm Distinguished Lecture Event (Music 160)

ALL WELCOME TO THESE EVENTS

Action Research in the Andes 2007

The Center for Social Well Being is now in its 6th year offering our 3 week training program with courses in ethnographic field methods and languages (Spanish and Quechua) in the Peruvian Andes. Students are housed at the center's rural base, an adobe lodge on an environmentally-focused ranch in the Cordillera Blanca mountain range of the Callejón de Huaylas, 7 hours northeast of Lima.

Coursework provides in-depth orientation to theory and practice in anthropological investigation that emphasizes methods in Participatory Action Research and Andean Ethnography centered on themes of Health, Ecology and Community Organization. Students have the opportunity to actively engage in ongoing investigations in local agricultural communities to develop effective field research techniques, and to acquire language skills. In addition, the program provides excursions to museums, archaeological sites, glacial lakes and handicraft centers; optional recreational activities include hiking, mountain biking, rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, trekking, etc.

Total cost is \$2,100 US dollars. This includes all in-country travel, food and accommodations at the rural center, and course materials. The program is under the direction of Applied Medical Anthropologist, **Patricia J. Hammer, Ph.D.**, and Ecologist, Flor de María Barreto Tosi. <http://www.socialwellbeing.org/>

Program dates:

Session I June 6th through June 26th
Session II August 1st through August 21st

Monday, March 5th, 7:00pm

Fresno County Archaeological Society Lecture: Dr. Kim Shelton, (UC Berkeley). "Nemea and the pan-Hellenic sanctuary of Zeus". Alice Peters Auditorium, University Business Center, Fresno State.

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Distinguished ANTHROPOLOGY LECTURE

Thursday, March 8th, 2007

“Participatory Action Research: Methods to motivate social change through community capacity building”

by

Patricia J. Hammer, Ph.D.

Director, Center for Social Well Being

7:00-9:00pm (Music 160, Fresno State)

This lecture presents the processual efforts over the last 30 years in the development and application of Community Participatory Action approaches in social science and health fields with particular emphasis on the increasing concern for ethical and inclusive research. Origins of the methodology rooted in the social psychology of group dynamics, adult education theories of critical consciousness and praxis, as well the insistence on the ethical responsibility of researchers in roles of facilitators (rather than experts), continue to anchor the fundamental principles of the approach today.

The methodological relevance for Anthropology is evident by the value and respect for diverse kinds of knowledge and just research ethics that lay the foundations for creating innovative exploratory contexts that stimulate consciousness-raising and motivate effective actions. Examples of Participatory Action Research implementation in Quechua and Aymara-speaking communities of Peru and Bolivia will illustrate how such approaches may be adapted to ensure cultural appropriateness with regard to internal power relations and broaching sensitive issues (such as sexuality, undesired pregnancy, etc.), as well as confronting exclusionary practices of ethnic, class and gender discrimination. A detailed step-by-step explanation of a specific needs assessment instrument (the *autodiagnóstico*), composed of a range and variety of methods, exercises and techniques will be presented. Specific results generated, as well as the wider implications of community capacity building and empowerment are laid out for critique and debate.

Finally, as a means to draw together the weave of theory and practice, the challenges, breakthroughs and potential future directions for university teaching of Participatory Action Research, both in classroom settings, as well as in actual field communities, will be addressed. Presenter, Dr. Patricia Hammer, seeks to stimulate the exchange of ideas and experiences of colloquia participants through reflection, critical analysis, discussion and debate to enhance our comprehension of the potential of community participatory methodology to engage transformative social processes aimed to promote a more equitable, just and humanitarian society at local and global levels of human interaction.

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