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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



By Trevor Pinch

S&TS is hard to classify. We find at Cornell that sometimes we are included within the social sciences, sometimes within the humanities, and of course our strong links with the natural sciences and engineering do not go unnoticed there. A couple of years ago Peter Dear and I were invited to one of a series of meetings at the Cornell Society for the Humanities on the "Crisis in the Humanities." It was a strange experience partly because the assigned reading was Bruno Latour (a piece of his in [Critical Inquiry](#)) and partly because it was difficult to share in the angst clearly felt by some of our humanist colleagues. That angst seems to stem from a feeling of irrelevance – in S&TS we seem to be all too relevant such that our biggest crisis is being stretched too thin.

Several of our faculty (Ronald Kline, Stephen Hilgartner, Margaret Rossiter, Michael Lynch and myself) have participated or will participate in a year-long Mellon seminar in the humanities. The seminars discuss different topics each year; last year it was "culture and values" and next year it will be the "role of the public intellectual." These seminars are always lively and breed genuine interdisciplinary understanding. In return for our involvement we are awarded a Mellon teaching postdoctoral fellow, who provides us with invaluable additional courses plus a new research impetus. We are currently advertising for one such post doc and for two years we benefited from having Chloe Silverman in this capacity (a specialist on autism and autism activist groups - Chloe has now gone on to a tenure-track position with the new configuration of S&TS and disabilities at Penn State).

Our connection with the Society for the Humanities has recently grown even stronger with Suman Seth serving as a faculty in residence there all this year. Next year we have two more faculty (Rachel Prentice and Phoebe Sengers) and a graduate student, (Janet Vertesi) in residence with the Society. The theme for the

year is "Improvisation" - a perfect topic for the versatile scholars in S&TS. The Society recently celebrated its 40th birthday. One of the founders of our own Science, Technology and Society Program at Cornell, Max Black, also founded the Society for the Humanities. Max Black was in his day a leading philosopher of science – his work on scientific models and metaphors is still a standard reference. I have recently been reading the Max Black papers at Cornell and was thrilled to discover an unpublished memoir. In it he describes how he took a class from the philosopher, Ludwig Wittgenstein, at Cambridge. He and Wittgenstein became friends and every week Max Black would cook Wittgenstein lunch in his college rooms. Alas, no students have volunteered that service for us faculty!

This past year we have established two new prizes in the department: one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students. The undergrad prize, a summer fellowship is made possible by the generosity of Bill Trenchard (S&TS '97) When Bill was at Cornell, it was the beginning of the dot.com boom - a time when several of our undergrads had their own companies. Bill was the founder of Jump Start Inc. Jump offered the world's first completely connected online organizer, integrating email, calendar, contacts and group capabilities in one easy-to-use location. Bill sold his company to Microsoft in 1999 and has gone on to an extraordinarily successful career with other IT ventures ([BusinessWeek](#) magazine listed him in 2006 as one of the best young tech entrepreneurs.) The Sheila Jasanoff Prize for Academic Excellence in Science and Technology Studies has been established with the aid of a generous donation from our own former graduate student,

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Pablo Boczkowski (who now teaches at Northwestern University). It is a fitting way to honor the extraordinary contribution Sheila made to the early history of our department.

Sheila as many of you reading this will know, was the distinguished founding Chair of the department and taught at Cornell until she left for the Harvard Kennedy School in 1998. Sheila's ability and contributions as a scholar are well known but her feel for realpolitik was something I also always admired. I still remember receiving the letter from her in 1989 which was instrumental in bringing me to Cornell. The letter was ostensibly about a book project she invited me to take part in (the book that became the first S&TS Handbook). She mentioned in passing that I might also be interested in applying for a position just advertised at Cornell in the Science, Technology and Society Program. To be frank I was not wildly excited by the prospect of editing a handbook. I was, however, very interested in the new position which seemed ideal for someone stuck in a sociology department in Thatcherite Britain – sociology was not going anywhere under Thatcher as she had famously pronounced that society did not exist! The Handbook seemed to be part of a meal ticket to Cornell so I agreed to take part and at the same time applied for the position.

Everything turned out well in the end – my new job really was exciting and the new handbook turned out to be path breaking as well. I asked Sheila many years later about her strategy and why she had linked the two invitations together – she told me with that famous inscrutable look “Well Trevor everyone needs to count beans at some stage of their life.” We thank Sheila for all she has done for Cornell in terms of path breaking scholarship, leadership, and even for making bean counting so rewarding.

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NOTE: Faculty below may be members of the Department of Science & Technology Studies, or members of other departments elected to either the Department's Biology & Society undergraduate major, or to the graduate field of Science & Technology Studies.

Tarleton Gillespie was recently made an Associate Editor of the journal The Information Society. His first book, Wired Shut: Copyright and the Shape of Digital Culture, is slated to be published in April 2007 from MIT Press, and he was just recently awarded research support from the CUAES Hatch funds and by the Institute for the Social Sciences here at Cornell, to support his next research project.

In the spring, **Stephen Hilgartner** gave talks at the National Institutes of Health and the University of California, Los Angeles. This fall, he taught a new graduate course, "The New Life Sciences: Emerging Technologies, Emerging Politics," developed in connection with a National Science Foundation training grant. In the fall, Steve also served as a commentator at a workshop on public engagement in genomics research at the University of Vienna and at a workshop on the history of drug regulation at the Max Planck Institute for the His-

tory of Science in Berlin. Steve is also a part of a team that has launched a new Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences theme project on "Contentious Politics: Science, Social Science, and Social Protest." His work was featured in a New York Times article on gene patenting in January (<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/28/business/yourmoney/28reframe.html?em&ex=1170133200&en=3df983eb851fe230&ei=5087%0A>).

