Message from the Chair

We’ve had another eventful year! I’d like to reflect on while also anticipating the many activities to come in 2016-17. Among our achievements, the Department of Anthropology at St. George campus won the 2016 Northrop Frye Award for integrating original fieldwork into undergraduate courses. We also congratulate Holly Wardlow for her recent appointment as Associate Chair, Health Studies at UTSC and Mary Silcox for her appointment as Vice-Dean, Graduate at UTSC. Sandra Bamford will be Acting Chair of Anthropology at UTSC this year.

A number of faculty members received new SSHRC Insight Grants in the last competition: Gary Crawford, Shiho Satsuka, Jesook Song and Ed Swenson. From NSERC Esteban Parra, Julie Teichroeb and Mary Silcox received new major grants in the last competition. Tracey Galloway was awarded a CIHR New Investigator grant in July, and Julie Teichroeb and Bence Viola were awarded with Connaught New Researcher Awards. Congratulations to all!

Prof. Amira Mittermaier, who is already an Associate Professor at University of Toronto with her primary appointment in the Department of Religion, will now transfer 40% of her appointment to Anthropology. Many of you know Amira quite well, as she has already been a presence in our colloquia and other events. Amira’s research on the anthropology of religion focuses on Islam, including Sufism, sahihhood, and Islamic charity in Egypt.

Kristin Bright joins us as a limited-term Assistant Professor. Kristin received her PhD from the University of California—Santa Cruz in 1998. Her background is in medical anthropology with a socio-cultural perspective, and her research interests include critical global health, gender and sexuality, modernity and Islam, including Islamic traditional medicine, and chronic disease, including cancer. This year she is teaching a suite of courses at St. George, as well as a graduate course entitled “Medicine and Health as Epistemology, Politics, and Social Practice.”

Madeleine Mant, who received her PhD from McMaster University earlier this year, has joined UTM Anthropology for 2016-17 as a limited-term lecturer. She will teach courses related to the Anthropology of Health. Like Kristin, Madeleine will also teach in our graduate programme, offering a seminar on “Anthropology of Infectious Disease.” Her research integrates human skeletal remains and historical documents to reveal how health-related events affected the lifestyles and activities of individuals in the past.

Sherry Fukuzawa and Carolan Wood also join UTM Anthropology as limited-term lecturers. Sherry has been teaching as a sessional lecturer there for several years, and her focus is on pedagogical research in evolutionary anthropology. During the coming year, Sherry will be overseeing the Curriculum Mapping Project in the Department of Anthropology at UTM. Caralan received her PhD in Biological/Forensic Anthropology from the U of T in 2012. Her research includes detecting decomposition byproducts in soil, and the effect of excavator experience on the recovery of skeletal remains.

Ted Sammons joins us as a limited-term faculty member shared between UTSC and St. George Anthropology. This year he will be teaching courses at UTSC. Ted received his PhD from City University of New York in 2013 and his research focus is the production of inequality in the Caribbean and its diasporas.

Craig Cipolla recently joined the Royal Ontario Museum as Associate Curator for North American Archaeology, and has been cross-appointed to the Department of Anthropology at St. George campus.
In Memoriam: Shuichi Nagata

Professor Emeritus Shuichi Nagata died peacefully on July 11, 2016. A private cremation service was held on Thursday, July 14, and a full family funeral will be held in November at his ancestral grave in Tokyo. Prof Nagata served as Chair of the department of Anthropology from 1986 to 1991. The following was written by Prof. Jane Helleiner (PhD, 1991), one of Prof. Nagata’s former graduate students. Jane is currently a Professor at Brock University.

As a former undergraduate and then graduate student of Prof. Shuichi Nagata, I appreciate the opportunity to share some of my memories of him and I hope that these words will resonate with many other students who have been profoundly and positively shaped by his teaching and scholarship.

