SPOTLIGHT ON...

Department of History & Anthropology

Undergraduate and graduate students taking courses in history, anthropology, and geography gain an understanding of human society and the relationship of the past to the present. The Department of History and Anthropology curriculum develops students' proficiency in the skills of writing, critical thinking, and historical thinking and prepares students for graduate school or for careers in teaching, museums and historical societies, the law, politics, public service, or journalism. Before they graduate, history majors take a research seminar and present the results of their scholarship at an undergraduate research conference. We now publish the best of the seminar papers annually in Sojourn: The Student Historical Journal of Monmouth University. Including anthropology, history, history education, history/political science interdisciplinary, and graduate students, the Department currently has 220 declared majors.

The Department of History and Anthropology has been growing. Dr. Katherine Parkin has recently been hired to teach courses in U.S. women's and cultural history. Katie, who had been a visiting professor the past two years, does research on food advertising and gender roles in 20th-century America. Although at Monmouth University since 1992, Dr. Karen Schmelzkopf, whose specialties are geography and urban history, also became a member of the Department this past year. Professor Susan Douglass, who teaches sections of Western Civilization in World Perspectives and courses on the Holocaust, the Vietnam War era, and on oral history, has been appointed a specialist professor in Public History and Social Studies Education. Susan is developing a curriculum resource center for social studies teachers and has led teacher-training workshops at the Holocaust Center at Brookdale and at the Vietnam Era Education Center in Holmdel. Professors Parkin and Richard Veit are advisors to the history and anthropology club, and Professor Veit conducts an archaeological dig each summer at a New Jersey site. Overall, the Department has seventeen full-time faculty members and thirteen adjuncts. Due to space constraints, a random selection of department members were interviewed for the purposes of this article.

The Department of History and Anthropology was buzzing with activity - it was registration time. Students and professors were milling about. In the midst of this activity was Dr. Brian Greenberg a very soft-spoken man, whose office is overflowing with books. Brian began our interview by telling me he has made major life changes every decade. He was married in 1970, and he laughingly referred to his wife as the "memory" part of their relationship. To bear this out, while I was interviewing another department member, Brian let me know that he spoke to his wife about our interview and she reminded him he does all the cooking and has for 33 years. He proudly told me about making antipasto for 100 people for a recent function! Brian's wife is a freelance copy editor. At the time of their marriage, Brian had been teaching public school in New York. Later they moved to Albany for a time.

In 1980, after finishing his Ph.D. in American History at Princeton University, Brian began teaching at the University of Delaware. His oldest daughter Kate, born in 1983, is now a sophomore at NYU. In 1986 Molly was born, and she is now a junior attending Red Bank Regional High School. The Greenbergs enjoy the theater and have subscriptions to local venues. They also go into Manhattan to see as many on and off-Broadway shows as they can.

Brian began working at Monmouth University in 1990. After Jules L. Plangere stepped down as President of the Board he endowed a Chair in his name. Brian was hired for the position and became the Jules L. Plangere Professor of American Social History, which is how he joined the History department.

For relaxation, Brian plays tennis as much as he can and is a Mets baseball fan. Other than reading history books, he is an avid follower of mystery stories. Brian has written two books, Worker and Community: Response to Industrialization in a Nineteenth Century American City, Albany, N.Y. 1850-1884 and with Leon Fink Upheaval in the Quiet Zone: A History of Hospital Worker's Union, Local 1109. Presently Brian is writing an introductory text to the history of labor.

Dr. Julius Adekunle began his employment at Monmouth University in the fall of 1996. He moved to the area from Nashville, where he was employed at Tennessee State University as an adjunct professor for approximately two years. Before leaving for Nashville, Julius lived in Canada between 1989 and 1994 and taught at two different universities.

