This has been a busy semester! We had a number of speakers come to the department (see Page 4), we held classes in our new Geospatial Lab, and students and faculty were busy conducting fieldwork in the lab and around the world. We have been working on developing a Human Environment Interactions specialization within the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology, and it was finalized early in 2009. This specialization has many anthropology and other social science courses to replace some of the ecology courses. We just had our first Ph.D. student complete her dissertation under this new specialization this spring.

Unfortunately, because of the budget crunch, we lost our bid at the 11th hour to hire an archaeologist to replace retiring Larry Todd. There is no prospect to hire anyone next year unless the state and national economy turn around quickly. This is a huge loss to the department, but we have hired temporary instructors in the short run.

We are moving out of our offices this summer so that the University can do asbestos abatement, put in new heaters, and recarpet the offices. This must be viewed as an opportunity to clean out the office once again (remember we moved to this location just last summer!).

This is the last time I will write as Chair of the department as I am stepping down July 1 after seven years. Kathleen Pickering will be taking my place, and I know the department is in excellent hands now and into the future. I travel to Kenya in July to get my research up and running and it feels good to be heading to the field once again. Please get in touch with us any time to share your thoughts.

The 2009 Vol. 3 Anthropology Graduate Student Society Futhering Perspectives Journal is available for $10 in the main office. The Journal contains 12 articles written by undergraduate and graduate students and reviewed by an Editorial Board. Editors-in-Chief are Aziza Bayou, Meaghan Bludau and Melanie Graham. Dr. Mary Van Buren was the faculty adviser for this project.
The Corner Saloon came alive again thanks to Dr. Mary Van Buren’s Historical Archaeology class. Close examination of a ceramic brown whiskey jug conjured the sounds of raucous miners imbibing their favorite drink while sitting around a wooden table in the small Lake City, Colo. mountain saloon. These sounds were quieted after a catastrophic fire burned the Corner Saloon down in 1912. Yet, memories of the saloon were revived by the class in an effort to preserve the history and culture of this building that was the social gathering site for many silver miners during the turn of the century.

Graduate and undergraduate students sifted through thousands of artifacts collected in 1977 by archaeologist Steven Baker, the director of Centuries Research Inc. Baker is happy that the students did further analysis of the artifacts that he recovered from the bar more than 30 years ago. “It's a symbiotic thing because I am providing the materials and Colorado State University is training students,” Baker said.

“This project is important because, if done well, it can give everyone an idea of what life was like when this area was being settled,” said Van Buren, who most often focuses her expertise on the study of Bolivian mining communities. “Our hypothesis to start the project was that this saloon was in some ways like a working man's parlor. Most of these men were single or employed a long way away from families, and the saloon served many of the same functions as a Victorian parlor did for a middle-class family.” Van Buren makes some distinctions between bars today and the Lake City saloon. “Whereas bars today tend to be places to find dates or to drink, the Western saloon served a much broader purpose. Along with a place to drink, socialize, and celebrate holidays, the early saloons were a place for fundraisers and political events.”

There were surprises for those working on the Corner Saloon project described by Baker as “a time capsule frozen in 1912.” “What was especially surprising to us was that some stuff seemed incongruous with our view of what a saloon was like,” Van Buren said. Some of those surprises were in the form of an elaborate Milano pink glass vase, toasting cups, a china punch bowl and a bisque statue of the children’s novel character, Little Lord Fauntleroy. These discoveries are even more interesting considering the fact that this bar was for the working class and operating when the economy of Lake City was not exactly booming, according to Van Buren. Baker said these finds reflect the “the popularity of Victorian culture.” Also found were Tom and Jerry toasting cups that read, “Remember me” and “Think of me,” in which the Tom and Jerry eggnog-like drink would have been served during the holidays. Since the saloon burned down just a few days after Christmas, it was not surprising to find these cups.

Every student in the class was responsible for identifying and quantifying one part of the collection, such as bottles or plates. “This project was really interesting and it made me think about how we interpret historical archaeology and how we make assumptions based on stereotypes, before we examine things further,” said Jessica Anderson, an Anthropology graduate student. She studied the champagne and wine bottles. “There are lots of decorative and fancy things in this collection that don’t deal with alcohol that you wouldn’t associate with gruff mining men.”