In the early 1980s, as a new anthropology major at the University of Toronto, I was fortunate to be a student in Prof. Nagata’s “Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology” (ANT 204) course. For those curious about the reading list of that period, I recall that we covered Mary Douglas’ Purity and Danger as well as several of the then popular Spindler case studies notably The Semai (Denton), The Huron (Trigger), Hano, A Tewa Indian Community (Dozier), Peasants (Wolf), and Changing Japan (Norbeck). Prof. Nagata’s fieldwork amongst the Hopi Peoples and indigenous people of Malaysia as well as his upbringing in Japan, brought tremendous depth to his lectures on these texts and I was completely captivated! Subsequently I went on to Prof. Nagata’s more advanced “Anthropology of Southeast Asia” and “Political Anthropology” courses where he shared much more of his personal research experiences through stories and slides (in those pre-power point days).

As a graduate student, I was one of many Canadian and international students who benefitted from Prof. Nagata’s strong commitment to the role of MA and Ph.D supervisor. When I was conducting doctoral research in Ireland, for example, Prof. Nagata was doing fieldwork in a region of Malaysia with no mail service (in those pre-internet days). During his brief sojourns in centres where he could access the mail, he always managed to read and respond to my research reports with detailed advice and encouragement. When his research again took him abroad very near the end of my Ph.D program, he ensured a seamless transition of supervisory duties to Prof. Peter Carstens. Prof. Nagata was very generous with his time and scholarly insights. Drafts were returned promptly with extensive typewritten comments and handwritten edits. His prioritizing of student needs continued throughout the extended period when he was Chairperson of the Department. During supervisory meetings held in his very busy Chairperson’s office (then in the rather drab ground floor of Sidney Smith), he managed to offer his undivided attention to students such as myself. Later, in his much quieter office in University College, I recall him kindly responding to my expression of concern about the quality of my fieldwork data, by reminding me that it was not so much the quality of the data that mattered but what I would do with it…an important piece of advice that led me to stop worrying and start writing!

Conversations with Prof. Nagata were always stimulating given his eclectic scholarly interests. He read widely and took a keen interest in research that spanned the 4-fields of the discipline represented in the Department. As a result, he was able to effectively engage with, and support students both inside and outside the social/cultural stream. My partner, Bohdan Szachewycz, working in Linguistic Anthropology, for example, received extensive mentorship from him as a graduate student and then as a fledgling faculty member. Prof. Nagata had a quirky and endearing sense of humour (he memorably for instance, asked me not to send him baby pictures because he already had albums full of such photos from former students!) Prof. Nagata modelled scholarly breadth, curiosity and rigour as well as a deep dedication to a broadly defined, humane and grounded global anthropology. He offered inspiration and support to many through his teaching, research, and service to students, colleagues, the Department and the discipline of anthropology. I am very fortunate to have been among his many students.

-Dr. Jane Helleiner, August 2016

A public memorial service for Prof. Nagata is scheduled for Friday, October 28 from 4-7pm in the Main Lounge of the Faculty Club. Please click here to RSVP. If you wish to contribute thoughts, memories, experiences, or to say a few words at the memorial, please contact Judith Nagata at jsagata@yorku.ca; tel 416-361-9296.

Read Prof. Nagata’s obituary in The Globe & Mail here.

In Memoriam: Shuichi Nagata Cont.

Message from the Chair Cont.

There have also been staffing changes, some of which affect the graduate programme on all three campuses. Diane Yeager left for an exciting opportunity in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the end of 2015. Some weeks later, Tasleem Hudani joined us as our new Department Manager at St. George.

We also have three new postdoctoral fellows — Arts & Science Fellow Michaela Ecker, Mellon-Volkswagen Fellow Erdem Evren, and Mellon-Jackson Humanities Fellow Majumder Atteve.

We have another year with tremendous growth in graduate enrolments. This month, 28 MA, 15 MSc, and 22 PhD students join our graduate student body. This will be quite a challenge, but also presents great opportunities and probably marks the end of our steep growth phase.

Welcome to all these new faculty, staff and students!

