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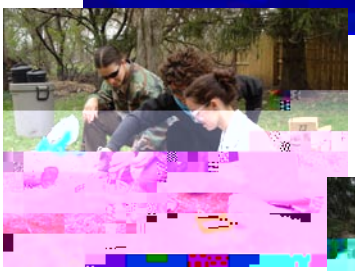
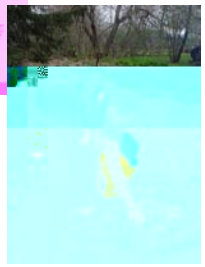
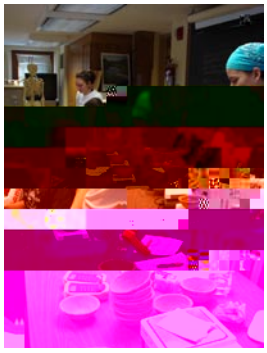
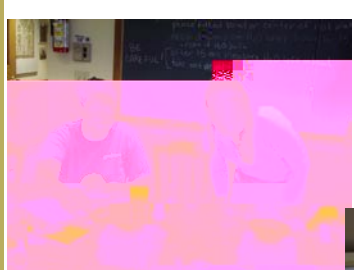
Current News

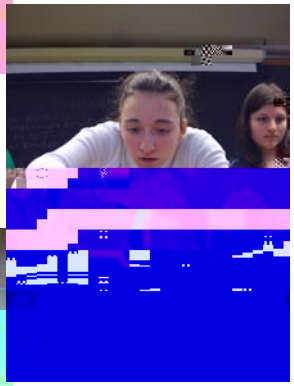
Iôm studying abroad in Egypt at the American University in Cairo this spring semester (ô08) and being overwhelmed by how much of the Arabic language there is to learn and how complicated it would be to do an ethnography on contemporary Egyptian culture (particularly the urban, in my opinion). My grasp on Fatimid architecture feels manageable, though, thanks to a great professor who takes us on ýeld trips around the city. I ýnagled a homestay for spring break, so Iôm getting to see some domestic life. I had to tear myself out of the óahawi or coffee houses here, which are just gloriýed holes in the wall where older men while away the hours ñdrinkingò cheap hookah and savory Turkish coffee--the old men are nice enough, but going the a l' ᵐ d The ă ȳ ˥ ʊ ɹ ɹ ᴀ ᴰ ẓ

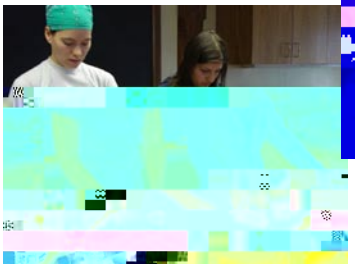








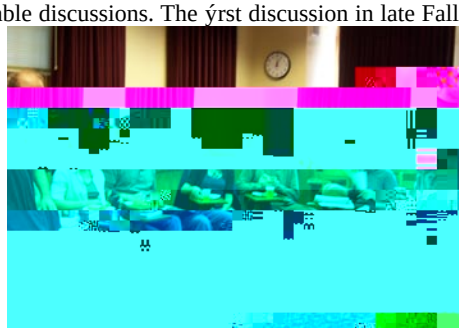




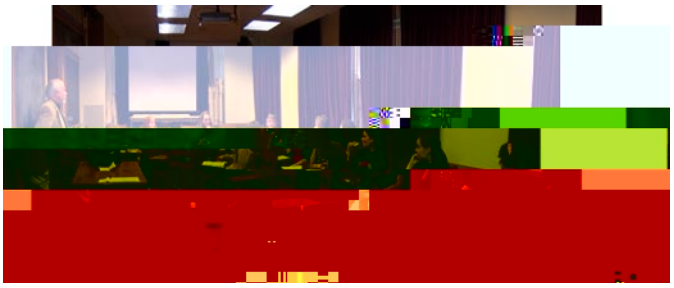
Prof. Gamble hooks up the solar panels to Goodnow Hall with the students help.

Prof. Lawrence (Lonnie) A. Gamble, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Living at the Maharishi University of Management taught a short course sponsored by Center for Prairie Studies,òRenewable Energy: The Energy Basis of Humans and Natureò in the early spring of 2008. The course explored the basic concepts of energy and how these concepts apply to energy þows in nature. Renewable energy þows in nature were contrasted with fossil fuel energy þows in the human economy. The course looked at the cultural, economic, and public policy issues involved in the widespread use of renewables coupled with drastic improvements in energy efýciency.

