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News about faculty, students, and alumni of Williams Anthropology & Sociology



Hard to believe that this online alumni newsletter--as far as we know, the first of any department at Williams--hits the decade mark with this issue. Time flies where you're playing with HTML.

We've got a somewhat thinner than average issue this time, mostly because we've completed one of those years when many regular members of the department are on sabbatical or off on parental or administrative leaves of one sort or another. And we graduated a smaller group of majors than usual, a situation that will not be repeated in 2008, when our majors return to more typical numbers.

This year's ANSONews special project is a list of Williams graduates or almost-graduates who have pursued professional careers in Anthropology, Sociology, or closely related fields. We've probably missed a few Ephs, so by all means contact us with corrections.

As always, we welcome hearing about what our former majors are up to.

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News about faculty

Lots of leaves and leave projects in 2006-2007. ANSO hit one of those blips in the departmental leave cycle when an unusual number of faculty were on leave for one reason or another. Olga Shevchenko was on an Assistant Professor Leave that happily coincided with a maternity leave. Bob Jackall continued his involvement with the [Williams in New York](#) program in Fall 2006 and will carry on with W@NYC in 2007. Michael Brown, Peter Just, and James Nolan were all on leave for part or all of 2006-2007 while they worked on various projects.



Department chair Antonia Foias (at end of trailer, in blue) with her two sons during Williamstown's July 4 parade on Spring Street.

Olga Shevchenko has completed a book that Indiana University Press will publish in 2008r. The working title is *Crisis as a Way of Life: The Changing Contours of Everyday in Postsocialist Moscow*. Olga has also co-edited and contributed an article to a special issue of the journal *Social Identities* focused on postsocialism and popular culture. The article analyzes the current Russian obsession with--of all things--crossword puzzles. Her current project deals with Russian family photo albums and memories of socialism. The Soviet era in its various guises is an object of considerable popular interest, which can be seen in the surprising resuscitation of many Soviet brands and renewed scholarly attention to the art/architecture/culture of late socialism.

Arafaat Valiani, Assistant Professor of Sociology, has been awarded an NEH summer stipend grant to work on his project "Formations of Militancy: Religion, Violence, and Political Mobilization in Twentieth Century India."

Robert Jackall, Class of 1956 Prof. of Sociology & Public Affairs, is featured in a streaming video lecture, "Detective Work: A Look Inside the NYPD," accessible in the website of Williams Alumni Relations. The talk was given presented during Alumni Reunions, June 2007.

David B. Edwards will be traveling to China and Mongolia this summer to lay the groundwork for a documentary film project on Naadam, the annual festival of (among other things) Mongolian horsemanship. His documentary work on Afghanistan was the subject of a profile by Chris Marcisz in the *Berkshire Eagle* in September 2006.



Michael Brown's work on heritage protection is featured in an interview (conducted by Thomas Strong and Jukka Siikala, both of the University of Helsinki) recently published in the Finnish journal *Suomen Antropologi*. You can find a PDF of the seven-page interview [here](#). Don't panic: it's in English, which as far as Brown could tell is spoken more accurately in Finland than in the United States.



Prof. Peter Just (left) and James Nolan at a late summer party, 2006.

New faces in 2007-2008 . . . and some that we've seen before. Prof. Kai

Erikson will return to ANSO as Visiting Distinguished Professor of Sociology in Fall 2007. Some of you will remember Kai from his two previous visiting stints in the department. A return of a different sort will be made by **Wendi S. Haugh** '91, who will be Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology in 2007-2008, having completed her PhD at Penn and a year as a visiting professor at Oberlin. Wendi's return to Williams got us thinking about other Ephs who have gone on to professional careers in Anthropology or Sociology, a list of whom we've prepared for this issue of ANSONews. There are doubtless errors in the list, so please send us corrections and additions.

We will also be joined by **Marketa Rulikova**, Visiting Asst Prof of Sociology in Fall 2007, and **Sameena Mulla**, a doctoral candidate in Anthropology at Johns Hopkins University, who will be a Gaius Charles Bolin Predoctoral Fellow.

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News about students and alumni

2007 was a quiet year with a significant downward blip in the number of graduating seniors. But things revert to a more normal pattern in 2007-2008, when the department has 11 rising seniors and 11 rising juniors who have declared majors in either Sociology or Anthropology.



Emily Button '07 was this year's winner of the James Orton Prize in Anthropology. This was one of several trips to the platform that Emily made during the Baccalaureate Service: She was also awarded the Class of 1945 Florence Chandler Fellowship and the Charles Bridgen Lansing Class of 1829 Fellowship in Latin and Greek from the Classics Department.

