



Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Anne Ferguson

Dr. Anne Ferguson will retire this year from her position as co-Director of the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) and from the Department of Anthropology where she has been a professor since 1993. She leaves a remarkable legacy at MSU, including the creation of GenCen and the Gender Justice and Environmental Change (GJEC) graduate specialization.

Dr. Ferguson's research and teaching have focused largely on land and water issues, tenure, governance, and social inequalities including gender. An interest in gender emerged in part from her personal experience. When she attended graduate school at MSU in the 1970s, she faced barriers that discriminated against women, such as being disqualified for in-state tuition because of her marital status and denied assistantships on the grounds that she 'might get pregnant.' After switching both her program and research focus—in part to accommodate these difficulties—she earned her Ph.D. in anthropology with a focus on Latin America.

While still in school, Dr. Ferguson took a position

with DAI (Development Association Incorporated, a consulting firm in Washington, DC) as the gender specialist for a large maize project in what was then Zaire. After two years of this work, she returned to MSU to finish her PhD and accepted a job with the USAID-funded Bean/Cowpea Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) as their gender specialist. She spent 15 years with the project, carrying out research on legume production in Latin America and Africa and helping universities abroad integrate gender into their agricultural research programs.

Through CRSP she became involved in Southern and Eastern Africa, and eventually Malawi. Dr. Ferguson's research continues to focus on Malawi 30 years later, where she works with the numerous colleagues and friends she has made there. "Besides my dissertation, I have never done a stand-alone project," she says. "I have always had collaborators in all the countries where I worked."

Message from the Chair: Dr. Jodie O’Gorman



With the end of Spring Semester now in sight, we have a new cohort of promising graduate students waiting in the wings and defending dissertators on center stage. It may be some sort of record for us this year as we anticipate that 17 Ph.D. students will have defended and submitted their dissertations between August of 2015 and August of 2016. Happy reports of jobs landed and dissertations completed make their way to my door in increasing numbers.

Our newer graduate students are also impressive. With the revenue from our online courses we are able to offer recruiting packages to several very competitive graduate applicants, and all of our first year students for next year will have funding. Two of our pre-ABD students now have prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Fellowships.

I always look forward to the undergraduate spring commencement and the department reception for our graduates and their families. It’s so rewarding to hear about the great interactions that our undergraduates have had with the faculty, and the wonderful opportunities students engaged in during their time here as we celebrate each of the individual graduates. Over the past year we have also had many occasions to celebrate faculty achievements, some of which you will see in the pages of this newsletter. Dr. Anne Ferguson will soon be retiring and we highlight her remarkable career in this newsletter. Dr. Judy Pugh and Dr. Kenneth David retired this year and we wish them long and happy retirements. Their keen insights and sharp wits will be missed.

Photography Contest Winners

Winners of the Annual Fieldwork Photography Contest:

First Place Winner (featured on cover):
“Layene religious ceremony” by Emily Riley. Taken in Yoff-Layene, Senegal

(Second and Third Place Winners featured on Page 4)

Honorable Mentions (not pictured):
“The Duck Delivery” by Edward Glayzer
“Wedding Blessing” by Emily Riley
“Transept with high contrast marble stripes” by Emily Streetman

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Dr. Anne Ferguson (continued)

Although her tenure home is Anthropology, much of Dr. Ferguson's work has involved programs elsewhere on campus. Following her work with CRSP, she became the fourth director of Women and International Development Program (WID), where she worked with Rob Glew (CASID) to jointly obtain a Title VI grant from the Department of Education. The grant is largely used to fund graduate students interested in gender and development learn the language pertinent to their research. While running WID, Dr. Ferguson created the GJEC specialization with Dr. Tracy Dobson (Fisheries and Wildlife). This unique program brings together graduate students from a variety of disciplines and equips them to incorporate gender into research on environmental issues.

