you who weren't at the talk, the CNA hopes to publish Mintz's presentation in Nutritional Anthropology. I have received several compliments regarding this year's CNA events, and want to express my sincere thanks to all the board members, past board members and the CNA membership for making this meeting successful. We hope to make this year's meeting even better!

CNA-Sponsored Papers and Sessions
The theme for the 2002 AAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans is "(Un)imaginable Futures: Anthropology Faces the Next 100 Years." Poster sessions and workshops are being encouraged. For the first time, submissions can be made and processed online. It is critical that all invited session proposals be sent to CNA Program Chair Leslie Carlin for consideration by Mar 1. If you would like to contribute a paper or help to organize a session, please contact Leslie at: Dept of Diabetes Medicine and Dept of Epidemiology and Public Health, The Medical School, U of Newcastle, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE2 4HH, England; tel +44 (191) 222-5871; fax +44 (191) 222-0723; l.e.carlin@newcastle.ac.uk.

From Nutritional Anthropology
I encourage everyone to read the fall 2001 issue of Nutritional Anthropology. It contains articles on "Food Choice Among the Blackfeet," by Susan L Johnston; "Diet and Mayan Market Women," by Robin O'Brian; and "School Lunch Programs," by Jennifer Pyles and Jennifer Lobick. The issue also contains book reviews, as well as important news and announcements. To support this peer-reviewed journal, please submit your articles, reports, book reviews and announcements for the spring 2002 issue to Miriam Chaiken, Dept of Anthropology, G12 McElhaney Hall, 441 North Walk, Indiana U of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA 15705; chaiken@grove.iup.edu.

Food Website of the Month
The Southeastern Michigan Dietetic Association's website has links to no less than 17 different food pyramids based on global food traditions, and includes information on complementary nutrition. Take your starch base on over to: www.semda.org/info.

Don't forget to send to Janet A Chrzan your news, notices, research and training opportunities, conference announcements and all other gems that would be of interest to our readers. Submissions for the Apr issue must be received by Feb 10. Janet's address is: Dept of Anthropology, U of Pennsylvania, 325 Mumma, 3260 South St, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6398; tel 215/898-736; fax 215/898-7262; jdamkrog@sus.upenn.edu.

Culture and Agriculture Section
STEPHEN R MORIN, MILENA MAGSAMBOL AND BARBARA DILLY, CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

We would like to introduce Barbara Dilly as a new C&A Contributing Editor. Barbara is an assistant professor of anthropology in the sociology/anthropology department at Creighton U. Beginning in Apr, she will be the sole editor of this column.

Urban Agriculture Symposium
By Lorra Butler (Iowa State U)
A national symposium to be held May 20-22 in Dallas, TX, on "Urban Agriculture: Emerging Opportunities In Science, Education and Policy" will focus on issues of common interest to agricultural and urban communities. Agriculture typically has been associated with the production of food and fiber commodities in rural areas. Agriculture in the 21st century is much broader than this. It includes many interconnected elements that contribute to the quality of both urban and rural life—water quality, composting waste, soil and storm water management, food production and marketing, community building, and the green industry. Other less direct roles of agriculture in metropolitan areas are conservation and management of open space, creating livable communities, beautification, and moderating high-density living stress through planned landscapes and companion animal relationships. Agriculture is a tool that, if viewed creatively, can be utilized to create environments that improve the quality of life, enhance the environment, and contribute to the economic vitality of both urban and rural communities. This conference will address ways in which agriculture can speak to the challenges of urbanization and what it can bring to the interests of rural and urban people together to create win-win situations.

Conference purposes:
• To focus on urban and rural connections through discussion of all aspects of food, fiber, ornamental plant production and marketing; natural resource management and conservation in urban areas; community planning; and human health and well-being;
• To provide a forum for persons representing a wide range of activities and interests related to urban agriculture (e.g., agronomy, agricultural anthropology, sociology, horticulture, soil science, food systems, entomology, ecology, economics, natural resources, planning, etc.) who normally never would come together; and
• To improve visibility and awareness of urban agriculture, and to identify important issues and future actions.

