

**Department of Anthropology  
Vanderbilt University**

**Interdepartmental & Interdisciplinary Presence and Participation Report**

A request was sent out to the faculty, adjunct faculty, research associates, and graduate students on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 requesting information about ongoing interdepartmental, interdisciplinary research, and scholarly activities that they are currently engage in. Below is a summary of the faculty members and graduate students that responded:

***Faculty***

**Colas, Pierre:** Dr. Colas is affiliated with the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies. He will be co-teaching with Dr. Demarest and Dr. Fischer a continuing education program for Tennessean teachers on Maya culture. He will also be involved in teaching Yucatec Mayan language in collaboration with CLAIS's language system course.

**Conklin, Beth:** Dr. Conklin is affiliated with the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture and played a key role in coordinating the conference on Climate Change and Consumption.

**Demarest:** Dr. Demarest dedicates much of his time to interdisciplinary activities and organizations related to indigenous rights and community development including programs of education, medical support, and sacred site protection. He also teaches and lectures on ethics in anthropology, philosophy, and development. As a result Dr. Demarest is a member of the board of Counterpart International, one of the world's largest development agencies, as well as being on the International Panel of the National Cancer Coalition. He is also an advisor on ethical community development to government agencies of Guatemala, Brazil, Finland, Sweden, and the U.S. He works closely with CLAIS on many projects of outreach in the mid-south.

Many of his activities are associated with the Vanderbilt University Cancuen Archaeological and Ecological Park around the ruins of Cancuen in the Peten forest of Guatemala. There and at a half dozen smaller parks Vanderbilt collaborates with the Q'eqchi' Maya Association *Maya de Educacion Rural y Desarrollo Integral de Cancuen* an association of 12 Q'eqchi Maya communities who manage the parks, ecotourism, restoration, transport and guide services, reforestation, protection, and where their spiritual leaders direct their Q'eqchi rituals. Vanderbilt and the Maya associations have introduced regional educational programs, potable water systems, corn mills, solar panels for schools, sustainable gardens, and family planning programs. Dr. Demarest is advisor on similar projects other countries. These Vanderbilt projects have been recognized with humanitarian, educational, and achievement awards from the Presidency of Guatemala, its Ministry of Culture, the World Bank, the Finnish government, and many indigenous Maya organizations. In collaboration with Vanderbilt Medical School and the *Primeros Pasos* organization, the first medical clinic in the entire region is currently being established in the Vanderbilt Park.

**Dillehay, Tom:** Dr. Dillehay is on the Executive Board for the Center for the Americas. He is a faculty member of Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies and the Center for the Study of

Religion and Culture. He is a research collaborator with the Department Earth and Environmental Sciences and is co-directing an archaeological and geological project in Peru.

**Fischer, Edward:** Dr. Fischer has formal affiliations with the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, where he is the current director, and the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture. His classes draw in majors from Economics, Political Science, and Latin American Studies. Dr. Fischer has ongoing research projects with Center for the Study of Religion and Culture. He also collaborates on projects in the Medical School with a focus on Guatemala. His affiliation with the Economics Department and Owen School has him involved with ongoing projects that focus on Brazil and Mozambique. Dr. Fischer also participates in Nashville area organizations including ConexionAmericas, ConexionGuatemala, and the Tennessee Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**Fowler, William:** Dr. Fowler is affiliated with the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies. Much of his service time is taken up with the scholarly journal *Ancient Mesoamerica*, which is housed here at Vanderbilt University and he is the acting head editor. Dr. Fowler aspires to participate in the Robert Warren Penn Center for Humanities programs.

**Gill, Lesley:** Pending information.

**Gregor, Thomas:** Dr. Gregor teaches Anth 265, Psychological Anthropology, which bridges our department with the Department of Psychology as it draws in students from that field. In addition he is also a professor of Religious Studies. While he does not have a collaborative research project on campus, his research is psychologically focused among indigenous communities in South America. With regard to scholarly interest groups he participates in the Center for Religion and Culture seminar “Science and Religion”. He is also an affiliated member of the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies.

**Janusek, John:** Dr. Janusek is an affiliated member of the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies and is teaching an intro course this semester for their Latin American Studies introductory course, LAS 201. The topic of his lecture is “Spanish Conquest of the Inca Empire: An Entangled Encounter”. Dr. Janusek is also a Center for the Americas Fellow and is directing a project entitled: “Human Landscape Relations in the Bolivian Highlands”. In addition, he is also heading up a project funded by the Vanderbilt International Office and will be examining “Locality, Ritual, and Geopolitical Shift in the Machaca Region of Bolivia”. Dr. Janusek is also a liaison for the Office of the Tennessean Archeological Council. Finally, he was awarded an Interdisciplinary Discovery Grant in 2000 for a bioarchaeological and archaeological collaboration with Dr. Deborah Blom, who was a visiting professor to Vanderbilt University.

