



ANSO News

For alumni & friends
of Anthropology & Sociology
at Williams

Photos. Above: Prof. Robert Jackall chairs panel on business ethics, Fall 2002. (L.) Arthur Levitt, Jr. '52, former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, (R.) Bethany McLean '92, senior writer at *Fortune*

Left and right panels: Fireworks at Winter Carnival, January 2003

Welcome to the Summer 2003 issue of *ANSO News*, which includes information about the activities of Anthropology & Sociology [faculty](#), [students](#), and [alums](#). We also continue with the [Human Moment](#) page, this time with an image taken closer to home than its predecessors.

The Anthropology & Sociology Department welcomes 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
and
Sociology at
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This year's Robert Friedrichs prize in Sociology was awarded to Eileen Bevis. She also graduated with departmental honors for her sociology thesis, *Through the Lens of Social Character: Scrutinizing Recent Concerns About Increasing American Individualism*.



Freedden Oeur was awarded the James Orton prize in Anthropology.

Sarah Arnold '04 will spend part of the summer gathering data for her sociology senior thesis, provisionally entitled *Packaging the Past: A Look at Nostalgia and Historical Preservation Through Four New England Outdoor "Living History" Museum Sites*.



Remember this?



[Click](#) for a brief detour through the colorful history of the cabinet's current contents.

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Faculty News



Peter Just (left) and David Edwards mug for the camera, Fall 2002.

For the first time in recent years, the sabbatical leave cycle left the department at full-strength in the 2002-2003 academic year. We are looking forward to the arrival of [Olga Shevchenko](#), Assistant Professor of Sociology, who will be joining us in the fall. At the same time, we regret the departure of [Federico Varese](#), also in Sociology, who has announced his resignation from Williams to accept a senior lectureship at Oxford. Federico, whose book on the Russian mafia had drawn favorable notices internationally and won a major book award, will be missed by his students and colleagues here. We shall also miss [Kavita Misra](#), who taught two courses in the department as a Visiting Professor of Anthropology.

Michael Brown, Lambert Professor of Anthropology, has completed a new book, [*Who Owns Native Culture?*](#), which will be published by Harvard University Press in September 2003. Information on the book and on its subject, the protection of indigenous cultures, can be accessed via the book's [website](#). On campus, Michael continues to be involved with [plans to renovate and expand Stetson Hall and Sawyer Library](#).



David Edwards, Professor of Anthropology, is headed for a long sabbatical, during which he will continue to develop the [Williams Afghan Media Project](#) and work on other projects. To right, a photo from WAMP's enormous collection.



Robert Jackall's activities as Gaudino Professor continue to receive coverage in the *Williams Record*. Recent articles included a September 2002 [article](#) on the Convocation panel, moderated by Prof. Jackall, on business ethics and the stock market bubble, as well as a February 2003 [piece](#) about Jackall-organized forums on terrorism and the Middle East.



Michael Brown captured this portrait of Prof. Antonia Foias and her second child, Emmanuel, at a September 2002 cookout. Antonia was promoted to Associate Prof. early in 2003.

Jim Nolan's latest book, *Drug Courts in Theory & Practice*, continues to garner favorable reviews, including one in the [Canadian Journal of Sociology Online](#).

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News from ANSO alums

Brian Burke '02 sent us a card from Oaxaca, where is finishing out a year of travel and teaching before moving on to the next phase, whatever it is.



The department received word that Austin Duncan '02 was hit by a bus and seriously injured in Egypt. At last notice, he was recuperating at home in Seattle. We wish him a swift and complete recovery!

Freedren Oeur '03, a first-year Teach For America Corps member, and his sixth grade class at Anna Howard Shaw Middle School in SW Philadelphia.



The Fall 2003 issue of the *Williams Alumni Review* published an [article](#) about the campaign of Emily Williams '99 to raise funds for a playground in the Mississippi Delta.

We're delighted to hear from ANSO alums in the academic world, but we also like to find out what's happening with graduates who doing other kinds of things. Fire off an email

message, a letter, or a jpeg for *ANSONews*!

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The Human Moment: Final View



Tibetan monk creates mandala,
Williams College Museum of Art,
May 2003

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