Hello and welcome back students, faculty, staff, and friends. The Fall academic year is in full swing. We hope you had a great summer. Check out our FALL NEWSLETTER to see what has been going on in the Department this summer and Fall.

Publications and Kiksuya: Many of our faculty has completed writing projects, study away, study abroad, and research endeavors over the Summer. The Kiksuya Student Organization is celebrating 10 years of volunteer work! Page 2

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If you’re interested in Joining a Club:
Anthropology Club: Zach Hruby
Sociology Club: Jamie McCauley
Philosophy Club: Dr. Yaw & Dr. Garns

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Philosophy at NKU is composed of three programs that examine the human condition. Each program offers a bachelor's degree and one or more minors in these three unique fields of study.
Faculty member
Britteny Howell & Her Dissertation Work

With funding from the National Science Foundation and the Central States Anthropological Society, Britteny Howell went up to Anchorage, AK in November for her 9-month long, mixed methods dissertation project on aging in Anchorage. This multi-ethnic biocultural anthropological study is looking at the linkages between diet quality, physical activity patterns, obesity (as measured by BMI and waist circumference), and the sociocultural influences on food and activity choices for older adults (65+ years) living in this extreme, urban environment. Britteny just finished collecting data on July 30 and has started writing her dissertation while in the field.

Publications and Presentations by Our Faculty and Students

In July 2014, Dr. Jaime McCauley published “Using Institutional Ethnography to Examine the Social Organization of Absence” in the Social Epistemology Review & Reply Collective. Dr. McCauley also recently presented information on her work related to water quality monitoring and citizen science at the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meetings in San Francisco.

The 3rd edition of Seeing Sociology (Wadsworth-Cengage Learning) by Dr. Joan Ferrante went to press on August 29 and is due out this November.

In September of 2014, Dr. Sharyn Jones presented a paper entitled “Social Identity in Fiji: Relating Foodways and Long-term Ceramic Patterns” at the twelfth International Council of Archaeozoology Meetings San Rafael, Argentina. These meetings occur every four years and include delegates from all over the world.


In September, 2014 Native Nations: The Survival of Fourth World Peoples edited by Dr. Sharlotte Neely, will be published by JCharlton Publishing, Ltd. of Canada. Five anthropologists, one geographer, one linguist, and one political scientist focus on seven groups of Fourth World peoples within ten First World nations. These case studies are compared and contrasted in regard to their strategies for cultural survival. One of the contributing anthropologists is our own faculty member, Dr. Michael Simonton who wrote about the Celts of Brittany in France. Other chapter authors are from Norway, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Fourth World Peoples are defined as indigenous societies within First World nations.

Kiksuya Student Organization

Kiksuya is gearing up for their tenth annual volunteer trip to Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota in May of 2015. The group will welcome back volunteers from previous trips, as well as first time participants. Many faculty and staff have supported Kiksuya over the years and we appreciate that very much. This year Dr. Grant and Kiksuya hope that new members will consider joining the program. If you or any of your students think you might like to volunteer, please contact Dr. Nicole Grant at grantn@nku.edu for more information.
Study Abroad in Belize with Dr. Hume

The Center for Applied Anthropology (CFAA) at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) organizes an annual ethnographic field school in Belize directed by Douglas Hume (Associate Professor of Anthropology) every June in collaboration with the NKU International Education Center - Office of Education Abroad and Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA). The following information is for the June 2015 Ethnographic Field School in Belize:

- **Location**: Orange Walk District, Belize
- **Dates**: Departing Tuesday June 2 2015 and returning Wednesday July 1 2015 (29 days/ 28 nights)
- **Price**: $4,309 (includes airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, breakfast, dinner, and excursions)
- **Tuition**: Waived for NKU students. For CCSA consortium students, check with your campus study abroad office. For non-CCSA consortium students, please contact the CCSA.
- **Priority Deadline**: February 13, 2015 ($100 reduction in the program price by means of reducing the application fee to $150)
- **Application Deadline**: February 27, 2015 (regular application fee of $250)
- **Credit**: 3 hours (undergraduate or graduate)

Anthropology and Archaeology Research Funded by the National Science Foundation Sends NKU Students to Fiji

The Fiji Research Experiences for Undergraduates (NSF REU), sponsored by the National Science Foundation, takes students to the islands of Fiji to learn archaeology and cultural anthropology in a unique, applied, field school setting. The Fiji NSF REU, directed by anthropologist Dr. Sharyn Jones, provides an educational experience for undergraduates through hands-on research with a chance to earn academic credit. By conducting anthropological research, students who participate in the program acquire practical, skill-based knowledge in archaeology and anthropology through experiential learning.

*By participating in this program, students will have the opportunity to learn about ethnoarchaeology, field archaeology, and methods of participation observation. Additionally, all students will make a meaningful contribution to the understanding of Fijian peoples.*

More information about the NSF REU project is available at: [http://reu-fiji.org/](http://reu-fiji.org/)
**Scholarships**

A donation made possible by Dr. Joan Ferrante’s book royalties supports Study Abroad scholarships at NKU each year. The “Beyond the Classroom scholarships” funds about 10 students each year, averaging $500 per student, to study abroad. An example of the transdisciplinary support includes the scholarship awarded to Chemistry student TJ Schuyler to support him conducting chemistry research over the summer in France.

