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of Anthropology & Sociology
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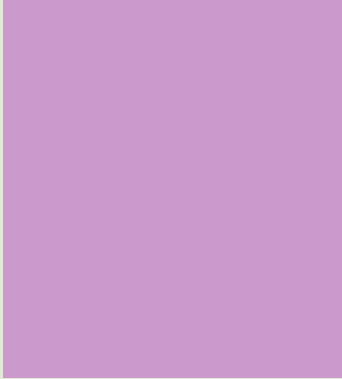
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Stetson Lounge

The 2001-2002 academic year was a good one for the department, with news of faculty expansion (including two new sociology hires, [Federico Varese](#) and [Olga Shevchenko](#)), several new books, fellowships, and lots of national attention directed to Prof. David Edwards's [Williams Afghan Media Project](#). Follow the links to the left for details!



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 Alumni Relations](#).

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**News about
students
majoring in
Anthropology
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This year's Robert Friedrichs prize in Sociology was awarded to Joshua Wakeham, whose senior thesis *From Saving the Wayward to Treating the Disturbed: The Social Transformation of Berkshire Farm* earned him highest departmental honors.



Two seniors shared this year's James Orton Prize in Anthropology, Austin Duncan (left, above) and Brian Burke.



Darci Powell, a sociology major, was awarded departmental honors for her senior thesis, *The Southern Baptist Denomination divided: Exploring the Culture Wars Thesis*.



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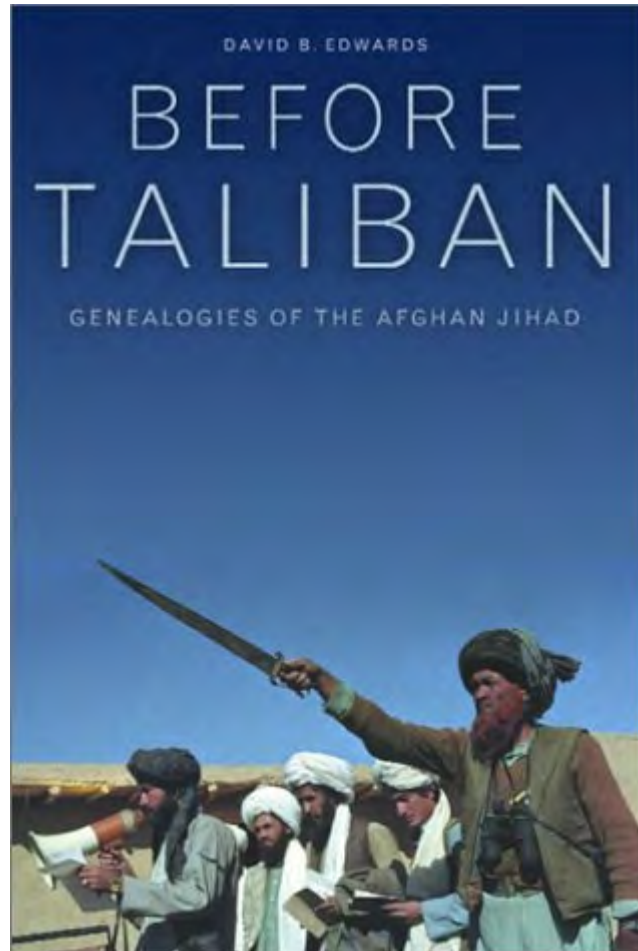
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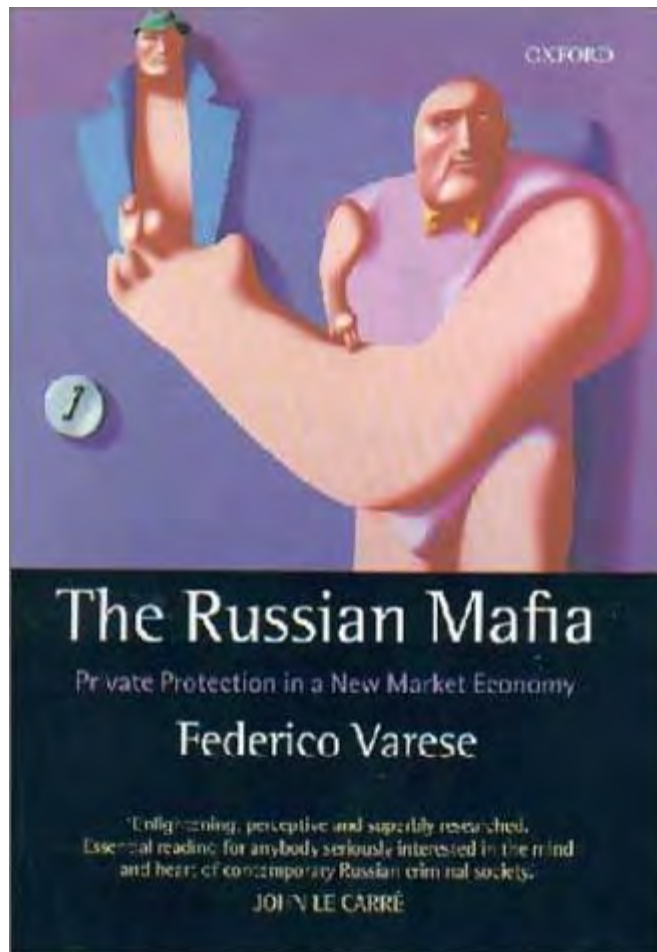
This was another big year for books and scholarly projects in Anthropology & Sociology!

