UConn Department of Anthropology

Annual Report 2008-2009

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**UConn Anthropology Department Annual Report, 2008-2009**

**Introductory Statement**
With the appointment of Sally McBrearty as head in August, 2009, the Anthropology Department emerged from two years under an interim head. Steps were taken in 2008-2009 to implement a new governance structure, composed of three 'wings,' Cultural & Historical Anthropology (C&H), Ecology, Culture & Cognition (ECC), and Old World Archeology (OWA). Wing members selected representatives (Linnekin, Munro, Sosis) for 2008-2009.

Despite the financial crisis, the department took steps to streamline its curriculum and to revamp its website. We also submitted two pre-proposals to the Grad School to create Professional Science Masters (PSM) programs within Anthropology, one in Applied Medical Anthropology, to be directed by Singer, the other in Cultural Resource Management, to be directed by McBride. Unfortunately the Provost suspended review of any new PSMs this year. We believe there is a demand for these degrees and that our programs are feasible and well designed, so we will reactivate our applications when the review process is resumed.

We were able to provide summer research funds for 13 of our graduate students. Recipients embarked upon preliminary dissertation research in Armenia, Belgium, Fiji, Germany, Guadeloupe, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Jersey, Slovenia, and Tuva.

Renovations of Smith's archaeobotanical lab and Adler's lithic technology lab are underway, and we hope to see their completion early in 2009-2010.

A few of the social events of 2008-2009: Our holiday party on 8th December was well attended. Tuva Day, 12th March, was a great success, largely through the efforts of the grad students, especially Ben Purzycki and Shan-Estelle Brown. The film Genghis Blues was screened, and the Tuvan Alash Ensemble of throat singers performed at Von Der Mehden Recital Hall. The Department also sponsored a bus trip to New York on 28th March for members of the Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors Society to visit the American Museum of Natural History.

**TEACHING**
- In Fall, 2008, we taught 1,735 undergraduates and 50 graduate students; In Spring, 2009, we taught 1,710 undergrads and 66 grads.
- There are more than 110 declared anthropology majors.
- As can be seen from Table 1, teaching evaluations for both faculty & grads are consistently superior.
- Anthropology faculty supervise 13 honors students.
- Four of our undergrads were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.
- Four of our graduate students received the PhD degree, and three the MA.
- We currently have 66 graduate students, about 75% of whom are in the dissertation research or write up phase.
- About 20% of our grad students are members of underrepresented minority groups.

**ANTHRO GRAD STUDENT & ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS, 2008-2009**
Our grad students are active in publishing papers (n=8), obtaining grants (n=7), giving presentations (n=11), and attending national meetings. Sources of their research funds for 2008-2009 include NSF and Oxford University. Our recent graduates remain productive and are employed in academic institutions, government, and industry. For details concerning current and recent grads, please see Appendix 1.
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Table 1. Anthropology Department Teaching Evaluations. Mean values of the first 11 items on the evaluation form.

**ANTHRO FACULTY RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY**

**Publications & Presentations, 2008-2009**

Our small faculty produced 14 refereed journal articles, 8 books, and 23 book chapters in the 2008-2009 academic year, and two notable books are forthcoming in the second half of 2009. Two papers appeared in high visibility *PNAS*; others in the top tier anthropology journals *Current Anthropology*, *Journal of Human Evolution*, and *Journal of Archaeological Science*. Our books were published by anthropological presses (Alta Mira, Left Coast), respected general presses (Waveland, Walker), prestigious university presses (Cambridge UP), and as special issues of top-tier journals (*Journal of Human Evolution*). Our research interests are diverse. Topics treated in our papers and books this year include the timing of Neanderthal extinctions, the impact of climate change on human health, the prehistoric origins of food production, the role of aggression in human society, Native American traditions, the evolution of religious practices, and the role of emotion in mobilizing international aid. Anthropology faculty gave a total of 19 invited or keynote presentations in 2008-2009, not only in North America, but also in Australia, Bermuda, Denmark, England, Israel, New Zealand, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates. For a more complete listing of faculty publications and presentations see Appendix 2.

**Anthro Faculty External Funding, 2008-2009**

One faculty member is supported this year by an NEH fellowship (Wilson). We have a total of 15 additional external grants totaling ~$1.3 million in direct and indirect costs disbursed for 2008-2009. Funding agencies include NSF, CDC, the National Park Service, the State of Connecticut, the Irish
Science Foundation, Wenner-Gren Foundation, and the Institute of Aegean Prehistory. Two additional grants, totaling ~$340k, have been awarded with start dates of July 1, 2009. Details are given in Appendix 2.

