

Prins-McBride Travel Award Allows Four Students to Travel the World



Four students were awarded the first annual Prins-McBride Travel Award, named for Harald Prins and Bunny McBride. The award comes with a book that includes essays by Prins, McBride, and students who have been inspired by them. The back is inscribed with the ethos of the award:

Named for those who inspire striking out on one's own being a maverick and a non-conformist finding the light and life of places forgotten and sharing the moon with new-found friends.

This year's award winners include Amy Gawlak, traveling to Samoa; Ben Adams, traveling to Indonesia; Matt Rogers, traveling to Spain and France; and Garrett Wilkinson, traveling to Africa. All four awardees served as teaching assistants "from the field" for the summer online course of Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, which can be found online at anth101.com

Dr. Harald Prins Retires After 27 Years of Inspiring Service (contributed by Mike Wesch)

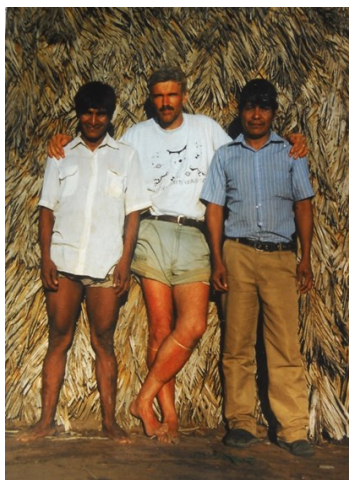
Dr. Harald Prins changed many lives as a professor, including mine. After attending his course for the first time in 1996 I realized that for myself and many others, we did not just "go through" a course with him. The course went through us, completely working us over into more open-minded, critically aware, global citizens. His energy and dramatic personae transformed otherwise drab university lecture halls into true theatre. He took the stage and relentlessly yet tactfully managed to shift the very conceptual ground on which we understood our own lives. In some ways it was frightening. But more than anything it was liberating.

Harald earned a doctoral degree from the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands in 1976 and a PhD from the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Sciences at the New School for Social Research in 1988. He joined the Anthropology Program at Kansas State in 1990.

Appointed University Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at Kansas State University in 2005, Harald Prins has been recognized for teaching, research and academic leadership. The Carnegie Foundation's Council for the Advancement and Support of Education honored him as the 2006 State Professor of the Year for Kansas. Most recently, he received the American Anthropological Association/Oxford University Press Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching of anthropology ('10). Elected president of the Society for Visual Anthropology ('99-01) and holding the post of visual anthropology editor for the American Anthropologist ('98-02), he has presented several distinguished lectures and keynote addresses. Recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, and winner of his university's most prestigious teaching honors, including the Conoco Award ('93) and Presidential Award ('99), he held the Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars ('04-'05).

Publications include almost 120 scholarly books, refereed and non-refereed articles, encyclopedia entries, and academic press and other book chapters, as well as over 45 book & film reviews, in eight languages. Moreover, Prins presented about 90 major professional conference papers and presentations, including keynote and distinguished lectures, commencement addresses in the U.S. and Europe. He serves on the editorial boards of several academic journals and has provided peer reviews for 21 journals, 20 publishers, as well as the National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, National Humanities Center, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, US Dept. of Health & Human Services, &c.

Along the journey of this remarkable career, Harald Prins spearheaded a successful federal recognition and land claims effort with the Aroostook Band of the Micmacs, mentored hundreds of teaching assistants – many of which went on to become successful university professors, and always championed an ethical anthropology, dedicated to serving the world and helping in places otherwise forgotten. His gifts to the lives he touched are immeasurable.



Prins with Nambiquara Headman in 1997, wearing a K-State Anthropology Club T-Shirt.

Anthropology Students Attend Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska (contributed by Jakob Hanschu)



Student participants in the CSAS conference, from left to right: Samuel Kempf, Jakob Hanschu, Jenevieve Corona, and Rosemary Harris.