In 2006, Dr. Ferguson worked with Dr. Lisa Fine (History) to create GenCen by combining the then-defunct women's studies major and WID. GenCen continues to be one of the most innovative gender centers in the US because, unlike a traditional department, GenCen is housed within International Studies and Programs (ISP) and has over 200 affiliated faculty. This structure allows GenCen to engage both domestic and international issues while reaching across colleges and disciplines, constantly refreshing the curriculum with new faculty.

Through GenCen, Dr. Ferguson has been involved in integrating a gender dimension into multiple large grants within the colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Social Science, helping to ensure that MSU's activities promote equality. She has also been deeply involved in strategic partnership coordination, which includes over 40 faculty currently engaged in research in Malawi, the largest number of any US university. In recent years, Dr. Ferguson has also taken on a leadership role in ISP, first as Interim Associate Dean of Research and now as Interim Senior Associate Dean for Strategic Engagement.

Dr. Ferguson and Dr. Lisa Fine were also honored this spring at the Lavender Reception and Mosaic Awards as recipients of the 2016 Beverwyk



Dr. Anne Ferguson

Award. The award acknowledges the GenCen directors for the creation of the LGBTQ+ Studies minor, which became available in 2015. Deanna Hurlbert, Director of the LGBT Resource Center, writes: "Lisa and Anne have been relentless advocates for sexuality and gender scholarship at Michigan State University and demonstrated brilliant administrative leadership as the architects of LGBTQ+ Studies. As of this school year, 68 students are working towards earning the LGBTQ+ Studies minor. In addition, the GenCen regularly offers 23 courses with significant LGBTQ content that are accessible to all students. Anne and Lisa have not just expanded the academic portfolio of this University, but have validated the humanity, the history, and the future of people marginalized by their sexuality or gender."

Although much of Dr. Ferguson's work has taken place outside of the Department, she has been very active on graduate student committees, serving 15-20 at any given time for most of her career. She considers training students to be one the most important aspect of her work, as students become the next generation of scholars. Her students have gone on to succeed in a variety of applied and university positions, and continue to stay in touch with her.

Annual Photography Contest Winners (continued)

Second Place Winner
“Vietnamese Boats” by Edward Glayzer
Hue, Vietnam



Third Place Winner
“Peruvian Dyes” by Nicole Williams
Chincheru, Peru



Meet Joan Reid, Graduate Secretary

The Department of Anthropology is very pleased to introduce our new Graduate Secretary, Joan Reid, who joined the department Fall of 2015. She is a longtime MSU employee and very experienced in working with Graduate Students. She's been at MSU 26 years, having worked in Urban Affairs and for several language programs in the College of Arts and Letters. Prior to coming to Anthropology Joan worked in the Graduate Office for the School of Social Work's Masters of Social Work (MSW) and PhD graduate programs.

In Anthropology, Joan provides graduate students with information and resources necessary to progress through the graduate program. She facilitates their progress, from admission to the program through their final defense. She says, “I love working with graduate students and the feeling that in some small way I have contributed to the student's success by helping them progress through the program.”

Joan attended Muskegon Business College and Lansing Community College but is a diehard Spartan fan. “We bleed GREEN. We are big sports fans, especially the basketball team. Tom Izzo is a fellow Yooper and I am very proud of his success.”



Joan and her husband Tom have two children and one grandson who was born just last year. When not at work, Joan loves spending time with her family, especially outdoors. They love camping and visiting Michigan's great lakes, and have been to most National Parks. Yosemite is next on her bucket list.