**ANTHRO FACULTY SCHOLARLY REPUTATION 2008-2009**

Our research stimulated news coverage this year in print and electronic media, both popular (e.g. Washington Post, Frankfurter Allgemeine, Fox News) and scientific (Science Magazine, Discover Magazine), in North America, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, and United Arab Emirates. Anthro Faculty serve on the editorial boards of a number of highly regarded journals and book series. Wilson is the editor of the journal Anthropological Theory, and Sosis is in negotiations with Sage as founding editor of a new journal, Religion, Brain, and Behavior, whose first issue is slated to appear in 2010. Two faculty (Linnekin, Handwerker) are Fellows of the American Anthropological Association, and one (McBrearty) is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Adler serves on the Permanent Council of the Union International des Sciences Préhistorique et Protohistorique, and Bruchac is a Trustee of both Plimoth Plantation and Historic Northampton. For a more complete listing of news coverage, editorial activities, honors, and service see Appendix 3.

**ANTHRO FACULTY PROFILES 2008-2009**

**Dan Adler** co-edited two volumes that appeared as journal special issues, one of *Journal of Human Evolution*, which has the highest impact factor of any journal in anthropology. These volumes address the first appearance of modern humans in Europe and the resulting extinction of the Neanderthals, issues that are at the forefront of human evolutionary research today. Adler produced three papers for these volumes as well as two other refereed book chapters in 2008-2009. Having completed his project in the Republic of Georgia, Adler has initiated a new field project in Armenia, and is co-PI on two grants from Irish national funding agencies for a total of ~$302k, to be spent over two years, in support of this research. In connection with his Armenian project, Adler has initiated the Field School in Armenian Prehistory through the UConn study abroad program for which he has raised additional support through the UConn Armenian Studies Program and Yerevan State University. Seven UConn undergraduate honors students and four UConn grad students will participate in the field school in summer 2009. Adler serves on the permanent council of the UISPP (Union International des Sciences Préhistorique et Protohistorique) and in the Archaeological Institute of America’s National Lecture Program.

**Margaret Bruchac** joined the Anthropology Department in Fall 2008 as assistant professor at the Avery Point campus. She redesigned an existing course (Contemporary Native Americans) and designed a new one (Anthropology of Museums), and she has been reinvigorating the Native American Studies program and liaising with the local Native community. She set up an interdisciplinary faculty-student learning community in winter, 2008, and organized a Native speakers series in Spring, 2009. Bruchac maintained an active agenda of academic presentations at national and regional conferences and gave five interpretive presentations at Old Sturbridge Village in 2008-2009. She also serves as a Trustee for Plimoth Plantation and for Historic Northampton, and is a member of the Indigenous Archaeologies Advisory Board of the World Archaeological Congress.

**Françoise Dussart**, having stepped down from the position of Associate Director of the UConn Humanities Institute, resumed full-time duties in the Anthropology Department. She curated and produced a catalogue for an exhibition of Aboriginal paintings that will be exhibited at the Australian...
embassy in Washington, co-organized five sessions at national and international meetings, and gave three conference presentations. She also performs service for the Australian National Health Services.

**Pam Erickson** produced three refereed book chapters in 2008-2009 and was co-author on three presentations at national conferences. Her co-authored *PNAS* paper elicited press coverage. She is an editor of the Left Coast Press book series, *Advances in Critical Medical Anthropology*, and serves on UConn’s IRB panel. She is PI on a CDC grant for the study of risky sexual behaviors among young adults (Direct costs ~$330k, 1 year) that funds three Anthropology grad students.

**Penn Handwerker’s** book entitled, *The Origin of Cultures* (Left Coast Press) is scheduled to appear in Fall, 2009, and he has one co-authored paper in press. He has redesigned several courses in 2008-2009 to include issues of sustainability. He is a fellow of the American Anthropological Association and the Society for Applied Anthropology;

**Jocelyn Linnekin** gave a presentation at the American Ethnological Society meetings. She serves as the representative of the Cultural & Historical Anthropology wing to the department, and as the department’s representative to the CLAS C&C committee. She is a Fellow of the American Anthropological Association and of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania.