Annie Maggard uncovered some interesting information while researching her Welch’s juice bottles. “I found out the juice was introduced in 1893 at the Chicago World’s Fair, and it was part of the whole temperance movement. I think we’ve learned a lot about the fallability of the ‘mining town saloon stereotype since we weren’t expecting the patrons to be influenced by the temperance movement. We’re working with a unique assemblage that shows a lot of diversity, and perhaps competing cultural forces as well,” Maggard said. Van Buren said the greatest challenge for the students was “to connect the artifacts with historical issues so that they could see the bigger picture. They all had to come up with their own questions and do their own research to make this connection.”

Once the research is complete, Baker will write his final report on the Corner Saloon and turn the collection over to the Hinsdale County Historical Society. Baker and Van Buren hope this will be the first of several cooperative projects. A possible future project would encompass the same kind of work on artifacts found at the Vanoli block in Ouray, Colo. “This is an assemblage collected by Steve Baker from a historic red-light district there and would offer future students a great opportunity to work on a long-term project,” Van Buren said.
By Lynn Stutheit

Andrew Scott accomplished much more than daily homework assignments and class attendance to earn his degree in Anthropology this spring. During his 24 years of life, he has endured more outside of the classroom than most people will in a lifetime.

Scott was diagnosed with a brain tumor and accompanying hydrocephalus of the brain when he was 3 years old. His parents were told there was “no hope” for removing the tumor. However, his parent’s never accepted this diagnosis as long as Scott had a fighting chance. His mom, Kathleen Bailey said of the prognosis, “Don’t believe everything you read or hear. I’d be damned if I was going to let someone else determine my child’s fate.”

During a period of six long years, Scott underwent the strongest radiation treatment possible and five rounds of chemotherapy. “I was bald in the second grade and I was always very tired going to school. I had a catheter sticking out of my chest that was always good for show and tell,” Scott said. As a child in junior high school he went on a Make a Wish trip to New England. The constant support of his parents and their philosophy, “We have to get this done. We will just take one step at a time,” combined with the will to never give up, guided Scott through the long ordeal. “We expected and, more or less, demanded of Andrew that he accomplish what his sisters and classmates did every day. This all came with tons of love, crying when he wasn’t around, and repeated again the next day,” Bailey said.

Twenty years after his diagnosis Scott’s eyesight was failing and this initiated a new search for help. Thanks to medical advances, he found a doctor who could operate and remove the tumor. “You exhaust all medical options from chemotherapy to radiation, palliative care, nontraditional, and surgeries, and then one day, 20 years later, a doctor finds another doctor who says, ‘Trust me, he’ll be all right. I’ll return him to you as good as he is today, but without the tumor,’ and you believe because there is no other hope,” Bailey recalled. Fortunately, that doctor was correct. “I heard when my family was told that the operation was successful the whole waiting room erupted in cheers and clapping,” Scott said.

As a Colorado State University Student, Scott continued to face challenges resulting from the tumor including memory problems and a struggle with some abstract reasoning projects and math. He lost vision in one eye and has to take several kinds of medicine. Yet, the laid-back young man with a great sense of humor, found ways to propel himself around and through these obstacles to receive a double major in Anthropology and Sociology. He now plans to apply for the two-year online master’s program at the University of Northern Colorado. He is also a photographer and created his own business, AWS Photography.

Scott is not a teacher, but from his story of persistence, tenacity, and supportive love, we all can learn a lesson on how to overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges to attain a goal.

For the full story about this remarkable student go to our website at http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Anthropology/news.html.

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**Graduate Draws From Personal Experience to Write Book**

Susan Harness (left) an undergraduate and graduate alumna of the Anthropology Department, and Dr. Kate Browne celebrate the publication of Harness' book titled, *Mixing Cultural Identities Through Transracial Adoption*. The book, published by Edwin Mellen Press, examines group belonging, hierarchies within groups, and the accumulation of or denial of access to social and cultural capitals. Harness recently started a job as the field director for the American Indian Youth Drug and Alcohol Research Study at Colorado State University. She was recently invited to participate as a speaker for the Colorado State University Diversity Conference in September.

Dr. Chris Fisher was awarded a National Science Foundation senior research grant for archaeological research within the Lake Patzcuaro Basin in Michoacan, Mexico. The award will allow Fisher and colleagues from Michigan State University to conduct two seasons of multidisciplinary research in the Lake Patzcuaro Basin exploring relationships between climatic fluctuation, landscape change, and the formation of the prehispanic Purepecha (Tarascan) Empire. He also received a Professional Development grant to support this work. Fisher and CSU graduate student, Florencia Pezzutti, along with others working on the project funded by the Institute for Society, Landscape, and Ecosystem Change and the Artist Enhancement program, uncovered an ancient imperial ritual complex from Mexico’s Purepecha Empire dating to the last century before European conquest. See website at http://www.patzcuaroarchaeology.com/news/.

