SOAN Students Collaborate with Northfield Residents

At the end of Winter term, students in Method of Social Research with Annette Nierobisz gathered with members of the Northfield East Side Neighborhood Association (NESNA). The students had conducted in-depth interviews with NESNA members to learn how they feel about the neighborhood and its relationship with the College. Students shared their findings at the gathering, with the goal of starting a conversation about how to improve and expand the relationship between Carleton students and the East Side Neighborhood. Conversations centered around issues such as student attitudes and neighborly expectations, as well as ideas for events that could bring together students and neighborhood residents. One idea that came out of the gathering was a Central Park Clean-up Day sponsored by the CCCE, suggested by a NESNA member during an interview. Both students and NESNA members responded positively to the meeting, finding that they learned a great deal about each other, and left the meeting with a sense of mutual respect. Both the students and the NESNA members look forward to future collaboration.

Announcing the 2013-14 SDAs and DCC Members: Student Departmental Advisors (SDAs) offer advice to current majors, prospective majors, and anyone else interested in SOAN. Members of the Department Curriculum Committee (DCC) facilitate communication between faculty and students (majors and non-majors). Here are the helpful people to find whenever you have questions about the major or the department next year.

Gabby Arteaga ’14, SDA
Amelia Piazza ’14, SDA
Joe Soonthornsawad ’14, DCC
Ten Years Later:
Advice To Our Seniors from the Class of 2003

Alex Gallin-Parisi
Social Sciences Instruction Librarian & Assistant Professor
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To the Class of 2013: You are going to have many people offering you advice, including the people who will say, frustratingly, "just follow your dreams." It's ok if you aren't quite sure what that means yet! And it's ok to take a not-quite-perfect job as long as you get whatever you possibly can out of it before you move on. Remember to pay your student loan payments on time, but try not to freak out about them. Be prepared for serious heartbreak at some point in your twenties, but know that you'll survive. Know that you can make friends in whatever new city you are about to explore. Remind your friends and family how much you appreciate them. You can totally do this being-a-grown-up thing, even if it seems overwhelming. Congratulations!

Matthew Loyd
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Learn to cook. The best thing I did post-graduation was learning to make some decent food, which makes life better no matter what I'm doing. Congrats on nearing the finish line at Carleton!

Brian Swann
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I never thought I'd be working in the field I'm employed in, but every day brings a new challenge and it's a tremendous honor to represent Carleton to prospective students and their families. Wherever you go, you represent Carleton! Whatever you do, do it with passion and excitement!
Professor Nancy Wilkie Retires

In the summer of 1968, Nancy Wilkie received a letter that would change her life for ever. She had been pursuing her love of ancient Greek as a grad student in classics at the University of Minnesota, and the letter was from a professor of hers who was in Greece at the time. He was an archaeologist, and he wanted Nancy to join him for a survey of Southwest Greece that summer. To accept his offer, all she had to do was meet him at an airport in the Greek city of Kalamata on a certain date. There was just one tiny problem. By the time she had received the letter, that date was just a week away, and, given the state of Greece's phone system, it would be impossible to contact her professor by then. Despite that little problem, she bought a plane ticket to Greece. When Nancy reached the airport in Kalamata, her professor was nowhere to be found, so she decided to take a bus into town. It was only while looking for a hotel there that she had the good fortune to cross paths with her professor. He had been sitting outside a cafe on the town square, drinking a cup of coffee. Thus began Nancy's experiences in archaeological field work. Looking back on that experience, Nancy encourages her students to heed the words of the Roman poet Horace: "Seize the day. When there's something that you think might interest you, give it a try. It might not be what you like, but who knows? It could open all sorts of new doors for you."

More than four decades later, and after 39 years as a professor at Carleton, Nancy is embarking upon a new phase in her life as an archaeologist. She leaves Carleton to become President of the US Committee of the Blue Shield, a UNESCO-sponsored group established to implement the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. In her new role, Nancy will continue work that she began as President of the Archaeological Institute of America. Shortly after she became its president, the AIA took a stance against the transfer of foreign antiquities into the United States that were then the focus of several major lawsuits, and Nancy advocated the Institute's stance through her column in Archaeology, the organization's bimonthly magazine. She soon made a reputation for herself in the field of cultural preservation.

Leading the Committee of the Blue Shield, Nancy will be working in an environment that has been slow to act on issues of cultural preservation due to the resistance of an industry that has grown around the sale of cultural property. Nancy sees progress, though, in recent repatriations of such artifacts by major museums like the Metropolitan. Nancy will also be working on more specific issues, such as the protection of cultural property in Syria. To address that challenge, she may draw on the Committee's work in Libya, where it compiled a no-strike list with the coordinates of cultural property sites, which the military respectfully refrained from bombing. Similarly, the Committee has been training troops bound for the Middle East on how to identify and handle cultural property.