Four K-State anthropology students attended the Central States Anthropological Society's annual conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. Jenevieve Corona, Jakob Hanschu, Rosemary Harris and Samuel Kempf attended various lectures, presentation sessions, workshops and other events at the conference.

The students also competed against students from many other schools in the AnthroBowl, and placed second after multiple rounds of overtime. Hanschu presented his paper "Assessing Integrity of Burial Features: A Kansas Case Study" as a part of a session focused on archaeology. The paper discussed research related to the findings of the Kansas Archaeological Field School in June 2016. Lauren Ritterbush, associate professor of archaeology at K-State, served as Hanschu's mentor for the paper, and also attended the conference.

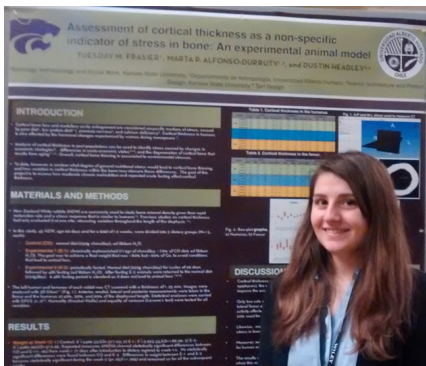
The distinguished lecture at the conference was given April 7 by Fred Smith from Illinois State University. Arthur Durband, associate professor of biological anthropology, transported about a dozen other K-State students to Lincoln to attend the lecture by Smith, his mentor.

The conference provided a valuable opportunity to present research, attend presentations by other anthropologists, and network within the anthropological community.



Kansas State Anthropology students who attended the distinguished lecture delivered by Dr. Fred Smith (sixth from the left in the back row). Dr. Arthur Durband, associate professor of biological anthropology at K-State, is in the back row fifth from the left.

Anthropology Student Obtains National IDEAS Scholar Award



Tuesday Frasier, a McNair Scholar, received an IDEA scholarship to participate in the 2017 meetings of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists in New Orleans.

Tuesday Frasier, senior in anthropology, was the 206-2017 recipient of an Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences, or IDEAS, Scholar Award from the National Science Foundation. This national award is conferred to only 15 candidates nationwide.

The award allowed Frasier to present her research on nutrition and cortical bone at this year's American Association of Physical Anthropology Meeting in New Orleans, the largest international gathering of biological anthropologists in the world. Frasier had been conducting research with mentor Marta Alfonso-Durruty, assistant professor of anthropology, as a McNair Scholar.

Frasier also participated in a workshop for ongoing research topics in biological anthropology and professionalization modules, as well as mentor groups as she participated in the meetings.

K-State Archaeologists Present at 39th Annual Flint Hills Archaeological Conference

Archaeology faculty and an undergraduate student represented K-State at the 39th annual Flint Hills Archaeological Conference in Arkansas City, Kansas, March 23-25.

Lauren W. Ritterbush, associate professor of archaeology, and co-authors Jakob Hanschu, junior in anthropology and geography, and Brad Logan, research associate professor, presented "Archaeological Evaluation of a Prehistoric Mound in Riley County, Kansas." This research is based on initial data recovery completed as part of the 2016 Kansas Archaeological Field School.

Hanschu also presented his independent research "Spatial Patterning of Prehistoric Burial Mounds in Northeastern Kansas." Funding for his research and travel to the conference was provided by K-State's College of Arts and Sciences as an Undergraduate Research Award and a Research Travel Award.

K-State Alum Inducted into the National Academy of Sciences

Clark Spencer Larsen was inducted as a member of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) at the Academy's 154th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. April 29-May 2, 2017. Larsen initially developed his skills in bioarchaeology, his chosen profession, conducting research and publishing with former archaeology professor Dr. Patricia O'Brien while an undergraduate at K-State. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology in 1974 and went on to earn his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1975 and 1980, respectively. He is currently Distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at The Ohio State University.

The National Academy of Sciences is a society of distinguished scholars nominated for membership by their peers for their outstanding contributions to research. Election to this society is widely considered a pinnacle of scholarly honors marking excellence in science.