Julius was born and educated in Nigeria. Julius attended Dalhouse University in Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada on a scholarship to obtain his Ph.D. He left Nigeria with his wife, Esther and three oldest children Dorcas, Ruth and Emmanuel. His youngest daughter, Rebecca was born in the United States. While Julius was in Nigeria, he taught at St. Andrews College between 1983 and 1989 in the Department of History.

It seems that the most difficult question for the members of the history department to answer is, "What do you do to relax?"
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Training and Development
What's so good about cross-training?
The administration often recommends cross-training employees so that they are prepared to handle one another’s jobs, yet few seem to make the time. You might be inspired to rearrange your schedule if you took a closer look at what you stand to gain from cross-training:

• Understanding. As employees learn one another’s jobs, cross-trained workers gain a clearer understanding of how work flows and the impact one individual’s actions can have on their co-workers’ projects and overall productivity.

• Forewarning. With greater understanding comes an ability to anticipate problems before they occur – and perhaps even make adjustments to head them off.

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Employee Activity Committee News

On behalf of the Employee Activity Committee, I am happy to report that the March trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show was very well-received. More than 40 employees, family members, and friends enjoyed the beautiful floral displays, demonstrations, gardening tips, and overall expert horticultural advice. There were many activities and events going on all day, including numerous vendors, crafters, and culinary presentations by celebrity chefs. The show certainly lived up to the billing of “largest indoor flower show in the world”.

The EAC event for April, a day at beautiful First Energy Park in Lakewood to see the baseball team, the Lakewood Blue Claws take on the South Georgia Waves, has sold out. There were no waiting in line for tickets, everyone sat together as a group and all 75 people who attended were satisfied by the wide assortment of food vendors to choose from.

I am very pleased to announce deeply-discounted tickets are available in the Office of Human Resources for Six Flags Great Adventure, Wild Safari and Hurricane Harbor parks. An “Early Bird” daily admission ticket, which is $26.00 per ticket, is $26.00 per ticket. The “Regular” daily admission ticket for the theme park and safari, good during the entire 2003 season, is $29.99 per ticket. A daily admission ticket for Hurricane Harbor, good during the entire 2003 season, is $29.99 per ticket. Also available are “Season Pass” tickets priced at $70.00 per ticket.

A return to Broadway is scheduled for the May EAC event. The committee has obtained 40 discounted tickets for the May 14th performance of the very popular Broadway show “Airspray”. Cost of the trip will be $60.00 per person for bus and rear mezzanine tickets for the 8:00 PM performance. The bus will leave campus at 4:00 PM, so there will be plenty of time for dinner in the city and there will be no conflict with the Awards and Recognition Luncheon, which will be held early in the day.

A Sunset Cruise along the lovely Navesink River, aboard the boat Venture, is planned for Saturday evening, June 28th, from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. There will be a variety of hot and cold hors d’oeuvres and dessert. For your pleasure, there will be a cash bar. Tickets are $24.00 per person. Boarding will be at the Clam Hut Restaurant, Highlands, NJ. We are limited to 100 people, so please sign up early.

Plans are in progress to spend a “Day at the Races” at Monmouth Park Racetrack during the month of July. Please look for the EAC flyer for all of the details.

I hope you are enjoying the discount coupons to Ruby Tuesday’s restaurant at the Monmouth Mall and to the Eddie Bauer chain of stores. Please let me know if you have used the Buyers Edge buying service and for those who signed up for COSTCO membership, your feedback would be appreciated.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to any and all suggestions you may have.

Sharon Smith
Employee Activity Committee Coordinator

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- **Innovation**: When people perform the same tasks every day, they often fall into a rut and lose the ability to “think out of the box”. Bringing a fresh perspective to each assignment may lead to exciting ideas to improve productivity.

- **Inspiration**: Cross-training may rejuvenate workers who’ve felt they were in dead-end jobs with no opportunity for advancement and offer some relief to those saddled with the most tedious tasks. By giving workers a greater sense of worth, cross-training can heighten individual self-esteem and improve the morale of your entire workforce.