**Samuel Martinez** delivered four colloquia at venues in Connecticut, at a workshop at Yale, at the UConn Humanities Institute, and at the UConn law school. His edited book, *International Migration & Human Rights*, for which he wrote introductory and concluding chapters and an additional co-authored chapter, is anticipated to appear in November 2009. He obtained grants from the Human Rights Institute and the Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies to construct a website to accompany the book. The honors course he designed, *Anthropology through Film* (1001W) has proven popular with students.

**Kevin McBride** published three book chapters in 2008-2009, with university presses (Massachusetts, Arizona, Princeton), and gave five conference presentations. He holds three research grants, for a total of $237k, to be spent over two years. McBride provides research opportunities for both grads and undergrads at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center. McBride supervises the summer archaeology field school on the Pequot reservation which provides not only an introduction to the practice of archaeology but also an opportunity to learn about Native American lifeways...

**Sally McBrearty** published one co-authored journal article and gave two presentations at national meetings and two invited presentations at international venues (Stockholm, Abu Dhabi). The presentation she co-authored with postdoc Cara Johnson received press attention and was featured in the journal *Science*. Supported by a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation, she carried out field work at Middle Pleistocene localities in Kenya during the summer of 2008, accompanied by two UConn grad students and postdoc Johnson. McBrearty was invited to serve on a reader panel for the journal *Nature* and also serves on two editorial boards, one for a Kluwer book series and one for an online journal in prehistoric archaeology, and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She submitted two successful grant proposals, (NSF, ~$300k, 3 years; UConn faculty small grant, ~$1k, 1 year). With 314 citations, McBrearty’s 2000 article in *Journal of Human Evolution (JHE)* continues to be the most frequently cited paper in the journal’s history.

**Natalie Munro** is on sabbatical for the 2009 calendar year. She spent the first half of the year in Israel performing the final data gathering phase of her *Gazelle Project*, which is supported by a three-year grant from NSF ($137,151). She is now spending the second half of 2009 at the site of Franchthi Cave,
Italy, that documents the transition from the Paleolithic to the Neolithic. Munro has been invited by the excavators to analyze the substantial collection of fauna from the site.

**Merrill Singer** has been a senior research scientist at the Center for Health, Intervention & Prevention (CHIP) since 2007. In Fall 2008 he received a half-time appointment as Professor in the Anthropology Department; he retains a half-time appointment at CHIP. Singer’s substantial research output includes 21 books since 1987; four of these appeared in 2008-2009 (two co-edited volumes, two solo-written). Six refereed journal articles (one solo-authored, one as first author, four as junior author) and eight book chapters also appeared in 2008-2009 (three solo-authored, two as first author, and three as junior author). He also delivered four invited lectures in 2008-2009 (Calgary, Melbourne, Aukland, Vancouver). In the last five years, Singer has been PI or co-PI on $9.35 million in grants; thus far this year he has raised $75k from the State of Connecticut.

**Alexia Smith** has completed the first year of an assistant professorship in the Anthropology Department. Prior to this, she was adjunct assistant professor for three years. While in her adjunct appointment, she created the new Gen Ed course, *Great Discoveries in Archaeology*, which continues to attract large numbers of undergraduates. In 2008-2009, she published two encyclopedia entries, and she has three refereed journal articles in press. Two of these are in *Current Anthropology*, and she also acted as guest editor for the issue of *CA* in which her papers will appear. Smith has been invited to participate in the large scale Yale project at Bronze Age Tel Leilan, Syria, and has submitted a proposal for an internal large faculty grant to support this research.

**Richard Sosis** published one book chapter in 2008-2009, and has three book chapters and one journal article in press (two solo, two as junior author), as well as four MSS under review. He is co-PI on three active grants totaling $1.015 million, and he submitted five grant proposals as PI or co-PI in 2008-2009. Sosis is in negotiations with Sage to found a new journal, *Religion, Brain, and Behavior*, whose first issue is anticipated in 2010. Rich organized the new ECC seminar series, bringing to campus a distinguished roster of guest speakers.

**Robert Thorson** has half-time appointments in both Anthropology & EEB. His interests lie at the intersection of archaeology and geology, and he provides valuable service to the Anthropology Department. At the request of anthropology grad students, in Fall 2008 he provided a graduate version (ANTH 5303) of his undergrad course *Earth Surface Processes* (GSCI 3020), and in Spring 2009 he conducted a reading course, *Archaeological Geology* (ANTH 5303), for anthro PhD students. Thorson has a paper on the geologic context of prehistoric occupation of the Connecticut River Valley under review with a Geological Society of America publication series, and on May 19th he officially launched his new book *Beyond Walden* (Walker & Co.). The book takes an anthropological approach to New England landforms, and two chapters are almost exclusively archaeological and paleoecological in content.