The Anthropology SEPC (Student Educational Policy Commitee) hosted two noon Roundtable discussions. The ýrst discussion in late Fall centered around two NY Times articles; ñArmy Enlists Anthropology in War Zonesò October 5th, 2008 by David Rohde, and ñA True Culture War,ò October 27, 2008 by University of Chicago professor Richard A. Shweder, as well as the distribution of the ñPledge of Non-participation in Counter-insurgency,ò by Network of Concerned Anthropologists.http://concerned.anthropologist.googlepages.com/. The discussion was on Anthropologyôs relationship with military activities, with a particular emphasis on the two articles concerning the war in Afghanistan and Iraq.



The Anthropology SEPC organized a two-part lunchtime discussion/ presentation centered around ñCareers in Anthropology,ò and ñProcess of Pursuing Graduate Workò in mid-April. Prof. Douglas Caulkins presented a presentation ñCareers in Anthropology,ò and Prof. Vicki Bentley-Condit, Kathryn Kamp, and John Whittaker discussed the application process their and experience in Graduate school.



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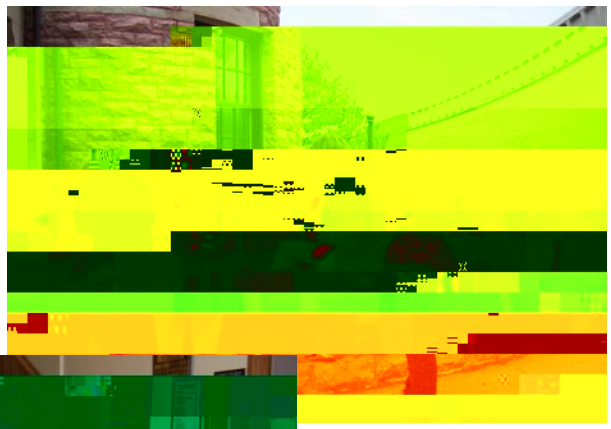

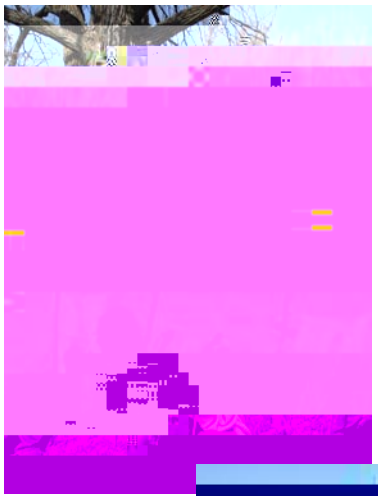

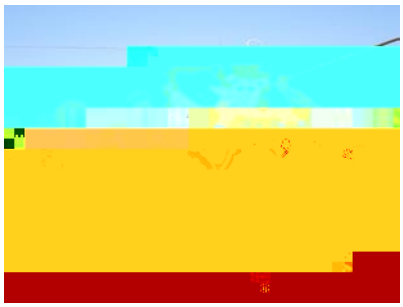

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Faculty News

During Spring Break,
presented a paper at the conference ñEurope and Islamò held in Marseille and Arles, France. The Center for International Studies selected Brigittine along with Susan Ireland, Tim Dobe, Bob Grey, and David Harrision to represent Grinnell College in building more relationships with European faculty associated with several IES study abroad programs. International faculty from IES programs in Rome, Berlin, Nantes, Paris, Granada, and Rabat joined Grinnell faculty for ýve days of lively and polemic discussion about collective identities, the role of Islam, and immigration in Europe. Brigittine presented, ñRepresenting Muslim Women and The Problem of Culture: Pedagogical Approaches,ò that discussed how notions of culture can be used in problematic ways to represent essentialized notions of difference. Frenchôs presentation drew upon course modules she has developed for and . Highlights of the trip included a surprise meeting and discussion with the Marseille Obama Committee. There are preliminary plans to invite several of the IES faculty to campus next year to further the possibilities for faculty and student collaboration.

writes from Kenya....

