SPRING IS HERE

It is an exciting time at Northern Kentucky University and in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Philosophy (SAP). NKU has launched the new Strategic Plan and faculty, staff, and students will soon be involved in working to implement it. Read on to see what faculty and students in SAP are doing and how we are working together to fuel the flame!

In March SAP opened the Experiential Learning Lab in Landrum Hall. This is a place where students will engage in real world research, assessment, and culture and social immersion projects.
SAP faculty will closely mentor students to cultivate skills to design and conduct meaningful research and assessment for clients in the local community and beyond. Some examples of projects include investigating specific populations, identifying ways to improve social programs and services, and gauging perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors. The diversity of our students and faculty—with backgrounds in applied sociology, anthropology, and philosophy—ensures that we can think outside the box and are willing to employ non-traditional, innovative and cutting edge methods of inquiry, interpretation, and analysis. At the same time we have disciplinary specific skills and a firm grounding in a wide range of established methods and theories. *Stay tuned to see what exciting research projects come out of this new lab and our transdisciplinary collaborations.*

Funding for the Experiential Learning Lab was provided by an anonymous donor to the Department. Additionally, we have already received a Seed Grant from NKU Research Grants and Contracts supporting three students who are studying *College Students Who Keep Their Drug Misuse/Abuse Secret.*

**March is Celtic Studies Month.** A range of events including Celtic music, a lecture by Ray Carr (President of the Euro Celtic Institute, pictured left), and stories from Ireland were all part of the happenings on campus on March 5.

**Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of the Negro Baseball League.** As part of Black History Month, this exhibit was hosted at the *NKU Anthropology Museum* (February 3-March 4). It included 90 framed photographs illustrating the rich history of African-American Baseball in the late 1800-1960s. Judy Voelker and her students generously arranged a month of events.

**Student Success Spotlight:**
Rachel Ellison (Photography & Sociology) has received a research award for her project, *Seeing Sociology Through Photography.*

Mayra Guzman (Sociology) has been selected to speak at Commencement. She has also been nominated for the President’s Award.

The NKU Debate Team led by Dr. Yaw was highly competitive and defeated Xavier in the Regionals.
and kept the museum open daily in order to welcome guests from all over the tri-state region. The opening celebration and reception on February 20th was a huge success with over a hundred visitors in attendance. Dr. Alar Lipping (Chair of Kinesiology) presented on the controversial history of Jackie Robinson.

**Fall and early Spring presentations** associated with SAP included a visiting lecture by Anthony Beavers (pictured left) on January 23rd. He is Chair and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Evansville, and director of the Digital Humanities Lab. Dr. Beavers discussed digital humanities and the digital revolution.

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**Student Awards, Graduation, and Honor Societies**

On December 4, 2103 SAP celebrated our Fall/Winter graduating seniors and student inductees to Honors Societies. Right, top Dr. Garns is pictured with Philosophy graduates inducted in Phi Sigma Tau. On the right Dr. Hume is pictured with Rosa Christophel, honor society inductee and winner of the SAP Mert Freundenberg Scholarship for excellence in transdisciplinary work.

**Dr. Hume is presenting a paper with eight students as co-authors at the April 5 Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky Annual Meetings.** The students participated in his Ethnographic Field School in Belize and their paper is entitled: “Cultural Sketches of Peasant Sugarcane Farmers.” In June of 2014, Dr. Hume will return to Belize with a group of 8-12 students to conduct his annual ethnographic field school.
Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events

**March 28, 3-4 pm** Philosophers’ Cafe. Topic: Animal Ethics (GH 316).

**April 2, 10-10:50** (location TBA) and the **NKU Alumni Recognition Ceremony and Banquet (SU Ballroom), 6:15 pm.** Both events will honor SAP Alumna Dr. Lindsay Hixson (1997 Graduate) who will speak about her work at the US Census Bureau in the morning. Dr. Hixson is the Bureau’s expert on race and she is returning to NKU to speak about her work and accept this prestigious award.

**April 9 at 3 pm** Dr. Sarah Jackson (Assistant Professor, UC Anthropology) will speak about Mayan archaeology (LA 110).