Ronald Kline directs the Bovay Program in History and Ethics of Engineering. Along with post doctoral fellow, Park Doing, he teaches engineering ethics "across the curriculum" to undergraduates in the Engineering College by producing a play, "Engineering Real World," written by Park for first-year students; gives guest lectures to sophomores and seniors; and works with faculty teaching upper-level design courses. He also runs a weekly seminar on social and ethical issues in engineering for graduate students, post-docs, and faculty in Engineering and S&TS. He has published "Cybernetics, Management Science, and Technology Policy: The Emergence of 'Information Technology'" as a

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VISITING SCHOLARS



Sheila Dean has been working on the editing of volume 16 of "The Correspondence of Charles Darwin"; this is the first volume to be composed of two books since Darwin's correspondence for 1868 included communications on the "Descent of Man," "Expression of the Emotions," and "Variation." Also, Darwin's health was better that year. She spent time at the Darwin Project's base in the Cambridge University Library over the summer.

Dr. Daniel Bischur, from the Institut für Kulturosoziologie, Univer-

sity of Salzburg, Austria was a visiting scholar in the Department this past fall. Daniel presented his research through a talk to the department on, "Transformations, Resistance, and Self-Restrictions: Dealing with Animal Experimentation between Routinized Actions and Emotional Disturbances."

Richard Rottenburg, Professor of Social Anthropology from Halle University in Germany and Max Planck Fellow, is visiting Science and Technology Studies from October 2006 to March 2007. He currently works with his team on



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Keyword, 1948-1985," [Technology and Culture](#), 47 (2006): 513-535, and continues work on a book on the history of cybernetics, information theory, and concepts of an information society.

Christine Leuenberger was Visiting Adjunct Professor at the International Summer School at Korea University (Seoul, South Korea) during the summer 2006. She had an article published in the journal [Social Problems](#) (February 2006) as well as book reviews in [Metascience](#) and [H-Net](#). She co-edited a special issue of [Osiris: The Self as Project: Politics and the Human Sciences](#) (Vol. 22, forthcoming 2007).

Christine's current projects include: "From Germany's Berlin Wall to Israel's Separation Barrier and Korea's

DMZ: How Material Cultures are used in Psychological Theories" and "Political Divides as Cultural Projects: Israeli and Palestinian Constructions of the Symbolic Meanings of the Barrier" (with Professor Izhak Schnell, Tel Aviv University, Israel). She has organized a panel at the German Studies Association Annual Conference entitled "The Berlin Wall, cinemas and civic symbols: readings of the inner life of the German people through the study of key artifacts," (Pittsburgh), and given talks at conferences including: Studying Everyday Life: 2006: Symbolic Interaction and Ethnographic Research Conference (Niagara Falls), the German Studies Association annual meeting (Pittsburgh), EASTS Conference "Science Controversy and Democracy," National Taiwan

University (Taiwan). She presented her work to departments including: Department of Science & Technology Studies, Cornell University, and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia University (Montreal). She will be speaking to the Peace Studies Program, Cornell University, on March 1, 2007. Christine is offering a new graduate course this year entitled: "Making People Through Expert Knowledge," S&TS 627. She was appointed as a member of the Advisory Board for a new journal [EASTS: East Asian Science, Technology and Society: an International Journal](#).

Bruce Lewenstein presented papers on science communication in Korea, Croatia, and Italy this year, as well as the usual domestic

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"Biomedicine in Africa — an anthropology of law, organization, science and technology" at the Max Planck Institute für Social Anthropology at Halle, and spends his time at Cornell exchanging ideas on this topic. At the same time he is preparing a publication with the working title "Ritual, memory and belonging after the war in South Kordofan (Sudan)."

In October 2006, Visiting Scholar **Rachel Maines** completed a book manuscript, [Hedonizing Technologies](#), under contract to Johns Hopkins University Press, scheduled to appear in 2007. The book explores the history of, and markets for, tools and materials for leisure hobby activities such as needlework, woodworking, ham radio, audiophilia, home preserving, gardening, cake decorating, hunting and paintball, in which personal pleasure, not productivity or efficiency, are the principal goals of users and consumers. Rachel is currently revising the manuscript of another book about hobbies, [Work-basket Technology: Needlework since the Indus-](#)

[trial Revolution](#), for publication by Texas Tech University Press next year, and preparing a grant proposal for a book on the role of safety codes and standards in industrial democracies.

Rachel wrote an essay, "Orgasm as Therapy: Ancient Greek Origins of the Vibrator," for a collection of essays forthcoming in 2007, [Ways of Making, Ways of Using: Gendered and Spatial Aspects of our Material Culture](#) (translated title; published work will be in Greek), edited by Maria Rentetzi of National Technical University of Athens. She also contributed "Freud and the Steam-Powered Vibrator," to psychoanalyst Jean Petrucelli's [Longing: Psychoanalytic Musings on Desire](#), which was published in London in 2006 by Karnac Books. An essay on asbestos was published online by [History News Network](#) in February 2006, and an article, "The Clinical Orgasm: A Medical History of the Vibrator," appeared later in the spring in [Cabinet: A Quarterly of Art and Culture](#).