Finally, true to her experiences as a professor, Nancy would like to promote archaeology's place in America's educational system. By helping the field earn greater recognition in schools, she hopes to help more students of all ages get a feeling for how archaeology works, showing them that it is a process more than an end point, and giving them an understanding of both its ability to inform us and its limitations.
SOAN ALUMNI DROP BY FOR CAREERS TALK

On Thursday, May 16th, former sociology majors and close friends Caesar Sweitzer and John Ophaug, both ’72, visited with students to share advice from their respective careers in banking and law. Reminiscing about their own college days, they reminded students to cherish their time at Carleton. On building careers, they advised students to follow their passions to enjoyable work, and they ensured students that they could do anything as long as they knew how to think. They also noted that going into business and making a lot of money didn’t have to mean giving up on one’s ideals. Finally, they advised students interested in grad school that they should thoroughly understand why they want to go before making a commitment to attend.

Gottlieb and Graham Visit for Book Reading

On Wednesday, May 8th, the department hosted a pair of professors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Alma Gottlieb, an anthropologist of Africa and the African diaspora, and Philip Graham, an author and professor of creative writing, shared passages from their recently published book, *Braided Worlds*, which relates their experiences living in Ivory Coast.

Flannery McArdle is the recipient of the Rachel A. Rosenfeld Prize for Excellence in the Study of Sociology and Anthropology. Established in 2011 in memory of Rachel A. Rosenfeld ’70, Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, this prize is given by the Department each spring to the senior exhibiting the most promise in making professional contributions in sociology or anthropology, a high level of intellectual curiosity, courage in the face of challenges, devotion to community, and a willingness to make connections between social theory and practice that is equaled or exceeded only by his or her ability.

Fadi Hakim has received the Dave Okada Memorial Prize in the Social Sciences. Established to honor the life and memory of Dave Okada, a member of the SOAN Department from 1948-58, this prize goes to the social science major who has demonstrated the most remarkable intellectual achievement in his or her studies.

Congratulations to our senior majors for their outstanding work!

Professor Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg (left) with visiting authors Philip Graham (center) and Alma Gottlieb.
Sangat is a word found in several South Asian languages that refers to a community of like-minded people working together for a good cause. It's also an acronym for the South Asian Network of Gender Activists and Trainers, which our very own Meera Sehgal, Associate Professor of Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies, has studied for the past few years. Founded in 1988, Sangat aims to counteract decades of violent political conflict in South Asia by giving people who work in the region's development-oriented NGOs a critical feminist understanding of the biggest issues in their field.

Back in September 2012, Meera traveled to Nepal while on sabbatical to be a participant observer among nearly 40 participants in Sangat's 17th annual month-long course for capacity-building on gender, sustainable development, peace, and human rights. Although participation in this course typically has been limited to women from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan who work in non-profit NGOs, this year's course also included politicians, journalists, bureaucrats and police officers, and participants from Maldives and Myanmar.

From 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM each day, course participants were trained by renowned South Asian feminists in workshops on gender and sexuality, patriarchies, capitalism and globalization, educational systems, Islamic feminism, the Right to Information movement in India, women's health, self-esteem, conflict resolution and self-defense. They also took part in the South Asian launch of Eve Ensler's One Billion Rising Campaign, focusing on violence against women. Outside of these workshops, learning continued and friendships grew because each participant had to share a room with someone from another country, and new roommates were assigned each week. Some participants had never met people from the countries represented by other participants.

If you're curious to see what becomes of Meera's research on this transnational feminist network and its efforts to build friendships among women in South Asia, be on the lookout for some forthcoming publications. Meera's scholarship has already been accepted to a couple of conferences within the next year.

ASK an ALUM!
John Wilson '62

Contact me about anthro in London, MSU/ABD, free-lance teaching, small business start-up, writing, and book publishing.

Since Carleton, life has been blocked into decades: grad school and teaching; residential contracting and woodworking classes at a community college; free-lance seminars and a small craft business; wood supply start-up and more seminars; writing for wood magazines added to previous decade; author and publisher added to that. Check out the Home Shop web site, ShakerOvalBox.com to learn more. Behind all this is a career I will share and answer questions about if you call or write.
Recent Faculty Work

Jay Levi, Professor of Anthropology


Annette Nierobisz, Associate Professor of Sociology


Awarded a Carleton College Small Faculty Development Endowment Grant for a new research project, “American Idle: Job Loss among Aging Americans in the ‘Great’ Recession.”

Daniel Williams, Visiting Assistant Professor of African/African American Studies

“Germanness or Rights? Second Generation Young Adults and Citizenship in Contemporary Germany.” *German Politics and Society*, Summer 2013.

The article shows what meanings young adults in Germany give to the citizenship of the German state, as well as how they construct their own sense of being German in multiple and divergent ways.