Dr. Heather Howard Visits Oxford University

Dr. Heather Howard spent the semester as a Visiting Scholar with the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography at the University of Oxford, where she gave a paper titled, "What's in a name? 'Metabolic surgery,' Curing Diabetes, and the Transformation of Weight Loss Procedures and Patients," as part of the seminar series of the Unit for Biocultural Variation and Obesity (UBVO). She also presented her research at the Institute of Preventative Medicine at Frederiksberg Hospital and Governing Obesity group at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, this past

March. These papers draw on findings from NIH-funded research carried out with Dr. Linda Hunt, and describe the social transformations of patients with diabetes who undergo bariatric surgery. The larger study focuses on diabetes and explores risk status, treatment responsibility, and clinical care choices, especially as these may differentially impact diverse patient groups. Her work illustrates how strongly diabetes is a motivation for patients to pursue surgery, and raises questions about the broader socio-political and ethical implications of surgical treatment for diabetes, as well as the implications for group identity and concepts of racial and ethnic difference.

The UBVO at Oxford is an interdisciplinary research unit whose academic work focuses on the various dimensions of obesity, especially the social, cultural and political aspects of the emergence of obesity among many of the world's populations. It is one of several thematic research interest groups in the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology (ISCA) which organizes weekly seminars given by visiting scholars from throughout the UK and abroad. Dr. Howard attended seminars on medical anthropology, material culture and museum studies, as well as the department's weekly seminar. During her time there she also had the opportunity to engage with Professor Stanley Ulijaszek, Director of the UBVO, and with other Oxford medical anthropologists with biocultural and ecological per-



Dr. Heather Howard (photo by Stanley Ulijaszek)

spectives on health, the materiality of biomedicine, identity, and the body. "The intellectually stimulating environment was particularly productive for me in thinking through some of my analysis," Dr. Howard explains more:

A significant preliminary outcome of the research is that it has brought into relief the complexity of transformations in patient identity compelled by rapidly changing scientific and technological approaches to the treatment of diabetes. These include surgical (bariatric) and health information technological imperatives which are re-concept-

tualizing patient responsibility and choice in important ways. Of particular interest to me is the extent to which an increased representation of bariatric surgery as a "cure" for diabetes has shifted the landscape of the clinical management of obesity, and dominates the decision-making of patients to pursue surgery. It also presents a valuable case study to highlight the processes by which the political determinants of disease and health unfold, and raises important ethical and policy questions. For instance, how are the lines between patient educational information and marketing blurred in the translation of scientific knowledge production about this approach to diabetes? What issues may arise around access and targeting particular populations? Will a surgical cure for diabetes be a right; a first resort? Might the surgical treatment of diabetes sustain, or even increase inequalities? And, relating back to the genomic focus of our research, how are constructions of metabolic disorder and "faulty" hormones displacing or extending genomic explanatory narratives about diabetes and obesity?

Dr. Howard was also awarded funding from the Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative to support anthropology undergraduate major, Kailyn Williams, who developed analysis of the multiple ways in which insurance coverage impacts bariatric surgery patient experience. She presented this work as a poster at the Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum in April.

Alumni Spotlight on Dr. Sean Dunham

I'm Sean Dunham and I am the Heritage Program Manager/Archaeologist at the Chippewa National Forest (CNF) as well as a triple alum of the MSU Anthropology Department (BA 1985, MA 2011, PhD 2014). The CNF manages about 660,000 acres in north central Minnesota near the headwaters of the Mississippi River. Serendipitously, I started working up here soon after my dissertation defense and have been enjoying living and working in the north woods!

There are about 3000 archaeological and historic sites within the boundaries of the CNF and we identify more sites every year. These range from 10,000 year old Native American sites to twentieth century Forest Service buildings. My primary responsibility is to ensure activities such as timber harvests or campground development do not impact those sites (as per the National Historic Preservation Act) and to work with other resource managers towards more integrated ecosystem management.

About 40 percent of the CNF land base falls within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation. As a result, I work closely with the LLBO Tribal Historic Preservation Office as well as their Heritage Sites Program. The CNF has had a long heritage partnership with LLBO going back to the late 1980s. One of the projects we are currently working on is an archaeological survey which is part of a vegetation management project geared towards diversifying and protecting stands of ash trees from emerald ash borers, an invasive insect that has decimated ash populations throughout the Great Lakes region. Ash fills an important ecological niche in the forest and is also important to the LLBO for making ash bark baskets. Projects like these have mutual significance to the LLBO and the CNF and reflect the link between heritage and natural resource management.