**ESSAY CONTEST (submissions due on or before April 18)**
All students of Sociology, Anthropology, or Philosophy (majors, minors, and focus) are invited to submit a paper for the 2014 Departmental Essay Contest. The authors of the selected papers will each be awarded a $200 prize; the winning authors will be expected to submit their papers to one of the Kentucky professional societies for the discipline. Students who attend professional meetings may receive up to an additional $100 to support conference attendance and fees for the 2014-2015 meetings.

**April 25, 3-4 pm** Philosophers’ Cafe (GH 316), Topic: TBA.

**April 25, 3-5 pm** Anthropology Careers Day (LA 110). **Find out more at this site.**

**June 30** Dr.’s Sharyn Jones and Rudy Garns are taking eight NKU undergraduate National Science Foundation Fellows to Fiji to conduct archaeological research for one month. Find out more at this website [reu-fiji.org](http://reu-fiji.org).

**INTERVIEWS and HONORS:**
**J. Robert Lilly** was interviewed on March 17th by the French independent documentary film company, Let’s Pix, Paris about his research on the rapes committed by US Soldiers in France during WWII. This documentary will air on the 70th anniversary of D-Day (June 7-13, 2014).

**Kristin Appleby** has received special recognition from a graduating senior that she has made a positive impact on his/her career. This honor is seldom bestowed on part-time faculty. Congratulations Kristin!
NEW BOOKS AND SCHOLARLY WORK

BOOKS:

Eric Bates’s book, *Native American Identity, Christianity, and Critical Contextualization*, was published by Cherohala Press in 2013. Eric conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Browning, Montana on the Blackfeet reservation in the summer of 2013 gathering data for his dissertation. Eric is also busy as the president of the NKU Anthropology Alumni Club.

David Bourne’s *History of Economic Thought* was published in 2013 by Chelsea House.

Boni Li’s *Global Aging Issues and Policies: Understanding the Importance of Comprehending and Studying the Aging Process* was published in 2013 by Charles C. Thomas Publishing.

J. Robert Lilly’s *Criminological Theory: Context and Consequences* (2011) 5th edition with Francis T. Cullen and Richard A. Ball (Sage Publications) was translated and published in Japanese in 2013. This is the world’s leading book on criminological theory which has 40% of its sales in Europe.


PRESENTATIONS (note: this is not a complete list, SAP faculty and students are so active that our presentations will not fit on this page!):

**Upcoming**
Augustine Yaw Frimpong-Mansoh will will travel to South Africa to present a paper on African culture and liberal democratic values at the International Society for African Philosophy and Studies conference in May.

In May, Jaime McCauley will present on her research at the National Water Quality Monitoring Council’s 9th National Water Monitoring conference in Cincinnati (April 28-May 2). She will discuss her work on Citizen Science Water Monitoring Programs.

Sharlotte Neely will present a paper entitled, “Appeasement as an adaptive survival strategy: a comparison of Cherokees and Native Hawaiians,” at the Annual Southern Anthropological Society meetings in Cherokee, NC (March 30-April 1).

**Past**
Sharyn Jones presented at the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association meetings in Siem Reap, Cambodia in January. Her paper was entitled, “Eating ethnicity: an exploration of Fijian foodways in the archaeological past.”

Michael Striker, part-time Anthropology faculty (and Senior Manager of Archaeology at Gray and Pape, Cincinnati) presented on the National Environmental Policy Act at the Annual Ohio Environmental Energy and Resources Law Seminar.

**Welcome Dr. Nicole Roth!** Nicole is a new lecturer in Anthropology. Her core research interest is funerary archaeology and her work centers on the regional patterns and cultural implications of Late Bronze Age and Iron Age burial practices in Britain.
For over 20 years Dr. Barbara Arrighi has worked as the NKU Student Sociology Club’s Advisor. Every year she has involved her classes and student volunteers in important outreach and community engagement events. In particular these activities have focused on topics related to her area of research and of critical importance to Americans: poverty and the family. Through Barbara’s guidance and mentoring NKU students have continually engaged in hands on service experiences targeted at addressing homelessness and poverty in the Over the Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati and elsewhere in the region. Barbara has been masterful at engaging students beyond the classroom.

SAP has a blog! Check it out at this address and stay up to date on happenings in the Department. Contact us at: 1 Nunn Drive, LA 217, Highland Heights, KY 41099. Mindy Berry is the Department Academic Coordinator and can be reached at: 859-572-5887 (berrym1@nku.edu).