Dr. Mica Glantz received a Professional Development Grant to attend the Paleoanthropological Society conference in Chicago. While there, she presented a poster on a new analysis of the Lower Paleolithic of Kazakhstan.

Dr. Lynn Kwiatkowski will be promoted to associate professor in July 2009. She will also be on sabbatical for the 2009-2010 academic year to work on her current research addressing the cultural and social influences on wife battering in Vietnam and in Vietnamese communities in the U.S., and the implications of this form of gender violence for battered women's health and for health care programs. Kwiatkowski also received a Professional Development Grant to attend the Society for Applied Anthropology conference in Santa Fe, N.M., in March. She presented a paper at the conference based on her research focusing on wife-battering in Vietnam.

Dr. Jason Sibold received funding from Rocky Mountain National Park for a study investigating the influence of natural and anthropogenic disturbances on the severity and ecological consequences of the current mountain pine beetle outbreak. Sibold is also a co-author of a paper titled “The historical range of variability of fires in the Andean–Patagonian Nothofagus forest region,” *International Journal of Wildland Fire* (2008). Sibold recently presented a Geographical Informational Science workshop to the College of Liberal Arts faculty.

The Institute for Society, Landscape, and Ecosystem Change received a School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SOGES) Research Working Group award for its sponsored events. Lance Gunderson, professor in the Department of Environmental Studies at Emory University, spoke on campus spring semester as a guest of the Institute for Society, Landscape, and Ecosystem Change (ISLEC). His talk was entitled, “Ecological Resilience.” Eric Lambin, professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Louvain in Belgium was a guest speaker for the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology. He gave two talks that were well attended; “Land use transactions: causes, pathways, and impacts” and “Environmental changes and vector-borne diseases.”

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Melissa Murphy, assistant professor, biological anthropologist, and bioarchaeologist at the University of Wyoming presented a talk entitled, “Violent Resistance and Spanish Conquest at Puruchuco-Huaquerones, Peru (AD 1470-1540).” This talk was sponsored by the Department of Anthropology Seminar Series. Jim Benedict, founder and director of the Center for Mountain Archaeology in Ward, Colo. addressed a large crowd with his presentation, “Archaeology of the Front Range Timberline Region.” Benedict, a premier high-altitude archaeologist in North America, was also sponsored by the Department of Anthropology Seminar Series.

### Student Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients

Melanie Graham is the recipient of the Fall 2009 Graduate Student Anthropology Scholarship. She is the Anthropology Graduate Student Society Chair.

Incoming graduate student, Gregory Pierce is the recipient of the Graduate School Recruitment and Fellowship Award for fall 2009.
Q. What was your master's focus?

International Development Studies where I concentrated on interdisciplinary studies in Natural Resources Management. My primary interest is community dependence on, and community management of, local wild resources.

Q. What duties do you have in your new job and what are your days like?

I work with a team of anthropologists who design and implement research projects on subsistence resource use in Alaska. I work with the researchers on harvest counts for specific species in specific areas and ethnographic work, including the assessment of traditional ecological knowledge and social networking in fishing and hunting strategies. The results of this research are used to make changes in state and federal fish and game management policies. We are responsible for presenting these data to various government entities, as well as the public, by oral presentations and technical papers. We work with both Eskimo and Athabaskan villages. We often work in cooperation with various tribal entities, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service.

While this job has required me to adapt to office life for a considerable portion of my time, reading, writing, e-mailing, etc. (I don’t complain about being paid to read piles of hunter-gatherer ethnographies and anthropology journal articles though!), it also requires a fair amount of fieldwork. Fieldwork consists of conducting harvest surveys, ethnographic surveys, training local surveyors, and participant observation. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, tries to follow a policy of hiring local people to conduct all harvest surveys. This is because, in a highly volatile political environment such as Alaska, most native people are more comfortable talking to other local natives about their subsistence practices than they are to government employees. Thus, I often work with Tribal Councils to hire local surveyors, travel to the villages to train the surveyors according to Division of Subsistence standards, and sometimes accompany the surveyors in the field. The ability to conduct participant observation research is the best part of my job. This consists of identifying active fishers and hunters who are willing to take me out with them into the field to study the practical side of their subsistence practices.

