

**Department of Society & Environment  
Update  
September 18, 2009**

**Thanks!** To Libby Rendlen for offering to represent Sociology students at Department Meetings, and to both Libby Rendlen and Chantae Rudie for offering to share their Truman Experience with prospective students at the Sept 26 Showcase!

**STILL SEEKING DEPARTMENT MEETING REPRESENTATIVE:**

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!

Tyler Retherford is representing anthropology students  
Libby Rendlen is representing sociology students

**We still hope for a geography student to volunteer!** This is a good way to learn what's going on in the department and the university.

**AREN'T THERE ANY GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?**

To volunteer – email Dr. Johnson [ajohnson@truman.edu](mailto:ajohnson@truman.edu)

**CLUBS ARE DOING THINGS!**

**Anthropology Club** is co-sponsoring two events next week with HALO and Amnesty International:

***Bordertown* screening**

**Tuesday, September 22 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1000**

The full length motion picture *Bordertown* is a political thriller starring Martin Sheen, Antonio Banderas and Jennifer Lopez. The film, which is based on a true story, follows the journey of a young woman who is sexually assaulted by two men on her way home from work at a factory in Juarez, Mexico and left to die. After her traumatic experience she attempts to seek justice with the aid of the press while being stifled by the government. Based on Barbara Martinez Jitner's (who is speaking on campus two days after this screening) documentary *La Frontera*, the movie reveals the dark world of poverty and sexual abuse that has led to the 400 unsolved murders of women in Juarez since 1993.

**The Capital of Murdered Women**

**Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in SUB Georgian Rooms B & C**

Emmy and Golden Globe nominee Barbara Martinez Jitner will speak on violence against women and poverty in Juarez, Mexico. Martinez Jitner posed as a factory worker in the maquiladora industry (U.S. owned factories that popped up along the border after NAFTA was ratified) to uncover for herself the causes of the 400 unsolved murders of women in Juarez, Mexico since 1993 – most of who worked in maquiladoras. Most of these women are found in outlying areas of the city and show signs of sexual abuse, rape and torture. Martinez Jitner will reveal how some components of NAFTA have led to femicide and poverty in Juarez. She also draws from her personal life story to speak about taking pride in one's heritage, the strength of family and the liberating power of education. Please join us for an evening with human rights activist and filmmaker Barbara Martinez Jitner.

### **DEADLINE FOR MAY GRADUATES:**

If you're graduating in May 2010, the deadline to turn in your "Intent to Graduate Form" is **October 1, 2009**. Click here for the [online form](#).

It would be a good idea for May 2010 graduates to visit with their Advisors before this deadline to make sure you're on track to graduate. Remember that with the curriculum change, we may need to do a few substitutions – your advisor can help you identify these within the major and get them in the pipeline.

### **OTHER ADVISING NEWS:**

**The Undergraduate Council has passed a resolution permitting the double counting of courses for the LSP and other requirements.** What does that mean for you? Sociological Inquiry or Anthropological Inquiry can be used for your Social Science Mode course even if you're also using them for your major! Other courses in a major or minor program can be used to fill other areas of the LSP. Visit with your advisor about whether this changes what courses you should take!

### **NEW RESOURCE:**

The Communication Department is proud to announce the opening of the **Communication lab**. The lab is located in **1215 Barnett Hall** and is run by Dr. Jay Self. The lab is staffed by several student workers with experience in debate and public speaking. **Students needing assistance with any type of oral presentation are encouraged to come to the lab for help.** Students may get help with any presentation, not just COMM 170 speeches. Lab assistants are trained to aid students at any part of the speechwriting process; from narrowing a topic to practicing the speech. The lab is open this semester six days a week on:

Sunday – 2-7pm

Monday – 4-9pm

Tuesday – 12-7pm

Wednesday – 3-6pm

Thursday – 12-6pm

Friday – 2-6pm

Students are welcome to walk in during these hours or email [commlab@truman.edu](mailto:commlab@truman.edu) to set up an appointment.

**For more information, contact Dr. Jay Self at 660-785-6044 or [selfjw@truman.edu](mailto:selfjw@truman.edu).**

### **THINKING ABOUT GRADUATE SCHOOL?**

If you are the first in your family to go to college or if you're from another underrepresented group in graduate programs, the **McNair Program** might be for you. McNair helps with advising, mentors, paid research internships, presenting at conferences, GRE preparation, pays for graduate school visits and helps waive graduate school application fees for qualified students.

Talk to your advisor about whether McNair might be a good match for you.

Truman's McNair Program has informational meetings on Monday October 12 in the SUB Conference Room 3000 at 2:30 pm or 5:30 pm.

### **NEED A PLACE TO STUDY BETWEEN CLASSES?**

Barnett Conference Room (BT2212) & Anthropology Lab (BT2222) are open for students who choose to stay in Barnett between classes.