Larsen's research focuses on the history of the human condition during the last 10,000 years, concentrating on health, quality of life, and adaptation. He is involved in several bioarchaeological and health-related projects including the La Florida Bioarchaeology Project, the Global History of Health Project, and the study of human remains from the Neolithic settlement of Catalhoyuk, Turkey, among others. He is also the author of several books including *Our Origins: Discovering Physical Anthropology*, *Skeletons in our Closet: Revealing Our Past through Bioarchaeology*, and *Bioarchaeology: Interpreting Behavior from the Human Skeleton*. Larsen has also served as president of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists and as an editor for the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. Congratulations to Clark Spencer Larsen for achieving this prestigious honor!

<http://www.nasonline.org/about-nas/events/annual-meeting/nas154/presentation.html#F>

<https://anthropology.osu.edu/people/larsen.53>

2017 Sapiens Symposium and Student Awards

The 2017 Sapiens Symposium was held on April 27th, with students participating in a variety of programs. The day began with the "Unconference", which gave incoming majors a chance to hone their presentation skills with five minute talks on different topics. This was followed by longer presentations by several students, including a talk delivered by Garrett Wilkinson remotely from his study abroad in Malawi.

Several students received awards from the Anthropology faculty for their outstanding performance in academics or research. The 2017 awardees are:

Tuesday Frasier (Biological Anthropology Achievement Award)

Matt Rogers (Cultural Anthropology Achievement Award)

Carlie Stenzel (Harriet Ottenheimer Linguistic Anthropology Scholarship)

Jakob Hanschu (Patricia J. O'Brien Scholarship in Archaeology)

Jakob Hanschu (Harriet and Martin Ottenheimer Central States Anthropological Society Award)

Joel Neises (Ibn Battuta Award for Outstanding Anthropological Research Paper)

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Graduates in Anthropology

We are pleased to announce that 14 students graduated with either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology during this past academic year.

Fall, 2016

Seth Bitikofer
Addison Dickens
Madeleine Hansen
Madeline McMillen
Lacey-Rae' Surritt

Spring, 2017

Devin Brown
Julia Chestnut
Tuesday Frasier
Eric Gudenkauf
Navanté Peacock
Matthew Rogers
Georgia Schaefer
Cassidy Shields
Daphne Weber

K-State Anthropology Alumni Advisor Board Meeting April 2017

At the end of the spring 2017 semester, the K-State Anthropology Alumni Advisory Board held its inaugural meeting on campus. Alumni board members from across the country were able to participate in the annual Sapiens Symposium, meet current anthropology students, and engage with anthropology faculty. The board members presented a word of encouragement to students along with a brief narrative of their own experiences following graduation from K-State with a degree in anthropology. The board also met with Anthropology faculty to discuss the current state of the program and provide feedback on how their own experiences with an anthropology degree might inform how the program can transition anthropology students from campus into the professional world. The board looks forward to presenting recommendations that contribute to the growth and success of the K-State Anthropology program into the future.

Board members include Ryan Klataske (BA 2006, Doctoral candidate, Michigan State University), Nathaniel A. Bozarth (BA 2012, Producer, Wide Ruled), Tobin Roop (BS 2001, Chief, Branch of Cultural Resources at Yellowstone National Park), Rebecca Roth (BA 2007, The Sound HQ), and Clark Spencer Larsen (BA 1974, Distinguished University Professor, The Ohio State University).

Alumni:

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Even as we celebrate the successes of our faculty, students and alumni, we recognize that our students need increasing support, especially in the face of rising tuition and dwindling state funds. To learn how you can support K-State Anthropology, please contact the KSU Foundation Arts & Sciences development team at (800) 432-1578. To make a gift to the Anthropology Fund online (Fund # F01477), please click [here](#). Thank you!

We would love to hear from our alumni! Please send any announcements to be included in future newsletters to Dr. Durband at durband@ksu.edu.