My job requires that I travel to remote villages all over Alaska to conduct fieldwork. Sometimes the days are long. However, they are usually highly rewarding. I like them much better than office work. Being paid to fly in bush planes to remote Alaskan villages to interact, hunt, and fish, with native people living a subsistence lifestyle is nothing to complain about. This June, I am spending the month studying subsistence salmon fishing on the Kuskokwim River, and this fall I will be moose hunting with the Gwich’in of Yukon Flats. Having the opportunity to see and understand Alaskan cultural ecology, and especially being able to hunt and fish with native Alaskans, certainly offsets the aspects of the job that are difficult for me. I enjoy being able to have a job doing something I am very passionate about and being able to use my anthropology degree.

Q. What are some of the best experiences you have had in Alaska?

I have had the opportunity to spend time with most of the animals Alaska is famous for. One of my favorite experiences was camping by the ocean on Kodiak Island and being visited many days by humpback, and orca whales. Also notable was a whole herd of musk ox in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and staring into the eyes of a beautiful wolf outside my tent at Denali.

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Q. Did Colorado State University adequately prepare you for this job? How so?

Very much, especially my survey work with Dr. Kathy Pickering on Pine Ridge. Someone once told me that Pine Ridge is one of the best training grounds in the world for international work and applied anthropology. They were correct. Pine Ridge put me in the position to learn all the cultural, social, political, legal, economic, and environmental intricacies of contemporary Native America. Without that experience I would not have obtained this job. This is especially true because in the IDS program I was able to tailor my coursework toward developing an understanding of wildlife and wilderness management in the natural resources department, while simultaneously learning anthropological methods and ecological anthropology theories in the anthropology department. These educational experiences made me a perfect candidate for a Subsistence Resource Specialist.
**Chrissina Burke (M.A. 2008, biological)** Doctoral student at the University of Nevada Reno is working on her dissertation that will focus on developing standardized analytical methods for explicating carnivore modification from zooarchaeological, ethological, and biomechanical data. This summer she will work for the Forest Service at the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada.

**Henri “François” Dengah (M.A. 2008, cultural)** is working on his Ph.D. at the University of Alabama, under the guidance of Dr. William Dressler and continuing research that he began at CSU, including research with Dr. Jeffrey Snodgrass, on the motivations and effects of people participating in virtual worlds or World of Warcraft. Dengah recently presented his findings at the Society for Applied Anthropology conference in Santa Fe. He is also expanding his Master’s study of gender role negotiation among the Mormons into Brazil. For his Ph.D. dissertation, he will be looking at how Brazilian Mormons conceive and negotiate expectations of their faith with those of "Brazilian culture." And what is means to be a "successful" Mormon/Brazilian, or a comparison of gender role expectations.

Seniors **Susan East** and **Cynthia Pointer (B.A. Spring 2009)** won “best student poster” at the April Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists meeting in Alamosa, Colo.

**Sarah Ficarotta (B.A. Spring 2009)** has been accepted as a masters student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks where she will study Archeology. This summer she will be doing a field school at the Mead Site in Fairbanks.

**Teressa Gehrke (M.A. 2007, cultural)** was recently hired at Ascent Solar Technologies. She is a manufacturing technician in the quality assurance lab. Her duties entail taking measurements of thin film photovoltaic samples, including transmission, resistance, and thickness. She also works part time for the non-profit organization, Mountain States Genetics Foundation, utilizing her degree in medical anthropology to improve the delivery of information and services to professionals in the field of genetics.

**Benjamin Jewell (M.A. 2008, cultural)** was awarded a two-year NSF Integrative Graduate Education Research and Training fellowship in urban ecology from Arizona State University beginning fall 2009. In addition, he is initiating pilot dissertation research through the fellowship and Training, and Central Area Phoenix Long Term Ecological Research. Funding on urban agriculture in South Phoenix, examining the social, economic and environmental impacts of food production in urban areas. This research coincides with his involvement in forming a working group on urban agriculture for CAP-LTER with colleagues in the School of Sustainability. He has also co-authored two manuscripts under consideration, based on research by his adviser Dr. Amber Wutich, which looks at the development of informal institutions for exchange of water in resource-scarce urban environments in Bolivia.

Leslie Johnson (M.A. 2009, biological) moved to Dunsmuir, Calif., where she has a job as an archeologist with the USDA Forest Service- Mountain Heritage Associates.

