The 2011-12 Academic Year was quite eventful in the Department of Society & Environment. While we’re used to seeing our students move on to new adventures, it is rare to have so much turnover among the faculty as we have had this year. As with most big changes, there are many emotions involved for those of us who have been in the department for a while.

**Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Dr. Michael G. Davis**, died in March. Thanks to the many alumni who wrote to share their memories of Dr. Davis. Mike was a great colleague and teacher who inspired many students to explore anthropology. We miss him. Thanks to the efforts of Professor Emeritus of Anthropology and Sociology, Dr. Robert Graber, his career in Anthropology is recognized in the current issue of *Anthropology News*, the newsletter of the American Anthropological Association.

**Professors Ray Barrow (Sociology) and Jonathan Smith (Geography)** have both retired. Their dedicated service to Truman was recognized at the May 2012 graduation when each was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus. Dr. Barrow is still coming to campus periodically and looks forward to working on academic projects. Dr. Smith has moved to Oregon and is enjoying the freedom to visit grandchildren and explore other interests.

**Dr. Julie Flowerday (Anthropology) and Dr. Bonnie Mitchell (Sociology),** who had both been at Truman on temporary appointments for four years, are both moving on to new adventures. Dr. Flowerday has a fellowship to spend the next several months in Pakistan.

**Dr. Elaine McDuff (Sociology)** and her husband, Dr. Steve McDuff, have just left Kirksville for an around-the-world research trip that is part of her sabbatical. While we will miss Dr. McDuff in the department this year, she will be back to share what she has learned next year.

**Dr. Wolfgang Hoeschele (Geography)** and I are pleased to welcome three new faculty colleagues who are helping us hold down the fort this year. We are very pleased to introduce you to:

**Dr. Anton Daughters, our new tenure-track colleague in Anthropology.** He earned his PhD from the University of Arizona in 2010 and has 2 years of experience as a Post-doctoral fellow teaching and working on research projects at Cornell College in Iowa. Dr. Daughters is a cultural anthropologist with interests in the impact of globalization on traditional forms of social organization and cultural identity, particularly among people (continued on next page)
Dr. Hoeschele's Summer Research

This past summer Dr. Hoeschele met with people with ideas similar to his own to discuss how to build a sustainable economy in several European countries. Highlights of the trip included:

**Vienna, Austria:** a mini-conference organized by Franz Nahrada, who runs an organization called Globally Integrated Village Environment, where about ten people shared thoughts and experiences about building more sustainable communities.

**Bechstedt, Germany:** a one-week Commons Summer School organized by Silke Helfrich and Brigitte Kratzwald, where 25 people met to discuss ways to better manage resources that we hold in common.

**Copenhagen, Denmark:** met with seven people who are involved with promoting cooperatives, social entrepreneurship, networking, and ethical banking.

**Amsterdam, The Netherlands:** met with five people to talk about networking for an economy of abundance; this started a collaboration expected to lead to an online “Commons Abundance Network” (CAN).


**Mondragon, Spain:** five-day visit to the Mondragon cooperatives in the Basque country of Spain, together with 7 other people. Mikel Lezamiz and others explained numerous aspects of how this group of around 250 cooperatives that employs over 80,000 people.

**Barcelona, Spain:** Dr. Hoeschele gave a talk on the “Economics of Abundance” hosted by the Institute of Governance and Public Policy (Autonomous University of Barcelona) and the Free Knowledge Institute.

The most significant outcome of this trip is that Dr. Hoeschele is now working on the Commons Abundance Network, a resource for people around the world who want to work to create a more sustainable and equitable world, with some of the people he met on this trip. This semester, he is involving his students in Environmental Geography to help get this network started.

Dr. Hoeschele received a summer research grant from the School of Social and Cultural Studies for his travel.
Lewis Binford Donation

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Professor Binford is recognized as one of the two most influential archaeologists of the 20th Century. This collection includes field notes, manuscripts, correspondence files, slides, photographs, negatives, drawings, data files, and a few videos related to his research in Alaska, Africa, Australia, Europe, and travels in China and India.