For additional information, please visit http://urbanag.tamu.edu or call 972-231-5362.

If you have anything of interest, please send it to: Steve Morin, SSD, IRRI, DAPO Box 7777, Metro Manila, Philippines; tel 63-2 845-0563 ext 713; tel (from USA) 650/833-6620 ext 713; fax 650/833-6621; smorin@gair.org or Milena Magsambol at mmagsamb@irri.org.

East Asia Section
ERBERTO P LOZADA JR, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Austronesian-Speaking Groups in Taiwan
By Kunhui Hu (Tsing Hua U)
The Austronesian-speaking groups in Taiwan, not to mention the local studies of them, are largely unknown to scholars outside of the island until very recently (perhaps with the exception of Japan, because of the island's colonial history in the early part of the 20th century). In the earlier decades, students of anthropology from Taiwan working with the indigenous groups often encountered some problems when studying abroad regarding which area traditions they should attach to: the Pacific Island or Asia studies? Oceanic specialists who are not familiar with Taiwan often advised them to work with East Asian specialists, most of whom insisted that they only work with the majority of Chinese or Taiwanese populations. Thus, studies of Austronesian-speaking groups in Taiwan were marginalized and left out of previous academic regional traditions.

The debates on the "Austronesian Homeland and the Dispersal of Austronesian-Speaking Peoples" in the past 10 or 15 years have helped to boost the visibility of the Austronesian groups in Taiwan in the international fields of linguistics and archeological studies. The Preparatory Office
of the Institute of Linguistics at the Academia Sinica and the Council for Cultural Affairs (the Executive Yuan) jointly held an "International Symposium on Austronesian Cultures: Issues Relating to Taiwan" from Dec 8-11, 2001, at which scholars from the fields of sociocultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology and DNA research exchanged ideas and situated Taiwan in a wider Austronesian academic world. Among the anthropologists, James Fox, Shelly Errington and Janet Carsten were invited to chair three sessions devoted to Austronesian groups in Taiwan and southeastern Asia in the hope that there would be more regional exchange in the future.

Following the Symposium at the Academia Sinica, Shelly Errington and Janet Carsten joined a roundtable discussion titled "House Society" in Contemporary Anthropological Discourses: About the Biography of an Anthropological Idea, held Dec 12, 2001, at Taing Hua U, Hsinchu, Taiwan.

The forum took the idea of "house society" as the storyline because it is one of the most widely used concepts nowadays in organizing works on Austronesian-speaking peoples in Taiwan. "House society" is one linkage we found to highlight the similarities and variations or transitions between various indigenous groups in Taiwan. It also serves to connect the studies of Austronesian peoples of Taiwan with the rest of the Austronesian world, including insular southeastern Asia and Oceania. With the title "About the Biography of an Anthropological Idea" in mind, both guest panelists narrated their own personal intellectual history in relation to the idea of house society. Carsten came to the idea of house from her fieldwork experiences because it is an indigenous notion of the society. She was not interested in laying out all the features described by Levi-Strauss, but suggested that the whole point of the house society is that it liberates one from previous formal categories in kinship studies. She viewed house not as a static entity but as a transformative social process. She also suggested some possible future directions: house and body; house and hierarchical relationship of power; house in the state; house as a memorializing practice; and house in history. Errington also saw house as an alternative to kinship and echoed Carsten's suggestion to move away from the formal features of house. She was more interested in the relationship between microcosm and macrocosm where house is only a small part.

What came out clearly from the forum is that house ideology is shared among many Austronesian-speaking peoples in Taiwan, insular southeastern Asian and Oceania; but within this theme, there are variations in each locale that need to be accounted for on its own terms. For more information on this conference, please email me at khku@mx.nthu.edu.tw.

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Please send contributions to this column to Elierto Loeada, Anthropology Program, Butler U, Indianapolis, IN 46208; eloada@butler.edu.