Four presentations in 2006 concerned the history of vibrators, including "Treatment of Hysteria in the 19th and 20th Centuries," co-authored with Alan Shindel, delivered at American Urologic Association annual meeting in Atlanta, "Vibrators and Viagra: the Double Standard" at the University of North Carolina and later at Ithaca College, and "Steam Powered Vibrators and Double Scotch Douches: Physical Therapies for Hysteria, 1850-1920" in the Cornell Visual Culture Colloquium series. In 2006, Rachel completed four reports for MarketResearch.com, of which three were published during the year and the fourth is forthcoming in early 2007. Three concerned trends in the foodservice industry and one was an analysis of America's top twenty engineering schools for an industrial client. Rachel also worked with several law firms in New York, Chicago, Birmingham AL, and Jackson MS on research issues associated with asbestos.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES GRADUATE FIELD

Introduction by Professor Michael Lynch, Director of Graduate Studies:

The S&TS Graduate Field had an exciting year in 2006. Five students received the PhD: Imes Chiu, Aryn Martin, Heidi Voskuhl, John Downer, and Dan Plafcan. The dissertations covered a very interesting range of topics: testing civilian aircraft (Downer), Japan/US collaboration on a remote sensing satellite (Plafcan), the history of the Jeep (Chiu), 18th century automata (Voskuhl), and 20th century chimera (Martin). Very soon after finishing, Heidi and Aryn moved into tenure track jobs: Heidi as Assistant Professor at Harvard in History of Science, and Aryn as Assistant Professor in Sociology at York University, Toronto. Dan, who just very recently completed the dissertation, is a Postdoctoral Fellow in Science, Technology & Public Policy at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at University of Michigan. John is working with Ron Kline on a research project in the Ithaca area.

Our students also did very well with prizes and publications. A few of the highlights are that John Downer won the Guildford Prize for best-written dissertation (all fields) at Cornell. Look for his lead article in the February 2007 issue of Social Studies of Science, with the memorable title, “When the Chick Hits the Fan” — it’s on testing jet engines for ‘bird strikes’. Note: He’s on the job market for next year. Janet Vertesi kept up a Cornell S&TS tradition by winning the 2006 Sally Hacker/Nicholas Mullins Prize for best student paper from the Science, Knowledge & Technology Section of the American Sociological Association. Her paper also has a catchy title – “Mind the Gap: The London Underground Map and Users’ Representations of Urban Space” – and will be appearing in Social Studies of

Science. Eunjeong Ma received a Fellowship from the Joseph Needham Institute at Cambridge University, and Carin Berkowitz received a Luigi Einaudi Fellowship from the Cornell Center for European Studies, which she used to conduct research at Oxford.

Four new students entered our Ph.D. program in August 2006: Darla Thompson, Benjamin Wang, Robert Schomes, and Ling-Fei Lin, and they have already begun to make their mark as a lively group. Our graduate students continued to be very active with formal and informal department functions, once again run-

ning a very successful series of weekly seminars for our Science Studies Reading Group. Our PhD students are also organizing the “Futures of Life” Workshop, which will take place on April 27-29, 2007. Advanced students in the PhD program were again professionally active with organizing sessions and presenting papers at annual meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science, History of Science Society, Society for the History of Technology, ACM Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, and many other meetings and colloquia. Above all, they once again contributed tremendous energy and enthusiasm to daily life in the S&TS Department and Graduate Field.



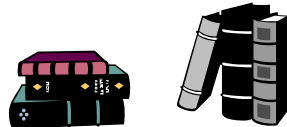
NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

Ling-Fei Lin received her MA in Social Sciences from University of Chicago, and also a MA in Journalism from National Taiwan University. Her interests are R&D activities in multi-national firms, knowledge production and distribution, PC industry development, Internet services, and users' role in IT products.

Robert Schombs graduated in 2006 from Cornell University with a BA in chemistry. His interests include the history of modern chemistry, 19th century physical sciences, and science education.

Darla Thompson received an MA in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MA in Public Policy from George Washington University. Her interests include uses of science and technology by African-descended peoples, public history and science and technology, and technologies of slavery.

Benjamin Wang received a BA in history and a BA in philosophy from the University of California, San Diego. His research interests include American law and science. Benjamin won the Rappaport Prize from the History Department at UC San Diego for best undergraduate honors thesis.



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Carin Berkowitz spent the fall semester in Oxford, England, funded by a Luigi Einaudi Graduate Fellowship for research in Europe, conducting research for her dissertation on early-nineteenth-century physiology. Her article, "Disputed Discovery: Vivisection and Experiment in the 19th Century," appeared in the September issue of the popular History of Science journal, En-deavour.

David Caruso has been working on his dissertation while applying for fellowships for next year. He presented at the Society for the History of Technology (Las Vegas, NV) conference this year and will be presenting at a history of military medicine conference organized by the Royal Army Medical Services Museum (Surrey, England) in April.

Shay David continues to work on his research on 'the open world' for which he received an NSF dissertation improvement grant. As part of this research that compares different collaborative information and communication systems, Shay spent time with a group pursuing open source biology in Australia. He also continued his fellowship at Yale's Information Society Project where he helped put together the first international Access-To-Knowledge Conference. Shay presented his work on open systems and on online reputation systems at several Conferences including FM10 in Chicago, Global Informatics in Bloomington, Indiana, and 4S in Vancouver.

Lisa Onaga was awarded a Foreign Language Area Studies fellowship to study at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Study in Yokohama, Japan, 2006-2007.

Christina Dunbar-Hester is spending 2006-2007 writing her dissertation in Graz, Austria, as a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society, a division of the Inter-University Research Center for Technology, Work and Culture of the University of Klagenfurt.

Anna Geltzer is completing her work on Evidence-Based Medicine in Russia which she presented at the 4S meeting in Vancouver. She is also organizing a working group on science and technology post-1989 as part of the Research Network 1989 (both the working group and the network welcome new members).