Amanda Langendorfer, Head of Special Collections, coordinated work on this project with a temporary project archivist, Nathaniel Ball. Between June and August, the primary collection was moved to Special Collections, sorted, housed in archive safe folders and boxes, and documented with a detailed finding aid. Professor Binford’s academic materials are now available for students and researchers through Pickler Memorial Library. Future plans include the development of a digital archive for materials that are expected to garner the most interest.

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Faculty Notables

Robert Bates Graber, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, and Dean R. De Cock, associate professor of mathematics, along with third author Michael L. Burton of the University of California, Irvine, have had their paper, “A Guttman-Based Approach to Identifying Cumulativeness Applied to Chimpanzee Culture” accepted for publication by the scholarly journal Cross-Cultural Research.

Wolfgang Hoeschele, Professor of Geography was invited to speak on Economics of Abundance, his new book, at the Economics department seminar at UMKC last March.

Amber Johnson was promoted to Professor of Anthropology. Dr. Johnson (pictured right) gave a talk on “Form & Function of a Public Liberal Arts & Sciences University in the 21st Century: An Evolutionary Perspective” last March.

Elaine McDuff was promoted to Professor of Sociology. Dr. McDuff’s article on “Collaborative Learning in an Undergraduate Theory Course: An Assessment of Goals and Outcomes” was published in the April edition of Teaching Sociology, an academic journal of the American Sociological Association.

MEETINGS

Last November, the American Anthropological Association meeting was held in Montreal, Canada.

Senior Anthropology major Rudy Cesaretti (left) received recognition from the Society for Visual Anthropology for the outstanding quality of his research poster “School Days Past and Present: A Look at School Consolidation’s Impact on Rural Northeast Missouri Communities.”

This poster focused on visual interpretation of yearbook photos from the decades surrounding school consolidation in Schuyler and Putnam counties. This research supplemented significant qualitative field work (TruScholars project Summer 2011) and quantitative analysis Cesaretti did to learn more about the changing role of schools in community identity formation in rural Northeast Missouri.

Dr. Amber Johnson, Rudy’s mentor who accompanied him to the conference, also presented a paper at the AAA meeting, “Using Binford’s Frames of Reference to Model Mobility,” in a session focused on both ethnographic and archaeological studies of mobility at multiple spatial and temporal scales.

The annual Midwest Sociological Society Meeting was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota this past March. Five Sociology majors, Danielle Clemons, Tasheka Graves, Emily Love, Zachary Palmer, and Adam Speak attended the conference.

Senior Zachary Palmer (left) won first place in the 2011 Undergraduate Student Poster Competition. Palmer presented “The Relationship Between Race and Racial Attitudes as Measured by Trait Assignment in the Sims3.”

Also, Truman’s Sociology majors came in first out of 13 teams competing at the Trivia Night.

Lastly, Dr. Elaine McDuff presented “Internships and Transformative Learning in South Africa” and Dr. Bonnie Mitchell chaired a session titled, “Comparative Race & Ethnicity.”

Also, Dr. McDuff mentored and accompanied selected senior Zak Palmer at the American Sociological Association Honors Program held in Las Vegas.

Dr. Wolfgang Hoeschele presented “Commons and Solidarity Economy” at the Confederation of Association for Pluralism in Economics ICAPE in Massachusetts last November.

Dr. Amber Johnson organized the session “Processual Archaeology Beyond Binford: Current and Future” at Society for American Archaeology in Memphis this past April.

Dr. Bonnie Mitchell accompanied several sociology students including Zak Palmer, Kate Seaton, and Emily Love to the Missouri Sociological Association last October at Lake Ozarks.

Dr. Julie Flowerday attended the South Asia Conference in Madison last October with director of University Art Gallery and Art Professor, Aaron Fine.
Several of our students presented their research at the Student Research Conference in April.