Finally, further growth is signaled in three faculty searches taking place this year. At UTM there are searches in both biological anthropology and socio-cultural anthropology, while UTSC has a search in socio-cultural anthropology. It promises to be a very busy year.

Ted Banning
Professor and Chair
**Upcoming Anthropology Events**

**Monday, September 19, 2016**

**Prof. David Gellner** (Oxford)
*Ghosts of Hierarchies Past: Inequality, Hierarchy, and Blame in Nepal*
Anthropology Colloquium Series co-sponsored by the Asian Institute. 1:00pm-1:30pm, followed by lunch 1:00-2:00pm, AP 246. Please RSVP for lunch here.

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

**Janice Teichroeb** (Toronto and Region Conservation Authority)
*The Haight Site: a nineteenth century textile industry in Ajax*
Ontario Archaeological Society Toronto Chapter September Meeting, 7:30 pm, AP 246, 19 Russell Street. View event poster.

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

**AGSU Welcome Back Fall Wine & Cheese**
6:15pm, Junior Common Room, University College, 15 Kings College Circle

**Thursday, September 29th, 2016**

**Prof. Rosemary Coombe** (CRC, York U)
*Informational Capital and its Cultures: The Work of Distinction in Neoliberal Economies*
1:00-3:00pm, followed by reception. Centre for Ethnography, MW 296, UTSC

**Friday, September 30, 2016**

**Prof. Jessica Greenberg** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
*Doing and Being Politics in the Post-Revolutionary Age*
Anthropology Colloquium Series co-sponsored by CDTS, ASSU and the GSU. 2:00-4:00pm, AP 246. Register here.

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

**Prof. Brian Larkin** (Columbia University)
*Generator Life*
Anthropology Colloquium Series, 2:00-4:00pm, AP 246, Register here.

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**News & Announcements**

**Prof. Naisargi Dave Named to Royal Society of Canada’s College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists**

Congratulations to Prof. Naisargi Dave! She is among six U of T scholars to join the Royal Society of Canada’s College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, created two years ago to recognize and foster scholarly leadership and interdisciplinary collaboration among Canada’s new generation of scholars, artists and scientists who’ve received their PhD within the last 15 years. Read more at [https://www.utoronto.ca/news/u-t-scholars-join-rsc-college](https://www.utoronto.ca/news/u-t-scholars-join-rsc-college).

**Vivian Solana Awarded Honorary Mention for AFA Dissertation Award**

Congratulations to PhD Candidate Vivian Solana! The Association of Feminist Anthropology (AFA) has awarded her honorary mention for her dissertation, “Regenerating Revolution: Gender and Generation in the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic.” This is the first time the AFA has awarded an honorary mention, a recognition of Vivian’s original and compelling research. She will be presented with the award during the AFA business meeting at the AAAs on Friday, Nov. 18 from 12-1pm.

**PhD Alum Jude Fokwang Produces Documentary on Cameroon Youth**

Jude Fokwang (PhD, 2007) has released a documentary film called “Something New in Old Town.” The film explores the efforts of dozens of young women and men in the sprawling community of Old Town in Bamenda, Cameroon, in part to make sense of the ways in which communities forgotten by the state are grappling with development challenges in the neoliberal era. Filmed over three years in the homes, streets and work places of Old Town, the documentary examines the lives and activities of these young people who strive to change their community. Watch the official trailer on [youtube here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=123456789). You DVD can be purchased via Createspace eStore (use PROMO code: N3KSDAM3 to enjoy a 20% discount.)