David Edwards

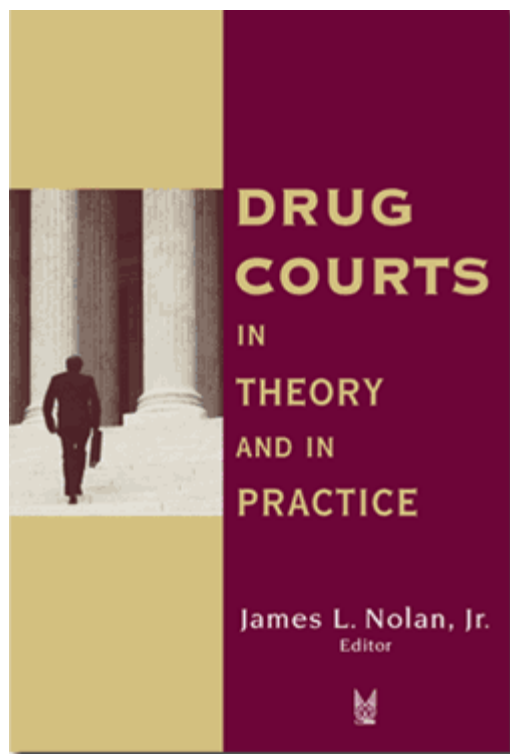
published *Before Taliban* to considerable public interest, given the strategic importance of Afghanistan in the wake of the September 2001 terrorist attacks..

Edwards was also named a [Scholar of Vision by the Carnegie Foundation](#), recognition that comes with research support for his forthcoming sabbatical leave. David's work was also featured in [a major exhibit at the Asia Society in New York](#).






Federico Varese, who joined the department as Assistant Professor of Sociology in July, just published *The Russian Mafia* to considerable public notice, including [a review in the Times Literary Supplement](#).



Jim Nolan, Associate Professor of Sociology and chair of Anthro/Soc, edited the book *Drug Courts: In Theory and in Practice*, just published by Aldine de Gruyter. His earlier book on drug courts received a [glowing notice](#) in the *Harvard Law Review*.



Michael Brown, Lambert Professor of Anthropology, published a Spanish translation of *War of Shadows*, a book that he co-authored with Eduardo Fernández. The translation, co-published by CAAAP-Lima/CAEA-Buenos Aires, was the subject of a several television and radio interviews in Peru, [as well as print reviews in the Peruvian press](#).

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News from ANSO alums



The Spring 2002 issue of the *Williams Alumni Review* carried a [piece by Cathryn Christensen '01](#) about her senior thesis research on Maine lobstermen. As far as we know, Cathryn is still in Mauritius on the Fulbright grant that she won last year.



Barbara Fusco '96, who majored in Anthropology and Religion, contributed an [essay on her long stay in Chile](#) to the June 2002 issue of *On Campus*.

Joan Walling '98, a Sociology major and now a [predoctoral student in Sociology at Princeton](#), came to campus this summer to speak to Williams students participating in the Mellon Program.

[Emily Williams '99](#), a former Sociology major, is making a jump from the Mississippi Delta

(where she worked for Teach for America) to New Zealand (where she'll study as a Fulbright Scholar).

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



Tiwijam Jiukam sets off to hunt in the rainforest
of the Alto Rio Mayo Peru, 1977.

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