Oral Presentations included:

“A Critical Analysis of the Mental Healthcare System in South Africa” by Jennifer G. Pearlstein. (Dr. Elaine M. McDuff, Faculty Mentor)

“Immigration and Crime: The United States, Europe, and Underlying Factors” by Kevin P. Sack (Dr. Bonnie L. Mitchell, Faculty Mentor)

“Influences of Religious Culture on Voting Patterns in Rural Missouri and Iowa” by Faith L. Martin. (Dr. Amber L. Johnson and Dr. Bonnie Mitchell, Faculty Mentors)

“‘An Ingathering of Exiles’: An Analysis of Factors Contributing to Contemporary American Jewish Migration to Israel” by Zachary D. Palmer. (Dr. Bonnie L. Mitchell, Faculty Mentor)

“An Investigation of Folk Illnesses, Symptoms, and Treatments in Northeast Missouri” by Joy C. Bulen. (Dr. Bonnie L. Mitchell, Dr. Amber L. Johnson, and Dr. Ray Barrow, Faculty Mentors)

“Obstacles and Innovations: The Challenges of Health Care in Post-Apartheid South Africa” by Erin E. Medin. (Dr. Elaine M. McDuff, Faculty Mentor)

“The Process of School Consolidation in Schuyler County, Missouri” by Rudolf P. Cesaretti. (Dr. Amber L. Johnson, Faculty Mentor)

“The Soci-Economic Development of Northeast Missouri, 1850-1880” by Rudolf P. Cesaretti. (Dr. Kathryn Brammall, Faculty Mentor)

“Struggle for a National Identity: The Story of South Africa” by Amelia Bursi (Dr. Elaine M. McDuff, Faculty Mentor)

“U.S. Sponsored Violence in Latin America” by Adam B. Speak. (Dr. Bonnie L. Mitchell, Faculty Mentor)

McNair Scholar

The 20th Annual McNair Research Presentations was held last September.

McNair Scholars presented the results of their summer research internships as part of their preparation for graduate school and in fulfillment of one of the four federally-mandated objectives of the Program.

Sociology major Danielle Clemmons ’13 presented research titled “African American Midwestern College Students’ Perceptions at a Predominantly White Institution (PWI)” at the conference.
May graduates, Angela Page and Kiera Hulsey, interned this past year as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Adair County under Presiding Circuit Judge Russell Steele, Guardian Ad Litem Phillip McIntosh, and Sandy Slocum, Executive Director of Adair County CASA.

Kevin Sack ’12 and Julianne Meyer ’13 were both inducted into Truman State University’s chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the oldest and largest collegiate honors society.

Senior Rachael Kisse appeared in Kirksville Parks and Recreation’s Broadway in the Park’s production of the musical comedy “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change” as Rose Ritz.

May graduate, Joy Bulen, spent the Spring semester as a Missouri Government Intern in Jefferson City.

Emily Love ’12 has been inducted into the 2011-2012 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The award is based on academics, character, leadership, and service to the campus and community. She is pictured (below) receiving her certificate from Interim Provost, Richard Coughlin.

Kiera Hulsey ’12 was one of 42 students initiated into Truman’s Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Delta of Missouri. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation’s oldest liberal arts and sciences honor society.

Kelly Gorman ’12 interned at the Missouri State Public Defender’s Office in Kirksville.

Erin Medin ’12 interned at Project Transformation Tennessee providing college-age young adults with leadership development and career exploration opportunities through the coordination and operation of free community-oriented programs for underserved children and youth.

Elizabeth Salley ’14 helped implement the Local Foods Dinner as part of the Environmental Campus Organization (ECO), a Truman student-led organization committed to promoting sustainability on a local and global level and intended to foster community relations and promote campus and community sustainability.

Emily Love
HONOR SOCIETIES

Departmental Honors Program, distinguishes majors who have achieved academic success and made an investment in education and personal development beyond the classroom. Those who graduated in May 2012 with department honors are:

Rudolf Cesaretti, Joy Bulen, Kelly Gorman, Kiera Husley, Angela Page, Zak Palmer, Kevin Sack, Kate Seaton, and Adam Speak.

Cultural & Societal Honors Society, a joint honors society for Sociology/Anthropology majors, initiated several new members at the home of Dr. Johnson last Fall.

The society hosted the Senior Seminar presentations at their meetings and participated in campus visit events throughout the year helping prospective students become familiar with the program and department.