**Upcoming Anthropology Events**

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

**Prof. Hae Yeon Choo** with Jesook Song & Anna Koreteweg
*Decentering Citizenship: Gender, Labor, and Migrant Rights in South Korea*
Book Launch sponsored by the Centre for the Study of Korea and the Asian Institute. 2:00-4:00pm, Room 108N, 1 Devonshire Place. Further details and registration here.
Job Postings & Fellowships

Members (part-time positions), Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada

Postdoctoral Position in Genomics, Vanderbilt Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society
Posted: September 20, 2016. Open Until Filled

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Refugee Studies, University of East London

Assistant Professor, Human Security, School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC
Review of applications begins September 15, 2016
https://apply.interfolio.com/36550

Assistant Professor, Sexuality Studies with expertise in Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health, San Francisco State University

Assistant Professor, Africana and African American Feminist Studies, University of New Hampshire
Deadline: October 1, 2016
https://jobs.usnh.edu/postings/22612

Assistant Professor, Religion in the Americas, Amherst College
Review of Applications begins October 1, 2016
https://apply.interfolio.com/35671

Research Fellowships for International Postdocs, Leibniz Institute of European History

Assistant Professor, Sociocultural or Linguistic Anthropology, Yale University
Deadline: October 15, 2016
http://bit.ly/2croS0T

Tenure-track faculty position in Muslims in America, University of Minnesota
Deadline: October 17, 2016
http://bit.ly/2ceH3a

Assistant Professor, Global Islam, University of Southern California
Review of applications begins October 17, 2016
https://jobs.usc.edu/postings/74287

Assistant Professor, South Asian Religions, Department of Historical Studies

Assistant Professor, Biological Anthropology, University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus

Assistant Professor, Cultural Anthropology, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures (AMEC), Mississippi State University
Deadline: October 31, 2016

Assistant Professor, Socio-Cultural Anthropology, University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

Assistant Professor of Sociology or Anthropology, The College of Wooster
Review of applications begins November 1, 2016
https://apply.interfolio.com/36873

Assistant Professor, Environmental Anthropology, Southern Methodist University

Simon and Riva Spatz Visiting Chair in Jewish Studies, Dalhousie University

Assistant Professor, Socio-Cultural Anthropology, University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus

Assistant Professor, Landscape Archaeology, McGill University
Deadline: December 1, 2016
https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/7869

More Job Postings are listed on our website at http://anthropology.utoronto.ca/home/job-postings/
Calls for Papers

Activisms in Africa
International Congress, January 12-13, 2017, Lisboa
Deadline: September 30, 2016

Challenging Enduring Urban Injustices: Race, Ethnicity, Space, and Political Economy, 47th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, April 19-22, 2017, Minneapolis
Deadline: October 1, 2016
http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/2016/06/29/general-call-for-participation/

CASCA's biannual and bilingual Culture Newsletter on the Theme of Visual Anthropology
Deadline: October 1, 2016
http://bit.ly/2d02FZs

CEETUM (Centre d’études ethniques des universités montréalaises) 19th Colloquium for Students and Recent Graduates, February 22-24, 2017, University of Montreal
Deadline: October 4, 2016

Heritages of Migration: Moving Stories, Objects and Home, April 6-10, 2017, National Museum of Immigration, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Deadline: October 14, 2016
https://heritagesofmigration.wordpress.com/call-for-papers/

Transborder movements and the states in South Asia, January 20-21, 2017, Asian University for Women, Chittagong
Deadline: October 15, 2016
https://transbordermovementsandthestatesinsouthasia.wordpress.com/

Human-Animal Relations in Latin America, A Multi-disciplinary Approach, Antípoda
Deadline: October 15, 2016

BRIDGE: The Heritage of Connecting Places and Cultures, July 6-10, 2017, Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site, United Kingdom
Deadline: November 1, 2016
https://bridgeconference.wordpress.com/call-for-papers/

Call for contributions to Voluntas Special Issue: The Organizations of Civil Society
Deadline: November 30, 2016

Fourth Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies, April 11-13, 2017, University of Chester
Deadline: November 30, 2016

Anthropology and Security, Antípoda
Deadline: December 30, 2016

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Awards

AIA Site Preservation Fund
The Archaeological Institute of America Site Preservation Grant funds projects that uphold the AIA’s mission to preserve and promote the world’s archaeological heritage. The goal of the grant, which carries a maximum value of $25,000 awarded over a period of one to three years, is to maximize global preservation efforts and awareness through AIA support. The AIA targets projects that not only seek to directly preserve archaeological sites, but also emphasize outreach, education, and best practices to positively impact the local community, students, and the discipline of archaeology as a whole.