I also work with historic buildings associated with Forest Service and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) activities on the CNF. The Supervisors Office, where I work, was built in 1936 by the CCC and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (see photo). We just put a new HVAC system in while maintaining the historic character of the building. We also have one of the most complete CCC camps in the US, Camp Rabideau, a National Historic Landmark.



Me (left) with Ken Sandi, the heritage program manager at Grey Towers National Historic Site

Camp Rabideau, as well as myself, appeared in a video by Prairie Public Television on the CCC in Minnesota (Google it). Rabideau was recently stabilized and restored and we hope to find a partner who might be able to make use of this unique facility (let me know if you know anyone who is interested).

The highlight of my undergraduate experience, and the event that laid the groundwork for where I am today, was the archaeological field school at the Marquette Mission site in 1984. I've kept in touch with Dr. Lovis and recently enjoyed seeing him and Drs. O'Gorman and Goldstein as well as numerous other MSU affiliates at the Midwest Archaeological Conference in Milwaukee.



The CNF Supervisors Office (1953). My office is the second floor window to the right.

Update From the Field: Fayana Richards

The proportion of individuals 65 years of age and older is expected to double by 2050. As such, concerns over their anticipated needs have largely focused on older adults as the recipients of care. I take a different approach by highlighting the fact that older adults can and do serve as caregivers themselves for spouses, siblings, friends, and their grandchildren. My dissertation research examines family dynamics and caregiving practices among African American grandmothers raising grandchildren in Detroit, Michigan. Specifically, I explore the moral obligations for providing care:

what circumstances and reasons do grandmothers give for raising their grandchildren? I also research the resulting material forms, such as family heirlooms and photographs, that emerge as a conduit for displaying affective kinship ties.

In the beginning of my fieldwork, I met with an administrator familiar with caregiving grandparents in Detroit. When asked about the state of these caregiving older adults, they explained: “Many of these women don’t want to do this. They are tired and frustrated and have enough going on with themselves and getting old. Along with everything that comes along with that.” I left their office wanting to learn more about the grandparents who decided to take this responsibility upon themselves. What motivates one take on such an intensive caregiving task?

For the past year, I have sat in on numerous kinship care support group meetings throughout Detroit. Many of the participants are older women. One of the most interesting aspects of my dissertation research has been grappling with the generational difference between group members and myself and how it has shaped our interactions. For example, comments directed towards me are usually punctuated with: ‘You probably are too young to remember this, but..’ Or ‘Back in the day, before you were born..’ On the other hand, because of my age, I have been dubbed the unofficial technology consultant. I might show an older adult how to setup an email account and send an email, or how to text a picture to a relative.



Grad Student Fayana Richards

Kinship care support groups are diverse in nature and cater to different populations. During group meetings, members may exchange information about upcoming events or useful services, give updates on their lives, or entertain a guest speaker. I initially heard about kinship support groups through a previous interviewee who, unfortunately, was unable to introduce me herself due to being hospitalized. I arrived to the meeting early making sure to introduce myself to other group members. By the time the meeting started, the group coordinator

introduced me as a ‘guest speaker’ and stated the following: ‘Fayana is going to tell us who she is, why she is here, and exactly what she wants from us.’ I spent the next 15 minutes conducting an unexpected Q&A on where I grew up, who my parents were, how much time I’ve spent in Detroit. Eventually, I was able to talk briefly about my research interests.

At this point in my fieldwork, I have conducted interviews primarily with grandmothers raising grandchildren. I ask grandmothers about what they hope their grandchildren learn from them in terms of values, and the material objects that they hope to leave in their wake once they have passed. If I can, I ask that the grandmothers gather family pictures and other items to help facilitate our conversation. This usually ends up becoming a tour of the household or common living areas and I make sure to take notice of which specific items are pointed out and try to get them to explain their importance. This method helps me understand how material objects inform kinship.