- **Revelation**: By cross-training workers, you may be surprised to discover some people possess latent talents that could be better used elsewhere, talents that would never have come to light if the workers hadn’t ventured out of their niche.

- **Relief**: Having a cross-trained workforce will relieve some of your worries should key workers resign, go on leave, during vacations and other time-off situations.

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Julius told me he loves to read novels and Christian literature. He also writes poems and stories. He has co-authored, with his brother Stephen, a biography of his father titled, “The Man, The Motivator and The Mentor, A Biography of Chief Samuel Adekunle Agoro”.

Julius also laughingly told me, “although I’m not very good at it, I love fixing things at home”. He also enjoys jogging and running and sports in general. If he has a partner, he loves playing tennis and occasionally basketball.

Presently Julius’ two oldest children are in high school; Dorcas is a senior and Ruth is a sophomore. One is interested in business and the other in medicine. Julius isn’t encouraging any interest in history; there are enough members in the rest of his large family who have followed that path.

A few years ago the Adekunles vacationed in Busch Gardens in Virginia. Also, they have returned fairly regularly to Nigeria to visit with their large family.

Julius is a Christian and the Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Long Branch and in addition to his many responsibilities also teaches Sunday School. He is also a Pastoral Care Visitor to hospitals.

**Dr. Frank Dooley** has been employed at Monmouth University since 1969. He has always loved it at Monmouth, particularly watching the college grow into a University. The beauty of the buildings and grounds impress him. As a young man he had dreams of someday becoming a landscape architect and has always been attracted to beautiful places.

Years ago, Frank and his wife Helen lived near Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania and visited there frequently. They have three daughters whom they adore. His oldest daughter, also named Helen, is a lawyer in Washington. His middle daughter, Caroline, is a lawyer in Manhattan, and his youngest daughter, Marie, now works in an art gallery in New York. However, Marie has decided to change her career and also become a lawyer. Frank joked that they will join forces and call themselves Dooley, Dooley and Dooley.

He and his wife, a retired science teacher, both enjoy traveling and seek out gardens and public parks to look at and wander through. They particularly enjoyed visiting many of the gardens in Italy. They feel it is enjoyable to visit historical sites in the United States as well to see how history is presented. They found it very interesting while visiting the...
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South to hear the “Southern spin” on history, particularly anything related to the Civil War.

Frank also mentioned his admiration for Thomas Jefferson and his architecture, particularly his landscape architecture. Frank admires his real hobby is gardening and he enjoys sketching his ideas of arbors and the land. His daughter shares his love of the outdoors as well as his interest in sketching it.

Frank does a tremendous amount of reading and expressed admiration for all of the knowledge available on television. He also enjoys all kinds of music from classical to zydeco. His love of travel will take him to Europe again this summer. He is planning to go to Ireland to visit his wife’s family and to England to visit more family. Part of Frank’s research work is regarding Catholicism in Latin America. He feels that the spiritual dimension is all of us is important.

Toward the end of our interview, he repeated a quote his family often uses in reference to him, “It doesn’t matter where you’re going as long as you’re on your way”, attributed to Robert Morley. His love of travel, his enthusiasm and his thirst for knowledge came through loud and clear.

Dr. Glenn King’s first full-time job was working at Hunter College prior to his employment at Monmouth University, more than 30 years ago. Bill Mitchell interviewed him at the time he was seeking employment at Monmouth and he thought it would be good working with him.

Glenn has three children; all of them live in California. His son, David, Glenn says, is a “chieftain” in the Goth subculture in San Francisco. His daughter Kimberly is a representative for a pharmaceutical company in Orange County. She is soon to be married to a doctor and they have three Weimaraners they rescued from an animal shelter. His youngest daughter, Cynthia, is currently doing graduate work in Public Health at Berkeley and next year will obtain her Master’s degree in Social Welfare. She is married to Matt and they have dogs as well; one is a Chow, and one is of questionable ancestry (a Samoyed or a perhaps a Chow). Having all of these dogs in the family has Glenn contemplating adopting a dog and he is looking for a Brittany Spaniel puppy.