**Becky Latanich (M.A. 2009, archaeological)** is headed for New Mexico where she has a job as the Chief of Interpretation (supervisory park ranger) for the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument.

**Bethany Mizushima, (M.A. 2008, cultural),** is currently in the master of Public Health Program at the University of Washington. The program (Community-Oriented Public Health Practice) focuses on social justice and improving health and well being through a practiced-based approach. Mizushima is working at the Tuberculosis Trials Consortium at Public Health in King County, Seattle.

**Cody Newton (M.A. 2008, archaeological)** is completing his Ph.D. coursework at UC-Boulder in Anthropology/Archaeology.

**Joana Roque de Pinho (Ph.D. 2009)** defended her dissertation titled, “Staying Together.” People-Wildlife Relationships in a Pastoral Society in Transition, Amboseli Ecosystem, Southern Kenya. She is the first to graduate from the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology with a specialization in Human Environmental Interactions.

**Bridget Roth (M.A. 2009, cultural)** completed her Master’s degree and is going to be the Heritage Program Manager for the Midewin Tallgrass Prairie for the USDA Forest Service in Wilmington, Ill.

**Kelly Stehman, (B.A. 2005)** a former undergraduate major completed her Master’s degree in Archaeology at Northern Arizona University. She is now employed as an archaeologist with Logan Simpson Design Inc. in Tempe, Arizona. Stehman presented a research paper titled, “Balancing Visitation and Preservation at Natural Bridges National Monument, Utah,” at the March 2009 Society for Applied Anthropology conference in Santa Fe, N.M.
Master of Arts Graduates Spring 2009

Leslie Johnson—Analysis of Skeletal Remains from the Colorado State Insane Asylum for the Presence of Syphilis, Dr. Ann Magennis, Adviser

Krystal Langholz—Microcredit and Development on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Dr. Kathleen Pickering, Adviser

Bridget Roth—Social Marketing in Marginal Economies: Will Lakota People Shop on the Reservation? Dr. Kathleen Pickering, Adviser

Bachelor of Arts Graduates Spring 2009

Kaitlin Appleby * Ryan Avery Raquel Batista Julia Bilderback
Emily Crooks * Jody Drummond Susan East Sarah Ficarrotta
Jimena Figueroa Rachel Fisher Susannah Joyner Sara Knighton
Alexander Lefferts Kenny Many Emily More Jacob Mussler
Sefra Norwitz Cynthia Pointer Megan Preston John Rehbeck
Andrew Scott Brian Spalenka Stephanie Stamm Melissa Webb

Jocelyn Wolf

Includes Spring and Summer 2009 graduates * Denotes Candidate to Receive Cum Laude

Minors

Bayleigh Anderson Caitlin Brundrett Caitlin Carson Amarilys Castro
Amelia Glasier Nicholas Mask Ramsay McLearie Lauren Morgan
Nicole Numamoto Yisette Raygoza Tara Richardson Audrey Rudolph
Elena Ulyanova Robert Winfield Scott Yost Cory Stocking

Spring 2009 Dean’s List

Andrea Akers, Michelle Anderson, Lydia Archuleta, Heather Baily, Kathryn Boman, Michael Brydge, Courtney Carlson, Lindsey Ellgen, Angelina Granata, Grady Hall, Erin Hatlestad, Anthony Holdier, Nikolas Johs, Megan Preston

At left: Susan East (left) and Emily Choka (right) received recognition for their outstanding work, during the department’s graduation breakfast. East, a senior, is the outgoing President of the Anthropology Club and Choka’s capstone presentation won the Best Integration award.

At Right: Megan Preston won the Best Overall capstone presentation award.
All alumni and friends are invited to visit the Soapstone Prairie Natural Area (http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/finder/soapstone) and Red Mountain Open Space (http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/red_mountain.cfm), both of which opened to the public on June 6, 2009. Soapstone contains the world-famous Lindenmeier Folsom campsite (a National Historic Landmark), where a scenic trail leads to an overlook and public interpretation of the site. Red Mountain Open Space contains the Lykins Valley site, an important 19th century Native American camp excavated by Dr. Elizabeth Morris and her crew in the early 1970s. Soapstone and Red Mountain have been the site of Dr. Jason LaBelle’s research since 2006 and they will also be the home of the CSU Field School in 2009. More than 40 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and horse trails await you!

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