Tues, 25MAR08 - I donôt like beer. Call me crazy but Iôve never liked beer. It just doesnôt ñspeakò to me. However, Iôm currently having a beer ï a TuskerÈ, to be exact. I just ýnished an approximately 6-hr bus ride. Not just any bus ride, mind you, but a long, hot, sweaty, 6-hr bus ride and Iôm having a beer m n n ¿ e

of the SAA last year, and she and John Whittaker presented two papers, ñAxes and Pyramids: Stone Tool Industry at El Pilar, Belize,ò and ñSimple Tools, Complex Concepts: Mobility and Ethnicity in the Southwest,ò and John was a commentator for a session on Lithic Morphometrics.

2008 Atlatl Artifacts at Indian Knoll. 21(2):1-3.

2008 Review:
, by David E. Jones.

Tanya Hedges and Douglas Caulkins, Anthropology and the Construction of Irish Identity, Chapter 4 in Irelands of the Mind: Memory and Identity in Modern Irish Culture, edited by Richard Allen and Stephan Regan.

Forthcoming: Douglas Caulkins, ñGrid-Group Analysisò in Gert Tinggaard Svendsen and Gunnar Lind Haase Svendsen (eds) Handbook on Social Capital Edward Elgar Publishing

2008 Douglas Caulkins, ñConsensus, Clines, and Edges Revisited.ò In SASci/SCCR joint Session 2: ñFrom Ethnography to Ethnology and Back Againò February 21, Society for Cross-Cultural Research 37th annual meetings, New Orleans.

2008 Douglas Caulkins, Discussant, SCCR Symposium ñCommunity Subcultures & Informal Social Structures. February 21, Society for Cross-Cultural Research 37th annual meetings, New Orleans.

2008 Douglas Caulkins, Moderator, SCCR/SASci Keynote Session, ñCross-Cultural Research Models & Methods for Understanding Others.ò February 22 Society for Cross-Cultural Research 37th annual meetings, New Orleans.

2008 Douglas Caulkins, ñElitism and the Risk of Radical Relativism,ò Society for Scientiýc Anthropology Session 24, ñThe Irrelevance of Anthropology.ò February 23, Society for Scientiýc Anthropology 4th Annual Meeting, jointly with SCCR, New Orleans.

2008 Douglas Caulkins, ñIdentity, Hybridity and Social Capital in the Irish Diasporaò The Global Irish: Conþict, Coexistence and Community, American Conference on Irish Studies annual meeting, Davenport, IA, April 19.

Alumni News

[mailto:brigid.naughton@gmail.com] (in an email to Prof. Roper.) ñ é I have set up my internship for my second year of my studies here; I will be doing it at Ch©teau Guiraud in Sauternes (the Bordeaux region of France). It is very exciting. I am going to be in charge of their microviniýcation and their green house. Though of course I will be involved in the normal production work of the vineyard as well. I hope you are having a good time at Grinnell! I do miss anthropology. The courses at Grinnell were so much fun. The debate that you had us do on international legislation and on GMOs turns out to be great background information for my studies here of wine, where we have heated discussions about GMOs, and international agricultural law.

[mailto:smcquoid@tx.rr.com] 2007 was a year of doors closing and opening to make way for the new. With the sale of The Oxygen Network to NBCU in November and the subsequen1 } E 1 clos ҏ M ҕ

[MeganB@jfk.org] A few weeks ago I was promoted to Director of Collections and Intellectual Property [at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza (memorializing the JFK assassination)]. Quite a mouthful, I know, but it gets the point across I suppose! The last thing I expected when I moved to Dallas was that Iôd still be here almost 12 years later, but here I remain quite happily.

In May 2008 (Millsaps C) received a Collaborative Research Award for ñThe Shala Valley Project,ò which aims to produce a diachronic record of Shala Valley cultural resources and to contribute to theoretical discussions regarding cultural isolation versus incorporation. This effort will help preserve knowledge on a unique and quickly changing landscape and way of life.

Carl Drexler (ô02)
2008 Monuments and Memory at San Juan Hill: Archaeology of the Spanish-Cuban-American War.
8(1):26-28.

Matthew Hedman (ô96)
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for your restricted contribution to the Anthropology Department.

Jeremy Alexander ô94
Gary Oppenheim ô01