Speaking of James Orton, Orton's most famous book, *The Andes and the Amazon*, originally published in 1870, is [now accessible full-text at the website of the Gutenberg Project](#). Check it out: it's surprisingly good reading.

Random tidbits about alums: Natalie Bump '04 is beginning a joint JD/PhD program in law and anthropology at Northwestern. Elsewhere in the midwest, Jess Robbins '01 has been admitted to PhD candidacy in Anthropology at the University of Michigan and expects to commence fieldwork in Poland sometime next year. Freeden Oeur '03 has completed his MA in Sociology at Berkeley and is now preparing for his doctoral qualifying exams. He continues to develop his interest in the sociology of education, which he expects will shape his dissertation farther down the PhD road.

News about the activities of ANSO alums--including those of you who pursuing non-academic careers--is always welcome!

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Ephs in Anthropology, Sociology, & Related Fields

Just for fun we have tried to identify past and present Williams graduates (and a few who transferred elsewhere before graduating) who have become professional anthropologists and sociologists. Many did not major in ANSO at Williams. Some were here long before the department came into existence, which as many of you know was late by comparison to other institutions of higher education in the United States.

We did the best we could to gather complete and accurate information, but we've doubtless missed a few of you. Please contact Michael Brown at his Williams email address with information about corrections and additions.

The numbers--and some of the names--may surprise you. Their year of graduation is included when we know it.

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Eileen Bevis '03, University of Chicago (doctoral student)

Ethel C. Brooks '90, Rutgers

Erica Dwyer '03, Univ. of Pennsylvania (doctoral student)

Leslie Hinkson '94, Princeton (doctoral student)

Rory Kramer '03, University of Pennsylvania (doctoral student)

Jeffrey C. Leitner '70, North Carolina State

Mike Levien '01, UC-Berkeley (doctoral student)

Jan Lin '83, Occidental College

Barrington Moore, Jr. (1913-2005)

Freedeen Oeur '03, UC-Berkeley (doctoral student)

Deinya Phenix '93, NYU (doctoral student)

Darci Powell '02, Univ. of North Carolina (doctoral student)
LaTonya J Trotter '98, Princeton (doctoral student)
Josh Wakeham '02, Harvard (doctoral student)
Joan Walling '99, Azusa Pacific Univ.

EPHS IN ANTHROPOLOGY, 2007

Laura Ahearn '82, Rutgers University
Richard T. Antoun '53, Binghamton University (updated 2009: information on Prof. Anoun's tragic death at the hands of a graduate student available [here](#).
Jason Antrosio '92, Hartwick College
Jericho Burg, '87 UCSD (doctoral student)
Cat Bolten '98, University of Michigan (doctoral student)
C. Loring Brace, University of Michigan (transferred from Williams)
Natalie Bump '04, Northwestern University (doctoral student)
Brian Burke '02, University of Arizona (doctoral student)
Adam Chau '93, SOAS (UK)
Cathy Clayton '88
W. Allison Davis '24 (1902-1983)
Sallie Han '92 , SUNY Oneonta
Wendi Haugh '91 , Williams College
Karl Heider, University of South Carolina (transferred from Williams)
Elizabeth Hoover '01, Brown University (doctoral student)
Alvaro Jarrin, Duke (doctoral student)
Melissa Johnson '84, Southwestern University
Melanie Kingsley '05, Brandeis (doctoral student)
Anne Lewinson '87, Berry College
Ellen Oxfeld, Middlebury College
Jennifer Patico '94 , Georgia State University
Jessica Robbins '01, University of Michigan (doctoral student)
Abby Rosenthal '02, Univ. of Chicago (doctoral student)
Geofre Schoradt, Univ. of Illinois (geography doctoral student)
James Scott, Yale (political scientist, but widely read in anthropology)
Elly Spensely '01, Boston University (doctoral student)



USPS stamp honoring the social anthropologist W. Allison Davis, a 1924 graduate of Williams.

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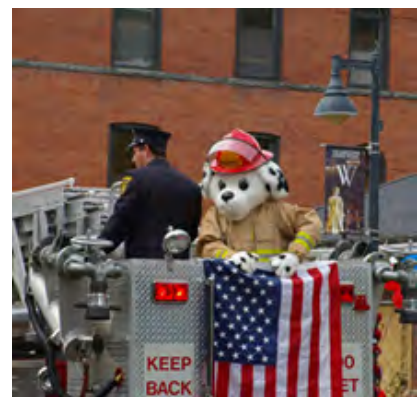
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The Human Moment **A Williamstown that most students never see:** **July 4 Parade, Spring Street, 2007**





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