Victor Marquez is currently researching on technology transfer in airport terminals and has presented papers on this subject at the Chan Center for Building Simulation Studies in Hong Kong, at Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City as well as the Bovay Seminar and the Science Studies Research Group at Cornell University.

Lisa Onaga was awarded a Foreign Language Area Studies fellowship to study at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Study in Yokohama, Japan, 2006-2007. She is researching the growth of Japanese silkworm biology in imperial Japan, focusing on the development of the F1 hybrid silkworm and its use. This research, to be conducted through 2008, is supported by an National Science Foundation dissertation improvement grant.

In the summer of 2006, Lisa served on the organizing committee for the "Future Directions in Biology Studies" graduate workshop, an "off-year" event of the

International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB), which was hosted at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Katherine Proctor finished her Second Year Project on the 19th century American telescope-making firm Alvan Clark and Sons. She presented this work to the department in mid-October, and at the History of Science Society's annual meeting in Vancouver in early November. She is currently reading for her A-Exams and keeping an eye out for dissertation topics.

Honghong Tinn is doing research on the history of personal computing. She is especially interested in the people who build their own PCs in Taiwan.

Janet Vertesi's paper "Mind the Gap: The London Underground Map and Users' Representations of Urban Space" received the 2006 Hacker Mullins Prize for best graduate student paper from the Science, Knowledge and Technology section of the American Sociological Association, and is forthcoming in the journal, Social Studies of Science. In the spring, Janet and colleague Joseph Kaye presented their STS cohort's research on personal archiving practices as a full paper at the ACM conference on Human-

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travel. He is serving as co-chair of a National Research Council study on "Learning Science in Informal Environments" (<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bose/Learning%20Science%20in%20Informal%20Environment.html>) which will issue its report in 2008. He has just been named to serve on a university-wide task force examining the undergraduate biology program, and expects to bring in Biology & Society perspectives.

In 2006-07, **Michael Lynch** continued as Director of Graduate Studies for the S&TS Field, and Co-director of the undergraduate Law & Society Program. During 2006, he made final revisions on his book manuscript (with Simon Cole, Ruth McNally & Kathleen Jordan) entitled, Truth Machine: The Contentious History of DNA Fingerprinting. The book is scheduled for publication in 2008 by the University of Chicago Press. He also published several articles, book and handbook chapters, and shorter commentaries, and gave numerous public talks on different topics, including keynote addresses at Virginia Tech for a conference on "Scientific Images: Learning from Pictures," at the University of Surrey for a conference on

"Sociology after Durkheim," and at the Institutum Jurisprudientiae, at the Academia Sinica in Taipei, Taiwan (via remote satellite link) for a symposium on "Legal Construction of Public Health Risks." He also presented talks at the University of Manchester, Copenhagen Business School, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova Law School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Indiana, and at the Society for Social Studies of Sciences (4S) annual meeting in Vancouver. Mike was active with the 4S, as Chair of the Bernal Prize (career award) Committee, and was elected 4-S President, for a two-year term to begin after the 2007 meetings. Finally, he agreed to continue as Editor of the journal Social Studies of Science for another five-year term, beginning in 2007.

David Pimentel received the Priestley Award at Dickinson College this fall. He was also the featured speaker at a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC on Biofuels. During the past year he has published 11 scientific papers, one being an editorial on "Green Plants, Fossil Fuels, and Biofuels" published recently in BioScience.

Trevor Pinch continued as Chair of the Department of Science & Technology Studies. His research on on-line music sites continued. During the summer of 2006, he taught summer school at Korea University, Seoul and went on to attend the EASTS Conference on "Science Controversy and Democracy," National Taiwan University, Taiwan, August 3-5, 2006 where he presented a paper (with Christine Leuenberger) and was a commentator. Other lectures this Fall were given at Stanford University, University of California—Berkeley and University of California—San Francisco, McGill University (Montreal) and at the annual 4S meeting in Vancouver.

Trevor's big thrill this year came in May when he was MC at the annual MoogFest at the B. B. King Club in New York City.

During the past year, Trevor prepared his book manuscript (edited with Richard Swedberg) Economic Sociology and Technology (submitted to MIT Press) and a Korean edition of Golem (with Harry Collins) appeared. He wrote several articles: "Contingency in Art and Science," Public, Errata: the Cultural Productivity of Accidents, Errors, and Unforeseen Events, 33, 2006, 58-63. (with Harry Collins);

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Computer Interaction, where she also participated in a workshop on Reflective Design based on her work at Intel on intercultural probes. This fall, she organized and presented in two panels at the joint Social Studies of Science Society and History of Science Society conferences in Vancouver: presenting both "Drawing As: Image Processing on the Mars Exploration Rover Mission" in the 4S session, "Detailing and Disciplining" (co-organized by Michael Lynch and featuring Simon Schaffer as discussant), and the paper "Images

of Instruments: The Visual Rhetoric of Virtual Witnessing in Hevelius' *Organographia*" in the HSS session, "At the Edge of Instrument Studies."

Janet has just been awarded an NSF doctoral dissertation improvement grant to facilitate her Ph.D. research on the visual technologies of the Mars Exploration Rover mission, and has been elected to the Society for the Humanities as a Graduate Fellow beginning in the fall of 2007. She is currently President of Cornell's Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, repre-

senting over 6,000 students; is happily calibrating pictures from the surface of Mars (one of which made it to the cover of Science magazine in September!); and is still playing her electric harp in the Cornell Jazz Ensembles.

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"The Sociology of Science and Technology: A Review," in Clifton Bryant and Dennis L. Peck (eds) 21st Century Sociology: A Reference Handbook, Beverly Hills and London: Sage, 2006; and "Voices in the Electronic Music Synthesizer: an essay in honor of Don Idhe," in Evan Selinger (ed.) Post Phenomenology: A Critical Companion to Idhe, Albany: SUNY Press (2006). He also wrote a review of Hubris and Hybrids: A Cultural History of Technology and Science, by Mikael Hard and Andrew Jamison, American Historical Review December 2006.