I have interviewed administrators, social workers, and child and family services. Eventually I hope to conduct informal interviews with some of the grandchildren. As part of my fieldwork, I have gone to garage sales, bingo halls, church services, and birthday celebrations of grandmothers and their grandchildren. I’m even learning how to knit. I am also identifying archival sources for an historical perspective on the lives of African American families in Detroit following the Great Migration.

Alumnus Dr. Robert Mainfort Retires in Lansing

Dr. Robert C. Mainfort, archaeologist and a triple alumnus of the MSU Department of Anthropology (BS 1970, MA 1974, PhD 1977), re-settled in Lansing in 2013 for retirement. MSU Anthropology was honored to bring him on as an adjunct professor, and he recently co-taught a graduate seminar, "Readings in Eastern North American Archaeology" with his long-time buddy from grad school, Dr. William Lovis.

Dr. Mainfort's most notable work focuses on prehistoric societies in the Midsouth. As Regional Archaeologist in Tennessee, he directed several years of research at Pinson Mounds, one of the largest mound groups in North America, dating to the Middle Woodland period. Some of the mounds had been relatively unstudied prior to his research and were quite large (one was 72 feet tall). His excavations there were the focus of many years of scholarship, and his recent book, *Pinson Mounds: Middle Woodland Ceremonialism in the Midsouth* (2013), was named an Outstanding Academic Title for 2014 by Choice Magazine.

Dr. Mainfort spent many years working as Regional Archaeologist for the State of Tennessee before taking a position at the University of Arkansas, where he served as Director of Sponsored Research and Series Editor with the Arkansas Archaeological Survey, and taught and mentored grad students as a professor in the Department of Anthropology. One of his favorite projects in Arkansas, produced with the Old State House Museum in Little Rock, was an exhibit of prehistoric Native American artifacts from the turn of the 20th century. Dr. Mainfort curated the exhibit, playfully titled "Raiders of the Lost Arkansas" (2004-2007). The exhibit received an Award of Commendation from the Southeastern Museums Conference and was named Exhibit of the Year by the Arkansas Association of Museums. The exhibit was viewed by about 80,000 people and was also made available through an illustrated book.

On another occasion, Dr. Mainfort's efforts to bring archaeological and historical knowledge to the public stirred up local politics. Early in his career, he collected data to help reconstruct fortifications at the Civil War site of Ft. Pillow in West Tennessee. His research helped confirm that Ft. Pillow had been the site of a massacre of black Union troops by Confederate soldiers under General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Dr.

Mainfort and a colleague, historian John Cimprich, combed through previously untapped materials from the National Archives to piece together what had occurred at the Fort. Their results were published as several articles, including one in *The Journal of American History*, in which they provided definitive figures that the battle was in fact a massacre in which black soldiers were disproportionately targeted over white Union soldiers. The research came under attack from local white politicians who revered General Forrest as a war hero. Dr. Mainfort became a key contributor to an exhibit about the massacre, where letters that surviving soldiers wrote after the battle were made public for the first time, testifying to the horror that had taken place.

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Above: Dr. Mainfort with Mary L. Kwas
Below: Dr. Mainfort speaking at the exhibit "Raiders of the Lost Arkansas"



Update from the GSA

The Graduate Students in Anthropology (GSA) is a student-run organization whose goal is to support and create community amongst graduate students in the department. This academic year we introduced the Academic Enhancement Scholarship to help students cover travel costs and academic necessities (i.e., books, software, hardware, etc.). The GSA awarded two \$100 scholarships in Fall 2015 and two more in Spring 2016. We also organized the first Graduate Research Symposium in January (see photo), which provided a platform for students from the various subfields to present and share their work with colleagues and hear about research conducted by faculty members. The symposium was well attended and we plan to make it an annual event.