The society also hosted Truman grads Ryan Klotz and Courtney Dowdall ’02 (pictured below) who shared their fieldwork experience among the Maya in Guatemala as part of the Folklore Colloquium and a dinner after their talk. They also spoke to Senior Seminar students about graduate school.

Members this past year included Jessica Bernstetter, Rudolph Cesaretti, Katie Dye, Emma Flowers, Kathryn Hedlund, Lakeisha Joyce, Dchen Lham, Rose McCray, Julianne Meyer, Zack Miller, Hannah Motes, Zachary Palmer, Nick Riggins, Kevin Sack, Kelley Schaller, Kate Seaton, Alex Senger, Sam Spencer, and Matthew Willis.

Alpha Kappa Delta, the National Sociology Honor Society Chapter Kappa of Missouri members this past year were Lakeisha Joyce, Zak Palmer, and Nicole Siman. Samantha Galloway, Aaron Klotz, and Sarah Westfall.

Lambda Alpha, the National Anthropology Honor Society Chapter Zeta of Missouri included members Jessica Bernstetter, Rachael Kisse, Dichen Lham, Rose McCray, Julianne Meyer, Kelley Schaller, and Matthew Willis.
This past Spring Semester, the SOAN 265 Structured Inequalities class participated in a service learning opportunity in the Kirksville community. Shelby Hewerdine, Aaron Albrecht, Tasheka Graves, Nanda Christopher, and Morgan Simpson helped cook a meal at Hope’s Kitchen as part of their required service learning for the class. Hope’s Kitchen is a non-profit organization based out of Kirksville’s Mary Immaculate Catholic Church that prepares and delivers free meals for over 200 hungry Kirksville residents several times a month.

The annual Student Interview Project, which has provided hands on research opportunities for students each year and helps the University learn about issues affecting our students, was completed this past Spring semester. This year students interviewed approximately 100 undergraduates in late January to mid-February. The focus of this year’s project was academic stress at Truman. The results of this study, and previous year’s studies, can be found in the Assessment Almanac on Truman’s website.

Dr. McDuff’s research team members included upper-level sociology majors who received 2 hours of credit from SOAN554, an independent studies course. The students included: Angela Page, Zak Palmer, Adam Speak, Emily Love, Emily Davis, and Kiera Hulsey.
This past summer Janine Baumgartner ’12 attended the Mongolian Field School – Targun Nuur Archaeology Project— in one of the northern most regions of Mongolia in an area called the Darkhad Depression. The field school was funded by the University of Pittsburgh and led by PhD student Julia Clark.

The research objectives were to characterize Bronze Age habitation areas in the Darkhad Depression specifically the time period between the late Bronze Age (1300-700 B.C.).

Zoe learned many basic archaeological skills such as site mapping, excavation, laying out grids, recording soil stratification, and surveying. She was also taught to use modern field-based technologies including GPS and GIS.

A few unusual skills learned are such as what to do if you come in contact with a bear or moose. The group lived almost completely off the grid; the closest town was a two hour ATV drive away and there was no way to get there by car. Zoe camped at a homestead three and a half miles of rugged terrain from the dig site.

Zoe states, “Attending field school was one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career. I would definitely recommend students curious in archaeology to attend a field school.”

“Not only did I get to explore my passion for archaeology, but I also learned about myself in the process.”—Zoe

Janine learned surveying, mapping out excavation sites, preliminary excavation work and cataloging artifacts.

“The experience of being in such a different area than we can get in the states was more than enough to fuel my love of archaeology.”—Janine

Zoee Matlock ’13 attended a field school in Alaska sponsored by Adelphi University during the summer of 2011. The field school lasted for 5 weeks and met with other researchers, locals, and tribal elders to learn more about the sites being excavated.

Zoee along with others excavated two prehistoric sites in the Susitna River Valley, the 10,000-year-old occupation at Trapper Creek Overlook and the late-prehistoric complex hunter-gatherer Chunilna Village site.

“Field Schools
Outside of socializing this past year, the Anthropology Club planned and attended a trip to the Special Collections section at Pickler Memorial Library on campus. Activities continue to include trips to Archeological sites and museums, inviting guest speakers to speak on topics in the field. Visit the Anthropology Club on Facebook for more pictures.