**Romero, Sergio:** Dr. Romero is on the steering committee of the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies. He will be co-teaching a Quiche language course in Guatemala during the months of June and July of 2008 with Dr. Fischer, a collaboration that extends to the University of Chicago and University of Kentucky. His seminar on Language and Evangelization is bringing in students from the Divinity School, Political Science, History, and Anthropology.

**Ross, Norbert:** Dr. Ross is an affiliated investigator with the Learning Science Institute (LSI) here at Vanderbilt University and has one post-doctoral research position that is paid through LSI. With a secondary appointment in the Department of Psychology, he is also designing a class to be co-taught with a faculty member from Psychology that will focus on conceptual and cultural change and will draw on literature from both psychology and anthropology in order to understand how they fit together. Dr. Ross also has a grant that bridges investigators from Anthropology, Computer Sciences, and Psychology to examine issues of folk medicine, modeling cultural change, and mechanisms of conceptual changes with a research focus on Mexico. This research bridges ethnography, history, computer modeling, and experimental field methods in revolutionary new ways. Dr. Ross is also affiliated with the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies and is participating in discussion groups with the Center for Religion and Culture. Dr. Ross and his two post-docs are involved with a number of migrant organizations in the Nashville area including Catholic Charities, Conexión Americas, Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, The Progresso Community Center (PCC)/ Nashville Latino Health Coalition, Siloam Family Health Center, and Hands on Nashville (See Jonathan Maupin's entry below for details).

**Shakow, Miriam:** Pending information.

**Tung, Tiffany:** Dr. Tung is on the Executive Committee for the Vanderbilt Center for the Americas and is also a member of the Center for Latin American Studies. She is also involved in interdepartmental research projects on campus. She and Dr. Marshall Summer, a geneticist in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, co-direct a project entitled "Reconstructing Biosocial Prehistories in the Andes and Americas" which is funded by a Vanderbilt University Discovery Grant and the Center for Americas Work Group Grant. She is also collaborating with Kristina Kitko, a Ph.D. student in Materials Science, and Kitko's advisor, Dr. James Wittig, on a project that uses scanning electron microscopy (SEM) to analyze cutmarks and other anthropogenic alterations on ancient Andean skeletal remains. Dr. Tung's classes are cross listed with the Peabody School program, "Medicine, Health, and Society" (MHS), and she advises four MHS students in addition to Anthropology students. Dr. Tung's courses that satisfy MHS's program requirements include ANTH 267, ANTH 270, ANTH 271, ANTH 272, and ANTH 274. In the Nashville area, Dr. Tung gives annual lectures to high school students in the Vanderbilt Medical Explorers program. She also advises and collaborates with Elizabeth Schoenfield for the Vanderbilt Summer Program for gifted high school students. Dr. Tung also gives public lectures to community groups, such as the Nashville Rotary Club, Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, and Vanderbilt's Distance Learning Program.

**Wernke, Steven:** Dr. Wernke is the director of the Spatial Analysis Research Lab which brings in students and researchers from Peabody, the Biosciences, Earth and Environmental Sciences, and Sociology. Dr. Wernke is also on the advisory board for the Writing Studio, a fellow to the Center for the Americas, and a member of the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies. As a fellow with a faculty grant from CAS he occasionally gives lectures for the center's lunch series. His classes bring in students from a variety of disciplines including Political Science, Sociology, Physics, Engineering, History, Spanish and Portuguese studies, Fine Arts, and Peabody's HOD program. His summer field research involves Vanderbilt students from the

biosciences, EES, and anthropology. He is collaborating with an undergraduate to conduct petrographic analysis of ceramics in the labs for the Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES).

### ***Research Associates and Adjunct Faculty***

**Barz, Gregory:** Dr. Barz is an adjunct faculty member from the Blair School of Music. He is currently a senior fellow for the Center for Religion and Culture and has an ongoing project titled “Music, Religion, and the South” that includes Nashville in its domain of study. He is also a fellow of the Center for the Americas and participates in a study of prison narratives of incarceration in the Nashville area. He also maintains a cross appointment with the Divinity school and is a committee member on three GDR student dissertations. As well, he provides scholarly guidance for a number of anthropology undergraduates. His field research in Campala, Uganda (Africa) is currently housed in Peabody’s Medical, Health, and Society program but will next year be moving to the Department of Anthropology. In collaboration with Caroline Audet, his research in Uganda provides field research opportunities for undergraduates which involves them in applying anthropological methods in medical clinics, orphanages, HIV clinics, and schools.