**The Photography Fundraising Project**

This is a department fundraising project in which faculty and students donate photographs that they have taken in the course of their travels (local, domestic or international). All photos donated were considered for publication in Dr. Ferrante’s See Sociology, published by Wadsworth/Cengage Learning. Seeing Sociology capitalizes on the pedagogical value of photographs for provoking thought and clarifying abstract sociological concepts. 150 photos were chosen for publication, raising $13,600.

**Faculty Contributors (ongoing):** Dr. Rudy Garns (Anthropology), and Dr. Sharyn Jones (Anthropology), Dr. Prince Brown (Sociology, emeritus), Missy Gish (Sociology), Kristie Vise (Sociology)

**Student contributors:** Leslie Ackerson, Tabitha Adams, Rachel Ellison, Jibril McCaster, Jeremiah Evans, Billy Santos.

**Kristin Appleby & The Renaissance Festival**

Our very own Professor Kristin Appleby is featured in an article and slide show in the Columbus Dispatch. This year marks the twenty-fifth year of the nearby Ohio Renaissance Festival. The festival runs each year from late August to mid-late October. For 22 years Appleby has worked at the Renaissance Festival sweeping participants into a different culture and time. This year she worked as the booth manager of Legacy Forge, which sells armor, knives and swords (hence Kristen is pictured in the pirate costume to the right).

Here is the link to the article: [http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/life_and_entertainment/2014/09/08/back-in-time.html](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/life_and_entertainment/2014/09/08/back-in-time.html)

**Dr. Zachary Hruby’s Research and Publications**

Dr. Hruby is co-editor on a new book, The Technology of Maya Civilization: Political Economy and Beyond in Lithic Studies, published by Routledge. Dr. Hruby has active research projects on Mayan archeological sites in Guatemala and he is the Director of the Proyecto Costa Cripbe. He has also published a book chapter in Archaeology at El Perú-Waka’: Ancient Maya Performance of Ritual, Memory, and Power, edited by Navarro-Farr and Rich. This book is published by University of Arazona Press.
In the Classroom and Beyond

Here in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Philosophy we strive to engage our students with hands-on projects and real life situations that will help them understand the real world after college.

Faculty Talks
Highlighting the National Geographic Photograph Exhibits...
Pictures that Matter: How Photography Changes our Views of the World with Matt Albritton of Visual Arts @ 12-1pm on Mon. Oct. 6th in LA 506

Lemurs, Monkeys, and Apes, Oh My! Astounding Fun Facts about Our Primate Cousins with Monica Wakefield of Anthropology @ 12-1pm on Wed. Oct. 8th in LA 506

How Art Improves Science: Broadening Our Audience through Storytelling with Kirsten Schwartz of Biological Sciences @ 12:15-1:15pm on Tues. Oct. 21st in LA 110

In Dr. Lilly's Sociology of Surveillance class, Professor Jennifer Kinsley of Chase College of Law was the guest speaker on Sept. 30th. She discussed the surveillance Cincinnati's Police Department used during Occupy Cincinnati and the rules created by a private urban space management company to keep the “wrong” people out of the refurbished Washington Park. Professor Jennifer Kinsley filed two federal law suits against the City of Cincinnati regarding the surveillance, arrests of some Occupy Cincinnati Movement participants, and the construction of rules by the private company. She won both cases. Her expertise is the First Amendment. She also represents a 3rd of NKU’s engagement in the trans-disciplinary Sociology of Surveillance.

Religious Studies
Professor Steven Watkins taught two courses in Greece this summer through the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS): The History of the Bible - The Canonical New Testament from Greek to English and Paul's Greek Influence on Early Christianity.

A new course is being offered in the Spring: ANT 394/594 & ART 394, Art, Culture and Social Justice. It is tied to a Study Abroad class in May that will travel to Sri Lanka. Contact Dr. Jones (joness33@nku.edu) for more information.

Friendly Reminder of Events

Philosophers' Café
Sept. 26th @ 3:00-4:30pm in GH 316
Oct. 24th @ 3:00-4:30pm in GH 316
Nov. 21st @ 3:00-4:30pm in GH 316
*Film topics are to be announced. Contact Dr. Rudy Garns at garns@nku.edu.

International Education Week
November 17-21

College Wide Meetings
October 17th @ 2:30-4:00pm in Otto Budig
January 16th @ 2:30-4:00pm in Otto Budig
March 27th @ 2:30-4:00pm in Otto Budig

Black & Gold Days
Friday, Oct. 18th @ 11am-1pm
Friday, Nov. 15th @ 11am-1pm

Departmental Meetings
Oct. 1st @ 4:00-5:00pm in LA 207
Nov. 5th @ 4:00-5:00pm in LA 207
Dec. 3rd @ 4:00-5:00pm in LA 207