General Anthropology Division

KARL G. HEIDER, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

A white chocolate-covered replica of the seated Abraham Lincoln dominated the main rendezvous space at our new AAA Annual Meeting hotel, the Marriott Wardman Park, up Connecticut Ave from our old standby, the Hilton. The 2001 AAA Annual Meeting (our AAA style sheet insists that it is singular) was, I thought, unusually good. Perhaps it was because I was accompanied (for the first time) by Mary Winn Heider, our 23-year-old daughter, who was completely swept away with the intellectual excitement of it all.

The GAD was very active at the meeting. In addition to the papers and panels initiated or reviewed by the GAD, we initiated an Anthropology Teaching Institute on Wednesday morning before the formal beginning of the meeting. And the highlight was the GAD Distinguished Lecture presented by Adam Kuper, followed up the next day with a noontime Conversation With Adam Kuper.

Science, Technology and Computing

The Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology and Computing held its annual business meeting on Saturday, Dec 1, during the meeting. In a rousing exhibition of the electoral process, Marianne de Laet (Harvey Mudd, CalTech) won the hard-fought position as chair in a landslide victory. The 2001 Forsythe Prize was awarded to Stefan Helmreich (NYU) for his book Silicon Second Nature. For information on the summer conference in Philadelphia, contact Sheldon Zink at sheeldonz@mail.med.upenn.edu. If you would like more information on panels at the 2002 AAA Annual Meeting or other issues, information on the CASTAC listserv can be found at http://symptom.mit.edu/castac/castac-l.html.

Teaching Anthropology

COTA has a new chair (David Lancy) and co-chair (Susan Sutton). You will be hearing from them in future GAD columns. Some timely news of importance from COTA:

1) CD-ROM Teaching Module Series: COTA hopes to produce a new series of teaching modules using CD-ROMS that already have been produced through funding agencies. Creators usually cannot sell the product, and we are willing to advertise, produce and distribute to teachers for free. Send ideas to Pat Rice (price@wvu.edu).

The GAD Teaching Module Series is about to come to an end. The last module, "Multiculturalism and the Law in America," by Serena Nanda, is now available. Write to Pat Rice for your free copy—including your name and snailmail address.

The module, which features real case studies concerning Native Americans, Chinese Americans, Black Muslims and American law, requires students to think about cultural differences and how to manage disputes.

In addition, there is now a "Yard Sale" on previous modules. Write for your copy before they are all gone (no more reprinting). Include your snailmail address:

- Name That Fossil: An Exercise in Homind Taxonomy
- "Races" or Clines?
- "Races": 1997 and 2001: A Race Odyssey
- Marriage and Kinship in (North) India
- The Kin Game
- Writing Anthropology: A Guide for Students
- Teaching with eHRAF

Strategies for Teaching Anthropology, the book and the AAA Annual Meeting session, will now be continuing events. Prentice Hall has just published the second edition of 34 new teaching strategies and is putting the project on a "two-year publication cycle." If you want to be considered for the 2002 session in New Orleans, send abstracts to Pat Rice by Mar 1. And watch this column for further news.

Please send contributions, thoughts and such to me at heiderk@csc.edu.

Middle East Section

DANIEL MARTIN VARISCO AND NAJWA ADRA, CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

MES Presents Informative Panel

By Laurie King-Inani (U of Victoria)

What can anthropologists contribute to wide-ranging public discussions of the Sept 11 attacks on the US? How do we, as ethnographers of Middle Eastern communities, translate North American views to Arabs and Muslims and their views to other Americans? Do integrated, overarching views of the Sept attacks exist at all? What are our responsibilities, at a time of heightened surveillance and investigations of immigrants in the US, to the communities that have welcomed us as students and researchers? How should we respond to requests for interviews with the press? If the government contacts us about our research, what are our rights and responsibilities as scholars?

These were just some of the difficult questions raised during an informative panel discussion at the business meeting of MES during the 2001 AAA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The panelists were Albert Mokheiber, a Washington, DC, civil rights attorney and a past president of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Com-