Trevor became a member of the Editorial Advisory Board, EASTS: East Asian Science, Technology and Society: an International Journal, was a member of the external review panel to evaluate University of California—San Diego Sociology Department. He also co-organized (with Tarleton Gillespie) the session "In the Mix" for the 4S Annual Meeting, Vancouver.

Judith Reppy completed her year as a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar last April, and she has now been appointed to the PBK Fellows' Lectureship Panel. She has continued her involvement in issues of science and security, speaking on "Secrecy Rules for Science" to the NAS Committee on Scientific Communication and National Security at a meeting in Washington on October 20, 2006. The paper on dual-use technology which she presented last October in Berlin at the German Physics Society has been published in Einstein weiterdenken, Stephan Albrecht et al., eds. (2006); a revised version of the paper appeared as "Managing Dual-Use Technology in an Age of Uncertainty," in The Forum 4, 1, (Berkeley Electronic Press, 2006). Her biggest accomplishment in the last year, however, was to move her main office from the Peace Studies Program in Uris Hall to Rockefeller Hall, a job that took up most of the summer and

confirmed her forever as a tosser, not a keeper.

Phoebe Sengers works at the intersection of cultural studies of science and technology design, and is interested in bringing historical and critical reflection into the practice of systems design and evaluation. Currently, much of her work focuses on affective computing, or computing that relates to human emotions. This year, she received a three-year National Science Foundation grant for her work on affective computing in collaboration with Michael Mateas at UC Santa Cruz. She spoke on her work on affect at the University of Michigan, Carnegie Mellon University, and at 4S. She published two papers based on methods from cultural studies at peer-reviewed technical conferences, one on taking multiple interpretations seriously in design and evaluation, the other on using historical methods as part of systems design.

Phoebe also co-organized two workshops at technical conferences, one on critically reflective Human-Computer Interaction, the other on designing non-task-oriented systems in the home.

During the 2006-07 academic year **Suman Seth** has been dividing his time between the Department of Science & Technology Studies and the Cornell Society for the Humanities where he received a faculty fellowship. The Society's theme this year is "Historicizing the Global Postmodern" and Suman's new project concerns the relationships between technology, violence and colonialism. A first paper on this topic will be presented at a workshop on "The Challenge of the Colony in Technology History" in February. At the same time, he continues his research into the history of modern theoretical physics, having worked last summer in Berlin on physics during World War I. In November he chaired a session, entitled



"Science Friction: Physics Meets Astronomy over the Longue Durée," at the History of Science Society annual meeting in Vancouver. This year has also seen the publication of two articles, one appearing in the British Journal for the History of Science, entitled "Crisis and the Construction of Modern Theoretical Physics" and another, entitled "Allgemeine Physik? Max Planck und die Gemeinschaft der theoretischen Physik, 1906-1914" in a volume edited by Michael Hagner and Manfred Laubichler: Der Hochsitz des Wissens: das Allgemeine als wissenschaftlicher Wert.

Kathleen Vogel (S&TS/Peace Studies) spent the summer of 2006 in Washington, DC as a Visiting Senior Scientist at the American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) Center for Science, Technology, and Security Policy. She conducted research on her Ploughshares-funded grant on the bioterrorism implications of synthetic genomes and was an invited participant at a June AAAS biosecurity experts group meeting regarding U.S. government initiatives in South and South-East Asia. Kathleen was also selected as a participant in a summer teacher's workshop on military issues in Stowe, VT, sponsored by Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. Over the past year, Kathleen has presented her research findings at the University of Calgary, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and at the 4S annual meeting in Vancouver. In addition, Kathleen was an invited speaker at the November 2006 ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum on Genomics and Biosecurity, in Edinburgh, Scotland. Kathleen also published an article in Social Studies of Science (vol. 36, no. 5, October 2006) on some of her recent work entitled, "Bioweapons Proliferation: Where Science Studies and Public Policy Collide."



Current Activities of Undergraduate Majors

Biology & Society and Science & Technology Studies

Opening comments by Professor Judith Reppy, Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies for B&SOC; and Professor Stephen Hilgartner, Director of Undergraduate Studies for S&TS:

News from the Majors: The Biology & Society major continues to grow, with 30 new students admitted in fall 2006 and a total of 158 students currently enrolled. The largest number of majors is now in CALS, followed closely by CAS. The number of majors in CHE is growing, with 11 new majors admitted in fall 2006. Beginning this semester the application to the major is available online as a PDF document that students can download and print at their convenience. Applications in Spring

2007 are due by **February 19, 2007.**

There has been an important change in the honors program. CALS and CHE now cross-list B&Soc/S&TS 499, so that their students can participate in the honors seminar taught every fall. This is the first time that we have had a unified honors program: many thanks to Nancy Breen and Brian Chabot for negotiating the necessary changes in college policy. Applications for honors for next year (2007-08) are due on **May 4, 2007.**

The major in Science & Technology Studies continues to attract a variety of students with interests in the social dimensions of science and technology. Over the

past two academic years, the major has developed a new course intended for freshmen, STS 102 "Histories of the Future." Juniors in S&TS who want to participate in the honors program during their senior year, need to have their applications in by **May 4, 2007.**



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Alex Barash B&SOC '07 has been doing further research in both genetics and human development, and is currently working on an honors thesis using his genetics research. During the fall semester, he began to tutor CALS students in Physics and expects to continue doing so next semester. Alex has begun applying to and interviewing at medical schools and has several acceptances already.

