

**Department of Society & Environment
Update
August 28, 2009**

**WELCOME to our new students!
and
WELCOME BACK to our returning students!**

Kirksville gets quiet in the summer time and we're glad to have the energy of our students back on campus and in the department.

NEW CURRICULUM IS OFFICIAL:

The 2009-10 Catalog is finally ready – for the official description of our new Sociology/Anthropology program see: <http://catalog.truman.edu/>

Students who plan to graduate this year should check their degree audits and talk to their advisors about any unfulfilled requirements. Start substitution forms early if you need them – they can take a while!

Students who have questions about the new curriculum should discuss it with their advisor in the department – or make an appointment to visit with Dr. Johnson (ajohnson@truman.edu or 785-4322).

SEEKING DEPARTMENT MEETING REPRESENTATIVES:

The department is seeking student representatives from Anthropology, Geography & Sociology for our regular department meetings Mondays 12:30-1:20. If you're interested in representing the student perspective and learning more about the inner workings of the department, here's a chance to volunteer and make a difference in the department!

To volunteer – email Dr. Johnson ajohnson@truman.edu

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

We are making an effort to update our **Alumni Database** and need students from the program to call alumni to ask what they have been up to. If you would like to volunteer some time this semester, stop by the department office, BT 2210 or contact Deb Engen ags@truman.edu or 785-4667.

Volunteer to help design and edit the **Department Newsletter** this fall semester. Contact Dr. Johnson ajohnson@truman.edu to help with this project.

SCHOLARHIP/ WORK STUDY JOBS:

Office Workers still needed! We are looking for responsible and independent students for work as Receptionists, Researchers, and Webmasters (with sharepoint experience). If you are looking for a job this semester, stop by the department office, BT 2210 or contact Deb Engen ags@truman.edu or 785-4667.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS:

The name of our department has changed and so has our web address! For information about programs and news from the department, field schools, internships, and study abroad courses go to:

<http://societyandenvironment.truman.edu/>

BECOME A FAN OF THE DEPARTMENTAL FACEBOOK PAGE!

Search for "Truman Anthropology Geography and Sociology" on Facebook and become a fan! There are currently 49 fans including several alums and current students.

Help us learn to use this site to improve communication in the department!

BEING IN BARNETT:

One of the big advantages to being in Barnett is that we get to see students in between classes in the common spaces. Remember you can use the Anthropology Lab (BT 2222) for a quiet place to study or work on group projects and the Computer Classroom (BT 2208) is available as a lab space when there are no classes scheduled.

ACROSS CAMPUS:

Truman State University has a new fight song! Learn the song and meet some of the football team at

Dawgfest 2009

Date : Saturday, 29 August 2009 **From :** 2:00pm **To :** 5:00pm

Category : Student Events **Location :** Quad

Event Description :

Free Food! Games! Tons of Giveaways! Dawg Fest is the essential campus wide celebration of the new school year featuring games, contests, giveaways, local business vendors and live music provided by The Run of MN. Rain date: August 30th; Same Time, Same Place sponsor: Student Affairs name: Dave Lusk phone: 785-4186

Then practice the song and support the team at the opening football game:

Football v. Minnesota State University-Mankato

Date : Saturday, 29 August 2009 **From :** 7:00pm

Category : Athletics **Location :** Stadium

Event Description :

Football v. Minnesota State University-Mankato

Check out the Master Calendar for other events happening this weekend!

<http://calendar.truman.edu/calendar.php>

IN KIRKSVILLE THIS WEEKEND:

TONIGHT

Summer on the Square Concert-

Kaiser Cartel

Location:

Downtown Kirksville

Admission:

free

Contact:

660-665-0500 Judy Neuwig, KAA

Notes:

Indie Rock

Website:

www.kirksvillearts.com

Email:

Event Description:

From Brooklyn New York/ Indie Rock style of music.

TOMORROW

Kiwanis Farmers Market on the downtown square (Elson St in front of the movie theater) 7am-12pm every Saturday May-October. Fresh fruits and vegetables (many grown locally, some with organic methods), baked goods (pies, cookies, bread), some local crafts, cut flowers, balloon sculptures by the Clown Lady... it's a little different every week, but always worth a trip to town!

For more of what's happening in Kirksville, check out the "Kirksville" tab in TruView!

SUMMER ADVENTURES I KNOW ABOUT:

Several students and faculty had academic adventures this summer:

Chantae Rudie participated in an archaeological field school in a remote part of Utah and learned a lot about taking careful notes!

Michelle Noriega travelled in China and saw the terracotta army (among other things)

Sarah Foltz got some museum experience with an internship at the Anthropology Museum on campus at Mizzou.

Dr. Bonnie did research following up on her thesis from 30 years ago on cultural identity in rural Guatemala.

Dr. Flowerday traveled and taught with a Sewanee study abroad trip focused on Microfinancing in South Asia and then went into Pakistan to conduct follow up interviews from her PhD research.

Dr. McDuff took several students to Capetown South Africa for a study abroad course "Democracy and Human Rights in South Asia". They kept a blog – you can check it out from our department web site!

If you had a summer adventure you'd like to share – let me know!

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Have a great start to classes!