**Gay, Volney:** Pending information.

**Jauregui, Carlos A:** Dr. Jauregui is an adjunct faculty member from the Spanish and Portuguese, where he is the director of graduate studies. With the exception of this year, because he is teaching in Madrid, he is normally a steering committee member of the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies and played a key role in bringing Rigoberta Menchu to give a lecture at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Jauregui is also a fellow to the Warren Penn Center for Humanities and a member of the Center for Religion and Culture, for which he participates in conferences and occasionally gives lectures. Every other year, Dr. Jauregui teaches a class on “going native” which explores “the other” through literature and film, which often draws in graduate and advanced undergraduates from anthropology.

**Maupin, Jonathan:** Dr. Maupin is post-doctoral researcher working with Dr. Norbert Ross. In addition to the collaborative research in cognitive anthropology that he is conducting with Dr. Ross, he is involved in several Nashville area immigrant and health organizations: *Catholic Charities*, *Conexión Americas* (<http://www.conamericas.com/>), *Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)* (<http://tnimmigrant.org>), *The Progresso Community Center (PCC)/ Nashville Latino Health Coalition*, *Siloam Family Health Center* (<http://www.siloamhealth.org/>), and *Hands on Nashville* (<http://www.hon.org>).

**Netherly, Patricia:** Dr. Netherly recently arrived at Vanderbilt University as a research associate. While she is still settling in, she is exploring the possibility of collaborating with individuals from other departments and participating in programs on campus. Dr. Netherly is currently in collaboration with Dr. Dillehay where they are conducting analysis and finishing research that involved excavation results from northern Peru. She is currently working on two book contracts, of which one will detail her archaeological research conducted in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

**Timura, Catherine A.:** Pending information.

*Graduate Students:*

**Barrientos, Guate:** Pending information.

**Bauer, Jeremy:** Pending information.

**Berryman, Carrie Anne:** Pending information.

**Bria, Rebecca:** Pending information.

**Caljean, Katie:** Pending information.

**Callaghan, Michael:** Michael was awarded the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities Fellowship. This fellowship engages him in intellectual cross-disciplinary discourse with graduate students from the Departments History, Sociology, English, and Spanish and Portuguese. The seminar is managed solely of their own accord (without an advisor) and each week one fellow presents a dissertation chapter for peer review. Michael expresses the value of this workshop because of the different perspectives each fellow brings to the table from their different disciplines in their discussions and emphasizes that theory is the common ground and glue that binds the group. Michael is also collaborating with Dr. John Ayers in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences to conduct petrography analysis on ceramic samples for his dissertation research.

**Dickins de Giron, Avery:** Avery will be teaching two sessions this summer (the first and the third) for the Vanderbilt Summer Academy (for gifted high school students). Both courses will introduce students to cultural anthropology with an emphasis on globalization. She is a fellow in the Center for the Americas and is participating in the work group titled “Social Impact Methodologies for the Americas”. The project is winding down, yet they are planning to produce an article this spring or summer which will be based on research they have conducted in Guatemala on forest management organizations (in the Maya Biosphere Reserve) in 2006 and 2007.

**Foley, Jennifer:** In the Spring of 2005 Jennifer was contacted by the VU Division of Public Affairs and asked to give a presentation on the ancient Maya for a group of ENCORE students. This was a special program for gifted students in the Nashville public school system, and she gave a presentation at the Dan Mills Elementary School. In 2005 Jennifer was awarded a research grant by the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies in the amount of \$9,970.00. Jennifer is currently enrolled in the Latin American Studies program sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies. In the Spring and Summer of 2007 Jennifer was awarded a Fellowship by the VU Center for Ethics. She participated in an interdisciplinary dissertation writing group with graduate students from the Sociology, English, Political Science

and Spanish Literature departments. They met biweekly to present chapters of our dissertations and critique each other's work.