Hayley Easton B&SOC '08 spent the summer of '06 interning at the Cornell Biological Field Station at Shackleton Point, in Bridgeport, NY, through the Department of Natural Resources. She worked with Professors Bernd Blossey and Ed Mills investigating the effects of invasive plant species on aquatic ecosystems. She will spend the spring semester at Cornell in Washington, researching water law and interning with the Environmental Law Institute.

Catherine Hau B&SOC '08 is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is double-majoring in Biology & Society, and Government. Her main academic interests are global health, law, and psychology. She has been a columnist for the E-Publishing Division of The Triple Helix since Fall 2005 and in Spring 2006 she received an award for Outstanding Writer. Catherine joined Alpha Phi Omega, a national fraternity for community service, in Fall 2006 so as reach out to those in the Ithaca community and beyond. She hopes to attend law school upon graduation.

Ugo N. Ihekweazu B&SOC '08 is a Cornell Varsity basketball letter winner - the team has a great chance to win its first Ivy League Championship since 1988. He is President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Editor-in-Chief of the Ivy

Journal of Ethics (which is a publication of the Bioethics Society of Cornell), Founder of the Bioethics HS Leadership Program, Head Clerk of the Cornell Reunion, Varsity Athletics Tutor for organic chemistry for the life sciences, and Orientation Leader for orientation week. Ugo has received the Cornell Tradition Fellowship Award and the Red Key Athletic Honor Society Award.

Ugo has also worked with an Orthopaedic research team to prepare manuscripts on two papers: "Bloodloss in Trabecular Monoblock Tibial Components" and "Anatomical Gender Differences of the Knee in Relation to Total Knee Arthroplasty." The two papers will be submitted for publication in the Journal of Arthroplasty.

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UNDERGRADUATE ACTIVITIES

Sabrina Kwauk B&SOC '07 Under the supervision of Professor Sean Nicholson, she is currently working on her honors thesis. Sabrina is investigating whether DirecTV's employee health program "Work Well Plus" has a significant effect on the health of DirecTV employees. Aside from academics, Sabrina is also co-captain of the Cornell Women's Varsity swimming team, and will compete at the Ivy League Swimming Championships in mid-February.

Richard Menger B&SOC '07 finished the first term of his senior year by earning a spot on the Dean's List. He was also accepted into medical school. The rugby team, where he served as Match Secretary, garnered a second place finish in New York State, top eight in the Northeast, and a national ranking. He was recognized for his efforts by receiving the "Best and Fairest" award for on and off-field dedication to the team.

William Richter B&SOC '07, spent the summer abroad volunteering in a Bolivian health clinic. He assisted doctors and technicians as they served families from the rural outskirts of the city of Cochabamba.

Kriselle Santos B&SOC '07 served as a grant intern at St. Joseph's Foundation in Stockton, CA during the summer of '06. She was fortunate to experience the spirit of philanthropy within and outside of the hospital setting, especially when exposed to many community health programs. Determined to continue her studies in healthcare, Kriselle is interning at the Finance Department of Kendal @ Ithaca through the Cornell Tradition Community Action Fellowship. She is learning about the operations of community care retirement communities while completing a project informing the growing senior community about opportunities for seniors to live independently while

maintaining their dignity and health.

Kriselle is looking forward to her last semester of undergraduate studies, serving the campus and the Ithaca community through volunteer work (Alpha Phi Omega and Cornell Tradition) and activities.

Jeffrey B. Stambough B&SOC '07 will be graduating in May and then attending medical school in the fall of 2007, still to be decided where. In the summer of 2006, he took an internship at the NIH working in the cartilage biology branch doing research on chondrogenesis in adult stem cells. Jeffrey is also a student representative on the EPC for the Biology and Society Major.

Additionally, Jeffrey continues his work as a teaching assistant in biochemistry and organic chemistry, volunteered at Cayuga Medical Center, was the vice president of SHAG, and played club soccer for Cornell United.

Risa Laurel Yavorsky B&SOC '07 As she enters into her last semester at Cornell, Risa is pursuing various academic endeavors. This past summer, Risa worked as a researcher in the Urology Department of Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, where she co-authored an article entitled "Erectile Dysfunction and Infertility." The article was recently accepted for publication by Current Science, Inc., and it will appear in the February, 2007 issue of Current Sexual Health Reports, Volume 4, Issue 1.

While at Cornell, Risa is currently researching for her honors thesis on the subject of college students' perceptions of the risks and stigmas surrounding sexually transmitted infections. She looks forward to graduating from Cornell this spring and beginning medical school the next year.

TALLMAN PRIZE AWARDED

The first and second place winners of the 2007 Tallman Prize in Honor of Professor William Provine have been announced.

This year's recipients are First Place: Jessica Leval. Jessica's paper is titled "The Visible Hand – The Role of Humans in Human Evolution in the 20th Century to the Present," and Second Place: Kevin Peterson. The title of Kevin's paper is: "The Corruption of Scientific Theory: Darwinism and Nazi Eugenics"

The Tallman Prize is endowed by Mr. Philip R. Reilly '69 to honor Professor Provine for his dedication to the teaching of history of science at Cornell.

Presentations of these awards will take place during the spring semester.

Congratulations to Jessica and Kevin!



Philip Reilly and William Provine



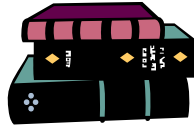
GRADUATE ALUMNI NEWS

Arthur Daemmrich continues to divide his time between research and scholarship on the one hand and fundraising and program development as director of the Center for Contemporary History and Policy at the Chemical Heritage Foundation on the other. In 2006, he published an edited volume, Reflections from the Frontiers - Explorations for the Future: Gordon Research Conferences 1931-2006. In the coming year, look for an edited book on the centennial of the Food and Drug Administration.