**Richard Wilson** is Gladstein Chair of Human Rights and the Founding Director of UConn’s Human Rights Institute. This year he is on leave, having received an NEH fellowship for his project, *The Uses of Historical Evidence at International Criminal Tribunals*. A book co-edited by him was published by Cambridge University Press this year; two solo-authored book chapters in other volumes also appeared. Wilson gave four presentations at national venues. He obtained an additional NEH research grant of ~$50k to supplement his ongoing NEH fellowship project.
**APPENDIX 1. GRADUATE STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS 2008-2009**

**Anthro Graduate Student Publications 2008-2009**


**Anthro Graduate Student Presentations 2008-2009**


Brown, S. Check Your Mirrors: Racial and Class Bias, Ethnocentrism, and Sexism in Undergraduate Student Writing. International Writing Centers Association, Las Vegas.

Burmeister, L. Citizenship: Ethnographically Investigating State Appropriations. Joint conference Australian Anthropological Society; the Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and the Commonwealth; and the Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand, Auckland.


Gould, D. R. Teaching Indigenous Archaeology to Non-Indigenous Students, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Athens, Georgia


Ives, T. Beyond the Kitchen: Curated Ceramics of the Bowen Family. Lecture presented for public audience as part of Historic New England’s “Year of the Kitchens” theme, Roseland Cottage, Woodstock, CT.

Ives, T. Large Pit Feature Formation and Use at the Late Archaic Preston Plains Site in Southeastern Connecticut. Paper presented at the 74th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta.

Leslie, D. Formal Variation in Lithic Projectile Armatures, Old World Archaeology seminar.

Maltseva, K. Two lectures delivered at Department of European Ethnology, Lund University, Sweden.


Nicolaysen, A. Guest lectures, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Global India, Women & Men in Different Cultures, Connecticut Central State University.


Sportman, S. Ethnicity and Community: Contextualizing the Hammondville Archaeology Project, Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Annual Meeting, St. Mary’s City, MD.


Sportman, S. Guest Lecture: Hammondville Archaeology Project, Connecticut College.

Sportman, S. Mealtime at the Mines: Foodways at Hammondville, a 19th Century Iron-Ore Mining Village in the Adirondacks, Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto.

**Anthro Grad Student Grants 2008-2009**

Grant, J. Geomorphology and prehistoric occupation of the Glastonbury reach of the Connecticut River Valley, NSF Dissertation improvement grant, $9,000.

Leslie, D. Geographic and Information System relational database for the Kaphurin Formation, Kenya. Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, $3,151.00.

Nicolaysen, A. Travel grant, State Educational Loan Fund of Norway, $1177.

Purzycki, B. Oxford University Cognition, Religion & Theology Project research grant, £10,000.

Purzycki, B. Robert F. & Margaret Dodge Belden Scholarship, $500

Sportman, S. Domestic space at Hammondville, NY. Industrial Heritage Preservation Grant, Society for Industrial Archaeology, $2903.

**Symposia & Panels Organized by Anthro Grad Students, 2008-2009**

Ives, T. Late and Terminal Archaic Period Discoveries in the Northeast. Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta.

Gould, D. R. & Bruchac, M. Indigenizing a Student Learning Community at UConn Avery Point, Fairfield University.
Positions Held by Recent Anthro Graduates

Alarcon, Ana Marie (2005, Handwerker) Assoc Prof, Facultad de Medicina, U de la Frontera, Chile.
Badiane, Louise (2005, Erickson) Assistant Professor, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA.
Benard, Akeia (2008, McBride) Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Wheelock College, Boston.
Bojko, Marta (2008, Handwerker) CICH5, UConn Health Center.
Book, Patricia (MA & PhD UConn Anthro) has been appointed assistant vice president for continuing education and academic outreach at the University of Northern Colorado. Book was formerly vice president for regional development at Kent State University, Ohio, and dean of the School of Career and Continuing Education at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.
Fuentes, Catherine (2005, Handwerker) Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte.
She was appointed in December 2008 to the North Carolina Governor’s Crime Commission.
Hume, D. (2005, Dewar) Assistant Professor, Northern Kentucky University.
Johnson, Cara (2007, McBrearty), Postdoc, UConn.
Lapp, Julia (2006, Erickson) Assistant Professor, Ithaca College, Ithaca NY.
Lee, Jong-In (2003) Postdoc, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
Leibowitz, J. (2003, Handwerker) Associate Professor, East Carolina University
Macauda, Mark (2007, Erickson) Postdoc, CHIP, UConn.
Santelices, Claudia (2007, Dussart), Associate Research Scientist, CHIP, UConn.
Schwarz, Carolyn (2005, Dussart) Assistant Professor, SUNY Potsdam.
Tryon, Christian (2005, McBrearty) Assistant Professor, NYU.

