

ANSO News

For alumni & friends
of Anthropology & Sociology
at Williams

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Stetson Hall at mid-winter (Photo credit: Michael F. Brown)

Welcome to the Spring 2001 issue of *ANSO News*, the online newsletter of the Department of Anthropology & Sociology at Williams.

Previous issues have sparked messages from a number of ANSO alums, including Alison Ascher, Adam Chau, William Aprill, Jericho Burg, and others. ([More](#))

Student interest in the Anthropology and Sociology majors continues at a level unfamiliar to alums who graduated in the 1980s and early 1990s. We now have 33 majors in the classes of 2002 and 2003. ([More](#))

ANSO faculty continue to be active in their teaching, research, and administrative activities. ([More](#))

Two visitors will be joining the department next year in Anthropology and Sociology. Meanwhile, currently visiting professors are moving on to good jobs elsewhere. ([More](#))

We welcome cards, email, and photographs (digitized, if possible) from ANSO alums. Please remember, though, that all correspondence about changes of address should be directed to the offices of [Williams College](#)



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News about
students
majoring in
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Lizette Klussmann '02 (left) and Carol Shirai '01 load their plates at the annual Anthropology & Sociology picnic, this year held at the house of David and Holly Edwards. Like last year, inclement weather kept faculty and students indoors. In the background, one can just barely make out Irena Hollowell '02 and Prof. Robert Jackall.

This year's Robert Friedrichs prize in Sociology was awarded to Cathryn M. Christensen '01. Cathryn was awarded highest honors for her senior thesis *Lobstering: Independence and Cooperation on the Maine Coast*. Next year, she will be a Fulbright Scholar in Mauritius.





Abbey S. Eisenhower '01, a double-major in Anthropology and Psychology, was awarded the James Orton Prize in Anthropology.

Jim Shilkett, a sociology major, contributed one of the [essays](#) published in the special Commencement and Reunion issue of *On Campus*.

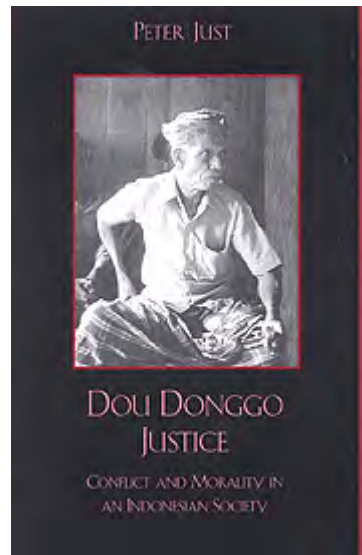
Liz Hoover's senior thesis, *The Self-Identification of Mixed-Blood Indians in the United States*, was approved for honors by the department. Liz will be beginning the doctoral program in anthropology at Brown University next fall.

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Robert Jackall has been named **Gaudino Professor** for the next several years. In that capacity, he will organize talks and other activities for students interested in the quality of intellectual life at Williams. His most recent book, [*Image Makers*](#), which he co-authored with Janice Hirota, recently received a favorable [review](#) in the *Public Relations Quarterly*.

Peter Just's study of dispute settlement in Indonesia, [*Dou Donggo Justice*](#), was published this year by Rowman & Littlefield.



Jim Nolan's new book, [*Reinventing Justice: The American Drug Court Movement*](#), was just published by Princeton University Press.



David B. Edwards, Professor of Anthropology, has launched a [program to organize and assess an extraordinary archive of video materials collected by Afghan videographers](#) during that nation's long struggle with the Soviet Union. Several Afghans will be working with Edwards this summer in Williamstown, and together they hope to produce CD ROMs and other multimedia products that will make this documentary history available to a wider audience.

Professor **Antonia Foias** has begun her [fourth field season of excavations and research at Motul de San José](#), a Classic Maya site in the Peten rain forest of Guatemala. Several Williams students will be joining her this summer. We hope to have a short streaming-video documentary about her exciting research up and running in the ANSO website by late summer 2001.

Jean Bacon, Assistant Professor of Sociology, continues to develop her local research projects on issues of poverty, work, and family welfare in the North Berkshires. Some of the information that she has developed so far can be viewed at the website of the [North Berkshire Community Profile Project](#).

Michael Brown was awarded an NEH Fellowship for his project "Protecting Native Heritage: Prospects and Dilemmas." He will complete his project next year as a member of the [Institute for Advanced Study](#) in Princeton.

**New Faculty
in
Anthropology
& Sociology
2001-2002**

Neil Gross, who's finishing his degree in sociology at U Wisconsin, Madison, will be joining the department as a visiting assistant professor in Sociology next year. He will offer courses that range from *The social life of ideas* to *Work and contemporary capitalism*.



Paul Ryer (to right in photo), a doctoral candidate from the University of Chicago and an Amherst graduate in recovery, will offer two anthropology courses on Latino issues during the spring term.

**News of other ANSO
faculty on the move:**

[Eileen Crist](#), who joined the department last year, will be returning to Virginia Tech in the fall of 2001 to continue her work in Science & Technology Studies.

Gilbert Tostevin and **Gilliane Monnier**, archaeologists who shared a visiting position in the department for two years, will be moving

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ANSO alums

Alison Ascher '96 checked in from the Bay Area, where she is working for Arriba Juntos, a San Francisco non-profit organization that focuses on English-language training, job placement, and basic life skills, especially for Latin American clients. She expects to begin graduate work in Teaching English as a Second Language next fall.

Alison joined the select group of alumni who have successfully challenged James Orton's Lake Titicaca jinx by crossing the body of water without mishap. Below are two photos sent by Alison, the first of traditional reed boats used on the lake, the second a picture of Alison and her hiking companion **Jen Rubenstein '96** taken at Machu Picchu.





Yuet ("Adam") Chau '93 (here shown in an animated exchange with Emily Brown, age 2, daughter of Michael and Sylvia Brown) came through Williamstown last winter on his way to a job interview at Skidmore College. It was obviously a success: he has accepted a full-time teaching job there that begins next fall. Adam expects to complete his doctorate in anthropology at Stanford by the end of the summer.

William Aprill '90 was recently named Tulane University's Special Advisor to the President for Alcohol Concerns. His work for Tulane is described in Tulane's [online magazine](#), as well as the university's student newspaper, which predictably dubbed Aprill ["Tulane's First Alcohol Czar."](#)

Suzanne (Jericho) Burg '87 sent us a picture of her classroom and students in Ethiopia. (See below.) She's now back in the US of A working on a doctorate in communications at the University of California, San Diego. Her husband, Mesfin, is struggling with the INS and its equally difficult counterpart in Ethiopia, but he hopes to be able to join her soon in California.



Emily Williams '99 recently had her fifteen minutes of fame when she was interviewed by National Public Radio in a story about Teach for America's elementary school programs in the Mississippi Delta. For a summary of the story, click [here](#), where you'll also find a link to a [Real Audio copy of the entire piece](#). (Credit for photo left, showing Emily teaching Durkheim and Weber to her students, is NPR.)

We're delighted to hear from ANSO alums in the academic world, but we've love to learn more about graduates who are following their bliss in other walks of life. Email messages, letters, photographs welcome!

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The Human Moment: Final view



Mime dressed as American Indian
Ronda, Andalusia, Spain
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