Rayvon Fouché recently left the Science & Technology Studies department at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to accept a position as an associate professor of History and African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In the September 2006 issue of American Quarterly, he published the article "Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud: African Americans, American Artifactual Culture, and Black Vernacular Technological Creativity." This was a special issue on technology and American Studies. With the support of a National Science Foundation grant, he continues to do research on hip hop, engineering, design, and cultural identity.

Saul Halfon is Assistant Professor in the Department of Science and Technology in Society at Virginia Tech. He recently published The Cairo Consensus: Demographic Surveys, Women's Empowerment, and Regime Change in International Population Policy (Lexington Books, 2006). A related paper also appeared in Social Studies of Science: "The Disunity of Consensus: International Population



Policy Coordination as Socio-Technical Practice." Other recent projects include a nearly finished study of trade and environmental disputes around GM foods and a new study on the science and politics of depleted uranium.

Shobita Parthasarathy is now an assistant professor in the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, where she is also helping to start a program in science, technology, and public policy. Her first book, which is based on her dissertation, will be published by MIT Press in April 2007. It is entitled, Building Genetic Medicine: Breast Cancer, Technology, and the Comparative Politics of Health Care.

Alec Shuldiner is now working on his second Basel II project in Amsterdam where he consults with very large financial institutions on their system problems. A very interesting area of study.

Sonja Schmid has spent the past year as Social Science Research Associate at Stanford University, where she will be located for another year. She is affiliated with the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), and the Program in Science, Technology and Society (STS). Last spring, she taught a course on "Risk in Contemporary Culture" (STS 163) at Stanford, and has been organizing (together with Rebecca Slayton) the "Stanford Seminar on Science, Technology, and Society," a bi-weekly speaker series featuring,

among others, Ron Kline and Trevor Pinch (the current schedule can be found at <http://sts.stanford.edu/SSSTS%20Fall%2006.pdf>).

Sonja's article, "Celebrating Tomorrow Today: The Peaceful Atom on Display in the Soviet Union," appeared in Social Studies of Science earlier this year. Over the past year, she has been invited to speak at Stanford University and UC Berkeley, and presented papers at a number of international conferences, including the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT), where she was awarded the 2006 Brooke Hindle Postdoctoral Fellowship for the completion of her book manuscript (tentative title: Producing Power: The Construction of a Civilian Nuclear Industry in the Soviet Union).

Naubahar Sharif had his contract at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) converted from Research Assistant Professor (non-tenure track) to a tenure-track Assistant Professor position effective July 1, 2006. At HKUST, Nab has continued to publish and has had articles appear in Research Policy and Science and Public Policy. Currently, he is working on extending his dissertation project by researching the genesis and development of the sectoral and regional innovation systems ideas.



SPRING 2007 WORKSHOP

*Science & Technology
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"Futures of Life" Workshop

April 27-29, 2007
700 Clark Hall

The new life sciences pose many challenges for contemporary societies not least, the difficulties of acquiring and creating knowledge about potential social and technological "futures." Knowledge claims about the future have peculiar epistemic properties, stemming from multiple layers of uncertainty, ignorance, and reflexivity. Such claims, which are often aimed at intervening in the future not just representing it, blend the descriptive and the performative. Their forward-looking focus leaves them positioned in a speculative space informed by a precarious mixture of fact, conjecture, and fantasy. The speed of change in the biosciences, combined with the complexity of the social and natural worlds in which they are en-

tangled, makes the process of creating knowledge about putative "biofutures" particularly difficult. Anticipatory knowledge is often considered less than reliable, and yet it is highly coveted and vitally important - its tools of prediction and control are essential to the activities of states, firms and civil society.

This workshop will focus on the social dimensions of anticipatory knowledge. The majority of the papers will focus on the new life sciences, but other areas of socio-technical change will be included for comparative purposes. In particular, we are interested in the creation of anticipatory knowledge; the institutional capacities and social machinery used to create it; its spread, uptake, translation, and use; and its role in reshaping regimes of governance. Potential questions for investigation include:

- How do producers of anticipatory knowledge negotiate tensions between the precision of a prediction and the likelihood it will turn out to be correct?
- In what ways do particular anticipatory techniques shape what becomes visible and invisible? What normative choices are embedded in different machineries of anticipation?

- How is the credibility of claims about the future of life assessed in different contexts?
- How is anticipatory expertise claimed and contested in different social worlds? How do desires, ideals, and utopian and dystopian visions inflect anticipatory knowledge?
- In light of secrecy and proprietary concerns, who gets access to what anticipatory knowledge, under what terms and conditions, and with what consequences?
- How does anticipatory knowledge articulate with various regulatory frames in diverse cultural and political contexts?
- How do decision makers manage disconnects between the available anticipatory knowledge and that which a policy regime requires?
- How is anticipatory knowledge implicated in identity politics and emerging social movements?

For more details, see the Department website: <http://www.sts.cornell.edu/activitiesconf.php>.

The workshop is sponsored by: The Institute for the Social Sciences, the Department of Science & Technology Studies, and the NSF-supported Graduate Training Project on Studying Emerging Technologies (http://www.sts.cornell.edu/programphd_emtech.php).