Publications by Recent Anthro Graduates 2008-2009 (Partial Listing)

Fernandes, L. Nuevo South Community Research Initiative. Southern Anthropological Society. Wilmington, NC.


APPENDIX 2. FACULTY RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY 2008-2009

Anthro Faculty Research Articles 2008-2009


**Anthro Faculty Books 2008-2009**


Jöris, O., D. S. Adler, eds., 2009. Dating the Middle to Upper Palaeolithic Boundary Across Eurasia, a special issue of Eurasian Prehistory vol. 5, no 2.


**Anthro Faculty Books Forthcoming 2009**


Handwerker, W. P. The Origin of Cultures. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press.

**Anthro Faculty Book Chapters 2008-2009**


**Notable Anthro Faculty Presentations 2008-2009**

Bruchac, M. Comfortably Well-off for Indians: Native Histories in the Northeast from 1800-present. Fulbright Summer Teachers’ Institute, Historic Deerfield, Deerfield, MA.

Bruchac, M. On Nature’s Own Terms: Indigenizing Environmental Relations. Keynote, Masters in Environmental Business Administration Program, Marlboro College, Brattleboro, VT.

Dussart, F. Discussant, Ethnography and the Production of Anthropological Knowledge Australian, UK and Commonwealth Anthropology meeting, Auckland, NZ.


McBrearty, S. 2009. Stone artifacts from Abu Dhabi’s Western Region. Conference sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Abu Dhabi, UAE.


Smith, S Akkadian Agriculture at Tell Leilan, British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology, University of Liverpool.


Singer, M. 2008. Global Warming and Health, Calgary University, Canada.


Sosis, R. 2008. Ritual and Coping with Uncertainty, Aarhus University, Denmark.


Wilson, R. 2008. Coming to Terms with the Past. Macmillan Center, Yale.
Anthro Faculty Grants & Fellowships 2008-2009

Richard Wilson was awarded a two-year Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for his project, *The Uses of Historical Evidence at International Criminal Tribunals*.

Pamela Erickson holds a major grant (~$1.8m) from the CDC for the project, *Communication/Negotiation about Barrier Contraceptive Use among Young Adults at Risk*.

Adler, co-PI. Redating the Middle-Upper Palaeolithic Transition in the Caucasus. Irish Science Foundation. $302,514, 2 years.

Adler, D. co-PI. Hrazdan Gorge Prehistoric Project. Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences $71,365, 2 years.

Erickson, P. PI Communication/Negotiation about Barrier Contraceptive Use among Young Adults at Risk. CDC, $1,846,313, 5 years.

McBrearty, S. PI Taxonomy of Middle Pleistocene *Pan* from the Kapthurin Formation, Kenya. UConn faculty small grant, $1,090, 1 year.

McBride, K. PI Pequot Student Historian, Institute for Library and Museum Services, $45,000, 2 years.

McBride, K. PI. Battlefields of the Pequot War. National Park Service, 2 years.

McBride, K., PI. Battle of Mystic Fort, National Park Service. 132,000, 2 years.

Munro, N. PI. The Franchthi Cave Fauna. Institute of Aegean Prehistory (INSTAP), $10,000, 1 year.

Munro, N. PI. A study of the spatial distribution of activities in the Early Bronze Age village T.A.V. Afragola. NSF dissertation improvement grant for Tiziana Matarazzo, $14,983, 1 year.

Munro, N. PI. The gazelle project: Human-gazelle (Gazella gazella) interactions across the transition to agriculture in the southern Levant. NSF SBS0618937, $137,151, 3 years.


Smith, A. Bronze Age archaeobotany. Wenner-Gren Foundation. $25,000, 3 years.

Sosis, R. co-PI The Adaptive Logic of Religious Belief and Behavior, John Templeton Foundation $876,639, 2 years.

Sosis, R. co-PI Evolution of religiosity. US-Israel BSF $120,000, 3 years.

Sosis, R. PI Agency Attribution and the Sacralization of Land in the Tuva Republic, Cognition, Religion, and Theology Project, Oxford University. For dissertation work of Benjamin Purzycki. $18,600, 2 years.

