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The ANSO website has undergone a major redesign this summer, thanks to the expert services of a student web-design team under the direction of the college's Office of Information Technology (OIT) and its [WIT program](#). We hope you like the new look.

In this issue of *ANSO News* you'll find information about new people joining the department for 2005-2006,

recent publications and professional activities of departmental faculty, and news about our students and peripatetic alumni. As always, we enjoy hearing from former faculty and students. Don't be shy about passing along information and digital images!

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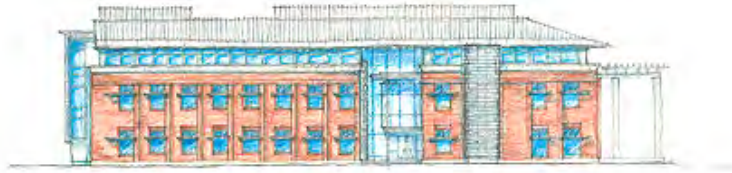
Faculty involvement in Williams off-campus programs. Bob Jackall and Jim Nolan continue to serve Williams in important ways by running the college's programs in Oxford and New York City--the latter a new experiment that will run for at least two years. Contributing to the **Williams in New York** program will be Professor **Philip Kasinitz**, who some of you will remember taught at Williams in the late 1980s-early 1990s.



Lunar New Year performance organized by Asian students
at Williams, 2005

Books & articles. Bob Jackall's most recent book on detective work in New York, *Street Stories*, was the focus of an [article in the LA Times](#) . . . Jim Nolan continues his comparative work on alternative courts, which in the summer of 2005 included a visit to an indigenous court run by the Canada's Tsuu Tina people . . . Olga Shevchenko continues to write about the post-Soviet world, most recently in the journal *Ab Imperio* . . .

Michael Brown and Peter Just continue to be involved in the development of the [Stetson-Sawyer project](#), which is expected to break ground late in 2006. It will lead to the construction of two new office/classroom buildings (including the one below, shown in a preliminary sketch), the renovation of Stetson Hall, the



construction of a new, modern library immediately behind Stetson, and the razing of Sawyer Library. When Sawyer is demolished, Williams will have an east-west green that visually connects Stetson with the new Student Center building currently under construction.

New faculty. The department is delighted to welcome two new faculty to the department. **Nicole Castor**, a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago, will be a Bolin Predoctoral Fellow for 2005-2006. Ms. Castor's work focuses on the cultural production of identity in public space through festival and ritual events. Her dissertation assesses Orisha public rituals, Emancipation celebrations and Carnival fetes in Trinidad. She will be teaching the course "Cultural Politics in the Caribbean" in Fall 2005 . . .

Arafaat A. Valiani joins us as Assistant Professor of Sociology after completing his PhD at Columbia. His interests include religious militancy, violence, historical memory, and urban spaces. His 2005-2006 sociology courses include "Violence, 'Militancy,' and Collective Recovery" and "Space and Place."

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Senior Awards: The department continued its tradition of honoring outstanding work by awarding the Robert Friedrichs Prize in Sociology to Chloe Taft and the James Orton Prize in Anthropology to Melanie Kingsley, both members of the Class of 2005.



Melanie Kingsley

Chloe Taft

News of ANSO grads

Jennifer Patico continues to teach anthropology at [Haverford College](#). Among her recent publications is a just-published essay in *The American Ethnologist*, "To be Happy in a Mercedes: Tropes of Value and Ambivalent Visions of Marketization" ([downloadable](#) through [www.anthrosource.net](#) if you are a member of the American Anthropological Association or using a computer at a site-licensed organization). **Wendi Haugh** has just received her doctorate in anthropology from Penn, for which she conducted doctoral research in Namibia. Peter Just paid a visit to **Cyndy McPherson Frantz**, now on the Psychology faculty at Oberlin College and doing well there. **Joan Walling** has been awarded an SSRC-Mellon Research Award for her Princeton doctoral dissertation research in sociology, "Receiving Care in America: How Recipients of Social Services Create Moral Meaning."

Farthest traveling postcard: From Kristin EnglebrechtBleem, this from the Buddhist monastery of McCleod Ganj. Kristin is now back in the USA and planning to settle in Burlington, VT in a few months.

Jericho Burg continues to pursue doctoral work in



Communications at UCSD and reports that she is currently a Fulbright Fellow in Ethiopia, where she's studying relationships between the Ethiopian government, donor agencies, and NGOs in



response to early warnings of regional famine . . . **Cathryn Christensen**, a student at Harvard Med, was awarded a prize by Harvard's Division of Medical Ethics for an essay on the dilemmas of humanitarian aid in Zaire in the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide . . . **Antonia Foias** reports that **Elly Spensley** (pictured [here](#) skiing in Eph gear) is a doctoral student in archaeology at Boston University.

Michael Brown had the pleasure of chatting with **Jacques Payne '90** at Williams Reunions in June. Jacques is a medical research administrator in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Grad school bound

Josh Wakeham will be starting the doctoral program in sociology at Harvard in the fall; **Freden Oeur** will be heading west to do the same at Berkeley.

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

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