Since the Spring of 2007, Jennifer have been working full time at the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute (TFLI). TFLI is a state agency that provides interpretation and translation services, as well as foreign language and English as a Second Language classes to the people of Middle Tennessee. As the Interpretation Coordinator she processes requests from clients (which include hospitals, law firms, other state agencies and courts) and assign interpreters to the cases. She also recruits new interpreters and coordinate training classes. She is currently working on a grant proposal to the Nissan Foundation's funding initiative of "Building Community through Valuing Cultural Diversity", seeking funding to recruit and train community interpreters from the many refugee communities in the Middle Tennessee area. The letter of intent that she submitted was accepted and TFLI has been formally invited by the Nissan Foundation to submit a full proposal. Through TFLI Jennifer has been able to work with a number of immigrant and refugee rights non-profit organizations in the Nashville area, including the TN Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) and the Coalition for Education about Immigration (CEI). TIRRC's mission is to defend the rights of immigrants and refugees, and CEI is a grassroots organization that aims to provide rational and education discussions about immigration. She has volunteered her time at TIRRC's annual conference and serves on the Communications and Media committee for CEI.

**Franco, Teresa:** Pending information.

**Gladwell, Randi:** Randi has received the CFA/CLAIS and Arts and Sciences summer research awards to investigate prehistoric ceremonial feasting and modern pastoralism in Bolivia. She has also participated in the Center for Religion and Culture conference "Giving Voice to Other Beings".

**Hendrickson, Monte:** Monte is a fellow of the Center for the Americas.

**Kohut, Lauren:** Pending information.

**Kurin, Danielle:** Danielle has received institutional and financial support from the Center for the Americas, Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies and College of Arts and Sciences to engage in bioarchaeological research in the southern highlands of Peru. Her research examines the interplay of ethnic identity and political development and she has benefited from coursework in Anthropology, Latin American Studies, the School of Divinity and Jewish Studies. She has served as a mentor to Latino students from McMurry Middle School and has organized archaeology workshops at several local Nashville high schools. Danielle has also participated in Vanderbilt's Program for Talented Youth where she taught a course in Forensic Anthropology.

**Lucas, Jennifer:** Pending information.

**Mancina, Peter:** Peter is taking courses in the Philosophy Department in 20th Century Continental Philosophy and in the Sociology Department on Biopower and Biopolitics. He plans to work with professors in the Spanish and Philosophy departments and the Center for Ethics in cross-cultural philosophy in the Zapatista movement of Chiapas, Mexico, in addition to being a

research affiliate with the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies and possibly Center for the Americas.

**McGehee, Anna:** Pending information.

**Mclachlan, Amy:** Amy is taking a course in the Sociology Department on Biopower and Biopolitics.

**Leví-Méndes, Gerson:** Gerson is a fellow of the Center for the Americas.

**Morgan, Molly:** Pending information.

**Ohnstad, Arik:** Arik is a fellow of the Center for the Americas.

**Sauer, Jake:** Pending information.

**Shenton, Jeffrey:** Pending information.

**Szremski, Kasia:** Pending information.

**Tidwell, Michael:** Mike is working at the crossroads of several disciplines, including cognitive psychology, science education research, sociology, history and anthropology. He has taken many classes in other departments including some on neurobiology, Mexican history, Latin American politics, and educational psychology. As well, Mike has received summer funding from Arts & Sciences and Center for Americas, and participated in a year long, interdisciplinary seminar with the latter. He regularly attends lectures in other departments, including those associated with the Learning Sciences Institute at Peabody. He has given guest lectures in schools in the Nashville area on various aspects of Mexico. He has presented his research and otherwise participated in the Religion and Science group affiliated with the Center for Religion and Culture. Finally, Mike is active with the language exchange program at Conexión Americas, which works to give hispanic immigrants opportunities to practice english and learn about life in the U.S. while simultaneously helping a native english-speaker practice spanish and learn about life in their country.

**Tomasic, John:** Pending information.

**Vogt, Jennifer:** Pending information.

**Zovar, Jenn:** Pending information.

**Zuehl, Jamie:** Jaime received a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship to fund her participation in a K'iche' Maya immersion course during the summer of 2008. She also received a CLAIS-CFA summer research grant but had to respectfully decline due to their stipulations that the research award could not be combined with any other source of funding. She helped put together Graduate Student Research Day, an enormous collaborative effort between the various departments of Arts and Sciences, as the representative of the Anthropology Department.

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<i>Faculty</i>																		
Colas, Pierre	X																	
Conklin, Beth	X		X			X												
Demarest, Arthur	X																	
Dillehay, Tom	X	X	X								X							
Fischer, Edward	X	X	X						X	X			X					
Fowler, William	X																	
Gill, Leslie																		
Gregor, Thomas	X							X								X		
Janusek, John	X	X												X				
Netherly, Patricia	X																	
Romero, Sergio	X												X			X	X	
Ross, Norbert	X		X					X										X
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Tung, Tiffany	X				X	X												
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