Anthro Faculty Research Grants with July 1, 2009 Start Dates:

McBrearty, S. PI. Middle Pleistocene Human Behavioral Adaptations in the Kapthurin Formation, Kenya, BCS 0917965, $290,945, 3 years.

Wilson, R. Judging History: The Uses of Historical Evidence at International Criminal Tribunals. NEH research grant, $50,400, 1 year.
APPENDIX 3. ANTHROPOLOGY FACULTY SCHOLARLY REPUTATION

Notable Anthro Faculty News Coverage & Interviews 2008-2009

Ekricson, P. 2009. Warriors don’t always get the girl. www.live.psu.edu (Penn State U), 12 May.
McBrearty, S. & Johnson, C. 2009. Spilde, I. Steinteknologi enda elder. forsking.no (Norway) 6 April
Munro, N. 2008. In a 12,000-Year-Old Grave, a Shaman Shares Her Tomb With Animal Totems. Discovermagazine.com
Munro, N. 2008. Šamanka z doby kamenné, Lidovky.cz, 6 November (Czech Republic)

Anthro Faculty Editorships, 2008-2009

Dan Adler co-edited a special volumes of Journal of Human Evolution and Eurasian Prehistory.
Pamela Erickson is a Series Editor of the book series, Advances in Critical Medical Anthropology, Left Coast Press, Walnut Creek, CA.
Penn Handwerker is on the Editorial Board of the journal Field Methods.
Sally McBrearty is Advisory Editor, for the Monograph Series, Vertebrate Paleobiology & Paleoanthropology, Kluwer and Associate editor for the online journal Before Farming, Western Academic & Specialist Press, UK. She also serves on a reader’s panel for the journal Nature.
Natalie Munro co-edited a special issue of the online journal Before Farming, now under review.
Merrill Singer is on the Editorial Boards of the journal Medical Anthropology and is a Series Editor of the book series, Advances in Critical Medical Anthropology, Left Coast Press, Walnut Creek, CA.
Rich Sosis is the founding editor of the new journal Religion, Brain, and Behavior, now under negotiation with Sage; its first issue is scheduled to appear in 2010.
Richard Wilson is Editor of the journal Anthropological Theory.
Continuing Anthro Faculty Awards & Honors
Dan Adler is an elected member of the Permanent Council of the International Union for Prehistoric & Protohistoric Sciences (UISPP) and of the Archaeological Institute of America’s National Lecture Program.
Margaret Bruchac is Trustee for Plimoth Plantation and Historic Northampton, MA. She is also a member of the Indigenous Archaeologies Advisory Board of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC)
Penn Handwerker is a Fellow of the American Anthropological Association and the Society for Applied Anthropology;
Jocelyn Linnekin is a Fellow of the American Anthropological Association and of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania.
Sally McBrearty is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). She is also an elected member of the La Jolla Initiative on the Origin of Humans of the Salk Institute and representative of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).
Merrill Singer, who joined the department in 2008, serves on the Scientific Advisory Committee for Columbia University’s Global Health Research Center of Central Asia, and the Executive Committee of Yale University’s Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS.
Richard Wilson is the Gary and Judith Gladstein Distinguished Chair of Human Rights and the Founding Director of Human Rights Institute at UConn.

Notable Anthro Faculty Service & Outreach 2008-2009
Dan Adler served as Faculty Host to International Fulbright Scholar, Malahat Farajova of Azerbaijan.
Dan Adler established a formal relationship with Yerevan State University, Armenia, for the training of graduate and undergraduate students in Armenia.
Marge Bruchac serves as coordinator & student advisor to the Native American Studies Program at Avery Point.
Françoise Dussart created a manual for running home-based workshop for diabetes patients and their relatives as a pro-bono consultancy for Australian Aboriginal Health Services in the Northern Territory of Australia.
Samuel Martinez is Chair of the American Anthropological Association’s Committee on Human Rights.
Sally McBrearty & Postoc Cara Johnson are sponsors of the Loberer Primary School, Baringo, Kenya.
Kevin McBride is Director of the Research Museum at the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation.
Natalie Munro serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Museum of Natural History.
Richard Wilson, who holds the Gladstein Chair in Human Rights, served as Director of the UConn Human Rights Institute, Chair of the Connecticut State Advisory Committee to the US Civil Rights Commission, and as a member of the American Anthropological Association’s Committee for Human Rights.