GSA also tries to facilitate camaraderie among graduate students. We held a “Festivus Party” for students in December with free food and a space for students to “air grievances” (i.e., complain about life). It was an effective stress-reducer and a lot of fun.

We support these activities through fundraising. This fall we held our annual Chili Cookoff, which is both a fundraiser and a fun social gathering for faculty, staff, and students. We expanded the competition this year to include prizes for vegetarian chili and

cornbread, and the result was delicious. Our spring fundraiser was a raffle and bake sale, with prizes that included a refurbished bicycle donated by one of our members.

Having an impact beyond the department was also on our agenda this year. In collaboration with Ph.D. candidate Amy Michael, we organized a water drive for Flint. Grad students raised about \$250 in addition to bottled water donations, and we delivered two carloads of water and school supplies to the Flint Boys and Girls Club. Overall, this has been a great year for the GSA and we appreciate everyone who has been involved and all of the support from students and faculty.

--Susan Kooiman, President



Update from the Undergraduate Club

This year, the Undergraduate Anthropology Club has been busy building personal and professional relationships, helping the community, and having a lot of fun along the way! We have had many professors speak to us about their research, bridging the gap between students and faculty. We are thankful for our supportive faculty, many of whom have joined us for our bi-weekly meetings. The club has also diversified its activities. During the fall semester, we were able to visit the Henry Ford Museum and get an exclusive look at some of the collections. We were able to hold a resume and CV workshop as well as have an informative documentary night. This semester we hosted an upperclassman panel during which seniors offered advice to and answered the questions of younger undergraduate students. We will have our annual paper competition and Professor of the Year contest as usual, and the winners will be announced at our last meeting

of the year where we will continue the tradition having a student vs. faculty Jeopardy game.

We are proud of the combined efforts of the UAC, HDSE, and the GSA to raise money and water donations for the city of Flint. Apart from what the GSA raised, we worked with UAC and HDSE and collected more than 30 cases of water, about 10 gallon jugs, and \$275.00 to purchase water which we delivered to Flint. The UAC also has bi-weekly social events which offer club members the ability to mingle and make great friends within the department. Social events include coffee hours, study nights, potlucks, and more! We have also made our mark on the social media world with our new Public Relations e-board position. Using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, our official website, and our new merchandise website we have expanded our reach in the department and beyond.

--Taylor Flaherty, President

News From Around The Department



**MSU Anthropology students in the lobby of
The Field Museum, Chicago**

The Department of Anthropology organized a visit to The Field Museum in Chicago this February to see “The Greeks: Agamemnon to Alexander.” The group of 36 participants included undergraduate and graduate students in Anthropology along with faculty from Anthropology and History and several History undergraduate students.



Dr. William Lovis and alumnae Dr. Marieka Brouwer-Burg (pictured above) released their co-edited book, “Uncertainty and Sensitivity Analysis in Archaeological Computational Modeling.” (Co-edited with Hans Peeters, not pictured. See back cover for book details.)

Dr. Jamal Hanifi (adjunct) presented his paper “The Introduction and Modern Hegemonic Effect of European football in Afghanistan” to the Departments of Anthropology, History, and the Muslim Studies Program at MSU this April.

Grad Student Nerli Paredes received an NSF Graduate Research Pre-doctoral Fellowship to support her next three years of graduate study. Her proposed research is titled: “Changes in breast milk composition with short and prolonged lactation, and its association with infant health indicators among Maya peoples.”

Dr. Robert Mainfort (continued from page 8)

In recent years, much of Dr. Mainfort’s research has focused on late prehistoric mortuary practices in the Midsouth. Most of his data comes from museum collections, including excavation records made over 100 years ago that have largely been ignored by later researchers. These records are very brief by modern standards, but nonetheless contain valuable data. Considering that people’s ancestors were excavated haphazardly, Dr. Mainfort felt it was important to make good use of the information already obtained. This work also presented opportunities to pass along records to Native peoples, helping tribes connect with scholarship and, in some cases, regain control over

ancestral materials (although this isn’t always possible because of contested claims).