Students for Social Change (Sociology Club) highlight for the year is its annual Social Justice Week on disability awareness last October.

The aim was to bring together issues and individuals to allow students and faculty to explore disability with the hopes of normalizing disabilities.

The week’s events included three documentary screenings, a Disability Monologues presentation, and a panel discussion on disability.
As Fast As I Can: Sun-Ra, Afro-Futurism and Motivated Signifying.”

Also in the fall, Prof. Aaron Fine (Art) presented “The Statue Has a Security Team: A Visual Political Culture of Mumbai.”

Students who participated in Dr. Elaine McDuff’s South African study abroad experience shared what they learned in “A Study Abroad Report-AFR 310: Democracy & Human Rights in South Africa.”

Visiting Assistant Professor Galina M. Zapryanova (pictured left) presented her paper “Looks Can Be Deceiving: Explaining Protest Voting in Central and East Europe.”

Dr. Wolfgang Hoeschele discussed “The Economics of Abundance.”

In February, Professor of Economics Dr. Rubana Mahjabeen presented “Starting a Micro-Credit Program in an American Midwest Town.”

Also in the Spring, Dr. Robert Tigner (Psychology) discussed his research in his presentation “Do Learning Styles Predict Performance? Simon Says No.”

Department Seminars continue to promote faculty scholarship and foster discussion of topics relevant to our disciplines.

Last September, Dr. Bob Mielke (English) presented “I’m Going to Outer Space

Recent Graduates

Ryan and Courtney (Dowdall) Klotz ’02 are both writing PhD dissertations this year on economically focused field projects [factors related to success of coffee cooperatives] at Florida International University.

Christina (Pomianek) Banes ’04 is teaching at Lindenwood University in Missouri.

Christen Gates ’06 employed at VSolvit has received a Grand Challenges Exploration Award from the Gates Foundation for groundbreaking research in global health and development. Christen is working with the Career Center to develop an internship program with VSolvit for Truman Students.

Justin Nichols ’09 received the Provost’s Undergraduate Research Award from Johns Hopkins University. His research proposal was titled “The reliability and factor structure of the Severity of Violence Against Women Scale.”

John Topi ’11 is starting graduate school in Anthropology at the University of Missouri.

Emily Davis ’12 is working for an interfaith NGO in Omaha and then for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps.

Kelly Gorman ’12 attending law school at Mizzou.

Chermain Jennings ’12 is pursuing a MA in Sociology at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Hazar Khidir ’12 is pursuing her MD at Harvard Medical School.

Faith Martin ’12 spent the summer working in Beijing and now works as an account executive at KTVO in Kirksville.

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Dr. Elaine McDuff on Sabbatical

Dr. Elaine McDuff (Sociology) and her husband, Dr. Steve McDuff, have just left Kirksville for 4 months of travel in Great Britain, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, as part of Dr. McDuff’s sabbatical research project. She is interviewing Zimbabwean women in all three countries in order to learn about emerging patterns associated with the feminization of migration in Southern Africa, focusing on the experiences of Zimbabwean women as economic migrants. She hopes to incorporate what she learns into her courses on race, class, and gender inequality, and to expand global content in all of her teaching. In addition, she will need research assistants for transcribing data during the spring semester, and plans to develop a model for student research projects on gender and immigration issues in the US.

Recent Graduates (continued)

**Erin Medin ’12** is living in Nashville, TN and working as the Assistant Director of a new non-profit organization called Project Transformation. This organization works with churches to provide literacy based summer programming to children living in low income areas.

**Kat Owens ’12** spent the summer as an exhibit design intern at the World Aquarium, and will be spending this fall as a keeper intern at the Dickerson Park Zoo, rotating through each section of the zoo.

**Kevin Sack ’12** in law school at MU.

**Kate Seaton ’12** is an AmeriCorps service member in Great Falls, MT working for a program called the Court Help Program in a Self-Help law Center helping low income (or non-low income) people who cannot afford an attorney make the legal system work for themselves.

Thanks to everyone – faculty, staff, students, and alumni – who have contributed to our successes in the last year. Next year I’m passing the baton to Dr. Elaine McDuff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amber Johnson, Department Chair