For relaxation Glenn watches a lot of television, “I don’t care what anybody says”. He predominantly enjoys good comedy and cop shows, like Law and Order or the original CSI. He identifies with the character, Peterson, in CSI, admitting that his personality is similar – “self-absorbed and oblivious, very absorbed in his work”. He confessed to liking the old Buffy and Charmed, and liking-whimsy. Most of Glenn’s recreational reading consists of detective novels with the occasional history book thrown in. For additional recreation, he lets Dr. Payne humiliate him when they play basketball twice a week.

In reply to my question about additional hobbies and interests, he mentioned the occasional visiting of friends and enjoying music. His musical tastes are varied, but he prefers classical, especially Baroque, which he called the “Rock and Roll” of classical music. He also likes hard rock and when he “hates the world” he listens to AC/DC. He does not enjoy rap but does like some female country singers and listed Martina McBride and Shania Twain among his favorites.

Last summer Glenn vacationed in Sedona, Arizona and laughingly told me that he rode a horse. He said the scenery was beautiful and the resort was built very much in keeping with the environment, blending into the landscape. He was amused by the peccaries (wild pigs) running loose at night on the hotel grounds. While in Arizona he visited a Hopi reservation that was smaller in scale than he
had expected. He told me about the Jeep driver that led the tour, who looked and sounded exactly like John Denver, and that it was a trip in itself.

Within a very short span of time, in the month of August in 1994, several milestones occurred in the life of Dr. Fred McKiitrick; his child was born on the 18th, he moved to New Jersey on the 22nd, and he began his employment at Monmouth University on the 29th. Fred received his degree from Columbia University and lived most of his life in Manhattan. In the ten years between college and graduate school, he danced professionally, studying ballet and performing modern dance. He is choreographer, May O’Donnell is now 96 years old and was featured recently in a New York Times article. Fred toured Canada and Europe with his dance troupe and “had a good time”. He still enjoys keeping in shape, dancing and attending live theater, as well as reading novels and tilling the soil.

One summer Fred had the opportunity to live in East Berlin while enrolled in a language course. The greatest culture shock he experienced was as he left East Berlin after living there for five weeks. The stores in the East were nearly empty, badly lit and monochromatic. In the West the colors were so striking he said he felt as if he was assaulted by color and brightness; the streetlights were almost blinding. His time in East Berlin was an amazing and unique experience.

Fred’s daughter, Anna, is interested in gymnastics and ballet and very involved in Harry Potter from early morning until night. She is being raised bi-lingually. Fred’s wife is German born and works in Manhattan in the Human Resources office of a small software company. Next year Fred will be on sabbatical and live with his family in Germany. He plans on working on his book manuscript and doing research. His wife will be closer to her family and her daughter will learn German culture.

In concluding my interview with Fred we laughed about his idea of posing for his picture in front of an empty bookcase. He’ll have to convince Jim Reme of that idea.

Dr. Karen Schmelzkopf began her full-time employment at Monmouth University in 1995, and this year has moved from the Interdisciplinary Studies Department to the History and Anthropology Department in the capacity of Geographer. Prior to arriving at Monmouth, she taught at the University of California, Riverside and before that worked in the film industry in Los Angeles doing research and script rewrites. She grew up in South Jersey and obtained her doctorate degree at Penn State and her undergraduate degree at Florida Atlantic University.

Karen met her philosopher husband, Dan Baker, while she was attending college. He teaches at Ocean County College. They have a thirteen-year-old daughter, Laura, who enjoys ballet. Karen joked and told me Laura is also great at email and instant messaging! The family lives in Manasquan in a restored Victorian home, have two dogs, and are in the process of rescuing/adopting a greyhound.

For relaxation Karen enjoys reading mysteries, traveling, knitting, being a “Ballet Mom,” and going to the beach in the summer. She also enjoys her research into urban development, tourism, and cultural geography.