Please note, applicants must first submit an inquiry form on our website at http://archaeological.org/grants/706. If approved, applicants will be invited to complete a full application, due October 15. To learn about past winners, visit our projects page at http://archaeological.org/sitepreservation/projects.
Upcoming Workshops

Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Online Seminars

Using R Statistical Computing Language for Archaeological Analysis
Learn the benefits of using the statistical coding language R in your fieldwork and analysis. This seminar will introduce the capabilities of R, provide a brief run through of the language syntax and conventions, give an overview of the available packages, and review a number of real world applications. This seminar will be beneficial to students looking to gain insight into new research techniques, professionals who are new to coding and interested in what it has to offer, and those with some coding experience who want to see the benefits of a new language or new examples in a language in which they are familiar.

Instructor: Matthew Harris, MA, RPA, with the Cultural Resources Department at AECOM
Date/Time: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 : 2:00 - 4:00pm EST
Learn More and Register Today!

Open to SAA Members and Non-members. Registered Professional Archaeologists will receive 2 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits for this course.

Interacting with the Media: Strategies for Pitching and Interviewing
Increase your confidence in and the understanding of interactions with the media! This one-hour seminar will be relevant and beneficial for students, as well as professional archaeologists working in a variety of settings, including CRM firms, museums, and academia.

Instructor: Amanda Karfakis is President and CEO of Vitamin, the Cure of the Common Brand
Date/Time: Thursday, September 22, 2016 : 3:00 - 4:00pm EST
Learn More and Register Today!

Free to individual 2016 SAA Members. Not Available to individual SAA Non-members. This seminar is not certified by RPA and no credit will be received for taking it.

Space is limited in both courses and seats often fill quickly, Register today to reserve your seat!

JMP Statistical Software Academic Day (Free Workshop), October 5, 2016
Get started with JMP, expand your JMP® skills, or simply learn what’s new in the latest release, JMP 13 and JMP 13 Pro. Attend the Toronto JMP Academic Day in the SAS Toronto Office (280 King St East, Suite 500). This complimentary event is designed for beginning and intermediate users, but will include an introduction to more advanced topics. The session includes demos, examples, tips and tricks, and Q&A, and will be followed by a networking lunch. Register now, or write the JMP Academic Team to schedule a custom workshop or webinar for your department or campus.

Field Schools

Transnational Justice in Practice: the Aftermath of the Internal Armed Conflict in Peru, June 13-July 3, 2017
Join the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team (EPAF) for a 3-week field school in the Peruvian Andes. This interdisciplinary program incorporates theoretical coursework and practical training in the areas of anthropology, law, history, archaeology, political science, and psychology. Through participatory methods, students will learn about the 20-year internal armed conflict in Peru and study its impact on the current lives of indigenous communities. Students will have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culture and engaged directly with those affected by human rights violations. For more information visit http://epafperu.org/en/fieldschools/

DANTA Tropical Biology and Conservation Field Courses 2017
Do you have an interest in wildlife, tropical ecology and/or conservation? Are you looking to gain valuable field experience? Would you like to learn about other cultures? Would you like to learn more about yourself?

Danta is pleased to announce our 2017 summer session field courses in tropical biology. Our courses are intended for undergraduates or early graduate level students who have a keen interest in tropical ecosystems and conservation, but have little or no experience of working in a tropical environment. Participants may enroll on either a credit or non-credit basis.

DANTA operates on a cooperative and collaborative teaching model with multiple international instructors on each course. Co-instruction allows for more individualized instruction, and the sharing and appreciation of different ideas. Visiting scholars are often incorporated into the curriculum to broaden student experience.