### **ACROSS CAMPUS:**

#### **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK**

From **September 21 to 25**, the Women's Resource Center will host a variety of activities for SAAW. September 21-25: The Clothesline Project, 9 AM to 5 PM on the Mall A visual testament to the experiences and hopes of those who have been sexually ...assaulted September 22: You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers: A Panel Discussion about Sexual Assault and the Conduct Code, 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM in BH Little Theatre A panel including members of Victim's Support Services and University Counseling Services will discuss the recent changes to the conduct code. September 23: Stalking Awareness and the Small School Effect, 7 PM in BH 303 Learn about stalking on college campuses and what you can do to protect yourself. September 24: Take Back the Night, 8 PM by the fountain on the Mall A candle light vigil that mourns loss by sexual assault and celebrates survivors

### **International Film Festival: Entre les murs (The Class) – France\***

Wednesday, 23 September 2009 at 6:45pm

**Downtown Cinema 8**

### **Event Description :**

Free to members of the Truman Community \* Presented as part of The Tournées Festival. The Tournées Festival was made possible with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture (CNC). Sponsors of

The Tournées Festival include The Florence Gould Foundation, the Grand Marnier Foundation, highbrow entertainment, agnès b.and the Franco-American Cultural Fund. Truman sponsors include The Office of the Provost, The School of Business, Pickler Memorial Library, The School of Health Sciences and Education, The School of Arts and Letters, The School of Social and Cultural Studies, and New Student Programs.

### **WEEK AFTER NEXT:**

The next **Global Issues** session follows right away and features our Baldwin speaker. ***In The Beginning: Peace Corps.*** Alan Guskin was among the University of Michigan graduate students who helped to found the Peace Corps, and served in Thailand in 1961. In addition to hearing about those early days, we will also hear about the Peace Corps experiences of Truman faculty & others who have served: Mark Campbell (Agricultural Science); Karen Keck (Kirksville public school teacher); Bob Matthews (Math and Computer Science); John Quinn (Political Science); and Mary Shapiro (English & Linguistics). [The Career Center will present information on applying to the Peace Corps.](#) Note the unusual date: **Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm MG 2001.**

### **OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY**

Are you interested in Forensic Anthropology? Check out the [MSc Forensic Anthropology](#), University of Center Lancashire. For more information contact Course Leader: Dr. Tal Simmons at [tlisimmons@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:tlisimmons@uclan.ac.uk) .

#### **FIELD SCHOOL**

Dig at Megiddo (biblical Armageddon) during the summer of 2010. Click on the following for much more information and application forms. Space is limited, so apply early!  
<http://digmegiddo2010.wordpress.com/>

Eric H. Cline

#### **STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION INTERNSHIPS**

Even if this opportunity won't work for you – consider a SCA Internship when you graduate. We have 2 students doing them this summer and had another one or two over the last two years. These internships are a great experience for the students who pursue them – and Truman is earning a reputation as a good source of strong students!

There are 6 positions listed as archeological internships in Arizona. The trick is that they start in mid-January. If you have any students about to graduate or have already graduated that would be interested please pass this on. This is a 16 week internship.

#### **Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge**

Located in Southeastern Arizona along the Mexican border, the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge is a place of beauty and remoteness. Though it is situated within the Sonoran desert, the lushness of its grasslands combines with the rolling terrain and surrounding mountains to create a unique beauty. At over 117,000 acres the area is one of the best examples of Sonoran Savannah grassland in the state. The Refuge possesses some of the best birdwatching sites in southern Arizona, such as the Arivaca Creek and Cienega. In addition, it is in close proximity to other sites, such as Madera Canyon and Patagonia, known world-wide for their birdwatching opportunities. Over 100 miles of dirt roads provide

opportunities for mountain biking and exploring. The Refuge is located approximately 60 miles SW of Tucson, Arizona.

Participate in archaeological survey of portions of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge; identify archaeological artifacts, features, and sites and document them by using standard field methods and forms; assist in the collection and management of GPS and other data (as needed); learn to identify and survey for endangered plant species occurring within the survey area.

**Training they will receive:**

Identification of prehistoric and historic artifacts and features; documentation of archaeological sites, including photography, mapping and site forms; introduction to cultural resources management laws and processes; standards of archaeological survey projects; GPS and use of map and compass; basic plant identification; borderland safety.

Here is the link to the complete description <http://www.thesca.org/node/24349>

**AROUND TOWN:**

Tomorrow on **Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>** is **Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival** downtown (that's Family Weekend, too).

On **Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the **Missouri Archaeological Society** is having its **Fall Symposium on Paleoindians** at Thousand Hills State Park from 9 a.m.–3 p.m at Thousand Hills State Park in Kirksville, Missouri (660-665-7119). The Symposium is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided, but those attending will be responsible for their own lunch and/or dinner. Please let Dr. Johnson know if you're planning to attend! [ajohnson@truman.edu](mailto:ajohnson@truman.edu)

**ENJOY THE LAST WEEKEND OF SUMMER!**  
**Fall Starts Sept 22**