As they approached retirement, Dr. Mainfort and his wife (historical archaeologist Mary L. Kwas) longed to return to Michigan. Here they have become involved with civic groups such as the Historical Society of Greater Lansing. They’ve both been writing for the Society’s newsletter and helping with exhibits and collections, including the recent exhibit at City Hall on Prohibition and its aftermath. They also are involved in the Delta-Waverly Garden Club, where they share their love of cultivating daylilies and roses.

News From Around The Department (continued)



Dr. Lynne Goldstein receiving the Midwest Archaeological Conference Distinguished Career Award

Dr. Lynne Goldstein received the Midwest Archaeological Conference Distinguished Career Award this past November. She was also selected by ANP graduate students to receive this year's Jacob C. Climo Mentorship award for her ongoing support of graduate students.

Grad Student Katie Meyers Emery received the MSU Excellence-in-Teaching Citation Award for her accomplishments instructing students in multiple contexts. This past March she was also featured in Forbes magazine as one of 8 Anthropologists advancing public outreach in recognition of her notable blog, "Bones Don't Lie."

Grad Student Julie Fleischman won funding from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences' Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center to oversee a new osteological project at Krang Ta Chan (a former Khmer Rouge mass gravesite in Takeo Province). The grant will allow the Cambodian team to purchase equipment and supplies to analyze and preserve thousands of human skeletal remains from the Cambodian genocide. Julie will serve in an advisory and fiscal role.

Grad Student Amy Michael was selected by her peers to receive the 2016 GSA Peer Award in recognition of her contributions to the Department and Campus Archaeology, as well as her instrumental role coordinating the GSA's water drive for Flint residents.

This past November Dr. Najib Hourani was invited to speak at the Harvard Arab Weekend on a panel entitled "Reconstruction and Identity" due to his expertise on issues of post-conflict reconstruction. Dr. Hourani also visited Beirut in March to deliver two lectures at the famed American University of Beirut, and is conducting follow up research toward his book project, "Glass Towers and Heritage Trails: Neoliberal Urbanism in Beirut and Amman."

Dr. Barbara Rose Johnston (adjunct) received the Michael Kearney award at the 2016 Society for Applied Anthropology conference in April and delivered the Distinguished Lecture: "Climate Change, Migration, and Biocultural Diversity - Emerging Trends, D/volutionary Tipping Points?"

Grad Student Lisa Bright won the Society for California Archaeology Student Paper Competition in March for her paper titled "Differentiating Hospital Interred Individuals from the Larger Cemetery Population: The Curious Case of SCVMC's Buttons." She used the presence and absence of specific button types and patterns to classify the individuals interred.

Grad Student Emily Riley won GenCen's 2015 Rita S. Gallin Award for Best Graduate Paper on Women and Gender in Global Perspective for her paper "The Politics of Téranga: Gender, Power, and the Political Equality Movement in Senegal." The paper is an excerpt of her dissertation.

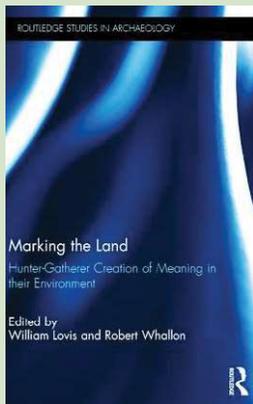


Grad Student Emily Riley receiving the Rita S. Gallin Award at GenCen's Reception this January

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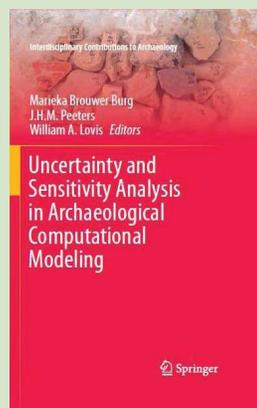


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