Karen eventually wants to take a sabbatical in Tanzania to do research on the impacts of tourism on the culture, economy, and environment. She also wants to become more involved in community service and research in Asbury Park, and intends to integrate this into her course curriculum.

Dr. Richard Veit began our interview by telling me he married his high school sweetheart, Terri. They met at a high school football game and when he asked her out, she refused him. He laughingly said he had lots of stories to tell but, would they be appropriate for the Campus Connection? He has two children, his son Douglas is 3 ½ years old and his daughter Rebecca is almost one. The family has two cats, Leonardo, who is from Philly and Picasso, a stray found by his wife.

Prior to working at Monmouth, Richard worked as a professional archaeologist traveling around the Eastern United States digging. He also worked in a used bookstore for a really long time. He confesses that he spent more time reading than helping the customers. He also spent some time working in construction in Plainfield.

Richard is very interested in photography and in collecting books, primarily historic and local New Jersey history topics. He loves visiting old cemeteries and when on vacation he will seek them out to prowl through. He confesses to being terrible at golf, but does play once in a blue moon. He is big on gardening and recently he started a garden of heirloom vegetables.

Richard grew up in New Jersey and has lived for a short time in Philadelphia, during graduate school, and in Williamsburg for a time. He recently wrote a pictorial history book of South Plainfield, where he was raised.

He enjoys traveling to historic sites, but doesn’t have the opportunity to do it as much as he would like. On his recent trip to Wisconsin with the Society of American Archaeologists, he thoroughly enjoyed his trip to the Harley Davidson factory [although he doesn’t own one], as well as Native American sights and museums.

This past summer he spent two weeks studying at MIT. In addition to taking courses, he got to learn the basics of blacksmithing. He hopes to continue smithing in the future but is in search of an anvil and forge.

Karen Vaccaro, secretary in this busy department, has worked at Monmouth University almost sixteen years now, on both the administrative and academic side of the University and is an MU ’95 graduate with a degree in Accounting. She has been manning the secretary’s desk in the History and Anthropology department since 2001; prior to that she worked in the Dvision of Accounting for fourteen years, ten years in Payroll and four in Accounts Payable. Karen is also a shop steward for the OPSEIU and says she has found her niche at Monmouth. She feels she has made many friends over the years and stays in touch with some that have retired or moved on.

She proudly describes herself as first a wife, mother and grandmother and showed me a picture of her granddaughter, Kaeli. Karen is happily married to Jim, who also works here at Monmouth as one of the greeters. They have four children between them; their daughter Heather is married to Stephen Gerbino (she is the mother of Kaeli and stepmother to Stephen, Jr.). Her son, Jason Oldham, is a graduate of MU, is single and a chemist. Jim’s daughter Kim is a chiropractor, whose practice is in Atlanta with the World Wrestling Federation as her client, and is also single. His son Jimmy, Jr. is married to Colleen and is the father of three girls, Victoria, Gabrielle and Natalie. He is in the Marines and right now is in Iraq.

Karen and Jim love to travel and have been on more than 20 cruises – nearly three quarters of the way around the globe, and still going strong. They are also both avid antique collectors, doll collectors and Karen has over 100 teddy bears. The Vaccaros have a second home in Punta Gorda, Florida. Karen and Jim both love to cook but Karen said Jim is really the chef. She also enjoys gardening and reading when she has a little free time in her hectic schedule. Recently Karen celebrated her birthday and received a new digital camera as a gift. She is looking forward to taking lots of pictures and pursuing her interest in photography.

Karen and Jim will be adopting two six-week-old Shih Tzu puppies soon and they are very excited about the prospect of having dogs back in their lives; years ago they enjoyed Yorkies. The new puppies are named Ming Li and Sterling Ling. They are looking forward to traveling to Florida this summer with the puppies!
A familiar sight that will be missed by all - farewell and good luck Becky!