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Here's the latest installment of *ANSO News*, drafted right after Reunions in June 2004. If you are a Williams graduate who majored in Anthropology or Sociology, let us know where you are and what you're up to! We welcome cards, email, and photographs (digitized, if possible). 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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Faculty News

ANSO faculty have had a busy year. In the Sociology wing of the department, Bob Jackall seemed to be everywhere: spearheading the college's development of a Williams in New York [pilot program](#), continuing his ambitious [Gaudino Forum lecture series](#) on terrorism, and scoring yet another [NEH research fellowship](#) for his 2004-2004 sabbatical.

Meanwhile, Jim Nolan, department chair, was named the [next director](#) of the Williams-Exeter Programme at Oxford. His recent books continue to be favorably reviewed. If you're interested in sampling his *Reinventing Justice: The American Drug Court Movement*, Princeton University Press has made the [first chapter](#) available in its website



Olga Shevchenko (center, above) has published several book chapters this year, including the co-authored essay "From socialist camp to global village? Globalization and the imaginary landscapes of postsocialism," which appears in L. McCann., ed., [Russian Transformations](#) (New York: Routledge).

On the Anthropology side of the hall, David Edwards spent much of Fall 2003 in and around Kabul working on an ethnographic film, which he's now editing. A [description of his adventures in Afghanistan](#) was published early in 2004 in the web-based publication *Sabawoon Online*. His 2002 book [Before Taliban](#) continues to receive rave reviews, including a recent one by Robert Canfield, who [judges the book to be "terrific,"](#) and the "best of the anthropological craft, written for the most part with clarity, economy and grace."

Michael Brown's new book *Who Owns Native Culture?*, published in September 2003, received an encouraging review in the [New York Times Book Review](#) and a more guarded one in the [Texas Observer](#). He was on the road giving talks related to the book, and one of these lectures--presented in March 2004 at the Washington University Law School, St. Louis, is available as [streaming video](#) (RealPlayer required; Brown's talk begins after a 3-minute introduction by Prof. Steve Gunn. If the video doesn't pop up in Netscape, try IE). For more information on the book and the issues behind it, see Brown's [website](#).



Peter Just currently holds the ANSO record for the most (and most exotic) foreign-language translations of his work. His Oxford UP book *Cultural and Social Anthropology*, co-authored with John Monaghan, has been published in Mandarin, [Dutch](#), and Tamil, among other languages.

Antonia Foias is off to Guatemala for Summer 2004 to continue her excavation at Motul de San Jose. She recently contributed a chapter to the Routledge book [Continuities and Changes in Maya Archaeology](#), and a brief 2003 field report that she submitted to FAMSI (Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies) can be accessed [online](#).

New Faculty for

2004-2005: The department is pleased to announce that Prof. Kai Erikson (right) , a professor emeritus at Yale and one of the most prominent figures in American sociology, will be joining the department for the fall as a Distinguished Visiting Professor. Also joining us will be Gregory Stanczak, Visiting Asst. Professor of Sociology, who holds a two-year appointment at Williams. Greg received his PhD at USC and spent last year teaching at Pitzer College.



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ANSO is looking at a **bumper crop** of new majors: to date, a total of 22 in the Class of 2006. Above, Kate Troy, Robin Kim, and Meghan Ryan smile for the camera at the department's end-of-year dinner in Dodd House, May 2004.

This year's Robert Friedrichs prize in Sociology was awarded to Sara Arnold (first on left in photo).



Sara's senior thesis is entitled *Staging the past to connect to the present: The modern challenge facing outdoor living history museums*. Also in the photograph (L to R): James Nolan, Dept. Chair, Joanna Darcus '06, and Jon Cartagena '04.



Alums are grad school bound: Jessica Robbins '01(L, shown running in a recent marathon) will enter the doctoral program in Anthropology at the University of Michigan, where she joins Cat Bolten '98, who will be doing her dissertation work in Sierra Leone. Phil Groth '00 will be at USC pursuing a Planning degree, while Abbey Eisenhower '01 is studying Psychology at nearby UCLA. (Abbey was awarded an [NSF predoctoral fellowship](#) for her doctoral work; Ellie Spensley '01 received honorable mention.) Paul Ham '97 will be starting a master's program in International Educational Policy at Harvard in the fall . . . Tee Leathers '00, who has worked for two years as a campus life coordinator at Williams, is leaving to pursue graduate work in American Studies at the University of Maryland.

This year, the James Orton prize in Anthropology was awarded to Natalie Bump, who wrote a thesis entitled *Chiefs and cabdrivers: Reinventing Ghanaian identity in Chicago*. Next year, Natalie will be studying social anthropology at Cambridge as an Ephraim Williams scholar.

More grad school news: [Steve Kerr '02](#) (left, below) will start law school at Yale next fall; Brian Burke '02 (right, below) will enter the doctoral program in Anthropology at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The photo was taken by Michael Brown at Williams homecoming, Fall 2003.



Jericho Burg '87 is currently a Fulbright Fellow in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where she's doing dissertation work for her UCSD doctorate in Communication . . . At Williams Reunions, Michael Brown had the pleasure of running into Ian Watterson '99, back for his fifth. He's completed an M.A. at Georgetown and

begins a new job with the U.S. State Department in July.

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The Human Moment: Final View



Williamstown, Mass., July 4 parade, 2003



Williamstown, Mass., Christmas parade, December 2003
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