Methods in Primate Behavior and Conservation
Winter Session: January 1 – 16, 2017
Summer Session: July 15 – July 30, 2017

Primate Behavior and Conservation
June 15-July 10, 2017

Birds of Costa Rica
July 15 – July 30, 2017

For more information, please visit our website at www.DANTA.info and/or email conservation@danta.info.

For an alumni perspective on our programs, please see our new blog DANTAisms http://dantablog.wordpress.com/.
September 12-30, 2016

Welcoming the NEW! Frosh Exhibit
New College Library is running a special exhibit this year to welcome new students, featuring letters written by faculty (including Prof. Bonnie McElhinny) and students that illustrate their first year struggles and triumphs. The exhibit is also available online at http://uoft.me/13M.

September 15, 2016

Israel & Palestine Symposium: Divergent Ideological Frameworks, One Conflict
5:30-8:30pm, Campbell Conference Facility, 1 Devonshire Pl.
TCards required upon entry, open to faculty and students only. Further info: http://munkschool.utoronto.ca/event/21165/

September 16, 2016

Integrity, Individual and Collective
Centre for Ethics Seminar with Shmulik Nili (Postdoctoral Fellow, Australian National University). 12:00-2:00pm, LA 200, 15 Devonshire Pl.

September 19-23, 2016

Disorientation Week: Mapping Resistance
OPIRG Toronto presents their annual alternative orientation week with the theme Campus sexual assault. Cuts to city funded services. Prioritizing corporate interests. Event schedule listed at http://www.opirgtoronto.org/diso/

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

The Asafo Flags of Ghana: Expressive Cultures in the Idiom of Hybridity
ROM Speaks Art presents Prof. Ato Quayson (U of T). Free with RSVP. 7:00-8:00pm, ROM Eaton Theatre Level 1B. Followed by reception and cash bar. Further details and RSVP here.

September 21, 2016

Faked in China: Rethinking the Nation in Globalization
Prof. Fan Yang (University of Maryland) speaks at this event sponsored by the Dr. David Chu Program in Asia Pacific Studies and the Asian Institute. 4:00-6:00pm, 208N, 1 Devonshire Pl. Register at http://munkschool.utoronto.ca/event/20943/

September 21, 2016

The List: In Conversation with Naomi Klein
This special event will feature Naomi Klein in conversation with U of T faculty, staff and students on the legacies of the CUPE strike and the future of revolt and transformation on campus. 7:00pm, Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Ave. Registration required here.

September 22, 2016

Ethnogenesis and Open Borders: Reflections on Nepal’s Tarai-Madhesh and What Went Wrong in India-Nepal Relations
2016 Christopher Onanda Lecture on South Asian Art, History and Culture, with Prof. David Gellner (Oxford University). 4:00-6:00pm, 208N, 1 Devonshire Pl. Register here.

September 26, 2016

Madness in the Methods: Mad Studies, Storytelling, and the Politics of Peer Inclusion
CQ Speaker Series with SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow Jijian Voronka. 12:00-1:30pm, HS 208, 155 College St. Further info.

September 27, 2016

Death on a Distant Shore: Archaeological Investigations of the 1845 Franklin Expedition at Erebus Bay, King William Island
Edward S. Rogers Anthropology Lecture featuring speaker Douglas Stenton, presented by ROM Speaks Culture. 7:00pm, Eaton Theatre, 100 Queens Park Circle. $20, includes post-event reception with one host drink. Click here to buy tickets.

September 29, 2016

CIFAR Massey Talk with Joseph Henrich
CIFAR Senior Fellow Prof. Joseph Henrich (Harvard) will share insights from his new book The Secret of Our Success: How Culture Is Driving Human Evolution, Domesticating Our Species, and Making Us Smarter. Anthro grad student Devin Ward will be one of the discussants. Free student tickets available. 7:00pm, Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. Further info here.

October 1, 2016

Ancient Near Eastern Archives: Dealing with Incomplete Datasets
Annual General Meeting and Symposium of the Society for Mesopotamian Studies, 12:00-5:00pm, Auditorium 108, Koffler House, 569 Spadina Ave. Further info here.