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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI NEWS

Leslie Bulion's B&SOC '79 two most recent books for children highlight her continuing interest in the sciences. Uncharted Waters is an adventure with a hint of mystery for ages 8-13, set in the Rhode Island coastal salt ponds where she did her MS in Biological Oceanography. Inspired by the the CAU course "The Way Bugs Work," Hey There, Stink Bug! is a book of gruesome insect poetry for children ages 6-11. Each poem is about a different bug, and each poem is a different form of poetry. Hey There, Stink Bug! is currently a winter Book-Sense kids pick, and an ABC 2006 Best Book for Children.

Andrea M. Chan S&TS '00 graduated in '06 from Brooklyn Law School (BLS) and was recognized as a member of BLS' Moot Court Honor Society. She is now an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the New York City Law Department, and currently works as a litigator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel, Michael Cardozo, in the Torts Division. Also, just recently found out that she passed both the NY and NJ bar exams!

Marisa Cohen B&SOC '06 just entered her first year as a PhD candidate in Educational Psychology at CUNY Graduate Center in New York City. She was awarded the Chancellors Fellowship and will soon begin teaching two undergraduate psychology courses at CUNY Hunter.

David Cross S&TS '03 lives in New York City, doing press relations and marketing for a music software company called Ableton. He recently got engaged to a fellow Cornell alum, Emily Kishel ('02). He is very proud to say that his S&TS education - specifically his honors thesis on the History of

the DJ Mixer - was directly responsible for putting him on this exciting career path!

Taras Czebiniak, one of six 2006 S&TS graduates, has been working at the Times Square office of the law firm Skadden, Arps since July. As a Legal Assistant at a very large firm, he assists attorneys with anything from the mundane to the more substantive and intellectual. His S&TS studies, of course, were the major, if not the only, source of his interest in law (specifically, courses taken with Michael Lynch and with Tracy Mitrano). Recently, he has come across documents while working for an attorney that examine expert testimony and the application of science to law -- which of course mention the Frye and Daubert cases examined in Lynch's course several years ago. In addition, he has requested to work on toxic torts cases which were also examined, with one of the top toxic torts lawyers in the country, Sheila Birnbaum, a partner at the firm. While his involvement is still minimal, he hopes that by showing interest and knowledgeability in the field he will be staffed more substantively on those cases whose genealogies first piqued his interest in the field. Taras has also been asked on a regular basis to translate scholarly legal documents from French to English, usually centered on arbitration, thereby putting to good use his double-major in French.

Jamecia Lynn Finnie B&SOC '03 is currently attending Texas Woman's University and working on a Master's of Health Studies (expected graduation May 2007). She is working on several research projects including self-esteem and dysfunctional eating behaviors and the psychosocial

aspects of obesity. Jamecia was recently accepted into medical school and will be attending UT Medical Branch in Galveston, TX beginning in the fall of 2007.

Jessica Furst B&SOC '05 spent the past year coordinating multiple myeloma clinical research trials and writing up the results for publication at Weill Cornell Medical College, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology. One of the abstracts she worked on was presented at the national annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in June 2006. R. Niesvizky, D. S. Jayabalan, J. R. Furst, H. J. Cho, R. N. Pearse, F. Zafar, R. W. Lent, J. Tepler, M. W. Schuster, J. P. Leonard, M. Coleman. "Clarithromycin, lenalidomide and dexamethasone combination therapy as primary treatment of multiple myeloma." Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2006 ASCO Annual Meeting Proceedings Part I. Vol 24, No. 18S (June 20 Supplement), 2006: 7545.

In August of 2006, Jessica started medical school at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is currently in the class of 2010, working towards her M.D. degree.

Lindsay Garver B&SOC '06 is working as a research associate for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, in Baltimore, MD in the Teen Tobacco Addiction and Treatment Research Clinic. She is assisting with research examining the efficacy of pharmacological treatments for smoking cessation among highly dependent, adolescent cigarette smokers.

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI NEWS

Usha Govindarajulu After finishing her postdoc at Harvard School of Public Health this summer, Usha currently holds a faculty position at Yale University as a biostatistician where she works with medical investigators and also continue innovative research in smoothing methods and frailty models. Usha presented her research at Harvard in smoothing methods at a major conference in March. She was also fortunate to have three first author biostatistical papers accepted for publication this year. On a side note, she also produced and directed a comedy show in Boston.

Katie Hoffman B&SOC '05 is currently in her second year at the University of Pittsburgh in the master's program for genetic counseling. During this second year, she has completed rotations in prenatal, pediatric, adult, and cancer genetics. She is also currently working with the Center for Minority Health, which is based out of the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health. Katie provides free genetic counseling services for individuals involved in the "Healthy Black Family Project." This project hopes to eliminate health disparities in minority populations in the Pittsburgh area by 2010. The main focus of the project is lowering the rates of diabetes and hypertension in the African-American population.

Anna Korpak B&SOC '00 concluded her work at Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital in September 2006, where she was a data manager/analyst for a large multicenter clinical trial. This fall, she began graduate studies in Biostatistics at the University of Washington, Seattle."

Denys Lau, BA (B&SOC '95), PhD (Hopkins '02), joined the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University as an Assistant Professor in the Buehler Center on Aging. In the last year, he has published several peer-reviewed articles in the area of medication safety among the aging population, including elderly residents in nursing homes. In a current project funded by United Way, he is assessing the health and safety needs of isolated Japanese American seniors and proposing ways to improve culturally appropriate services to help them successfully age in place.

Jennifer Lee B&SOC '06 After receiving the Corrine Galvin Humanitarian Award from the Tompkins County Human Rights Commission, the 2006 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Cornell University Student Activities Office, and placing as a Semi-Finalist in the 2006 Robinson-Appel Humanitarian Award, Jennifer Lee graduated from the Cornell College of Arts & Sciences in May 2006 with a Major in Biology & Society and Concentrations in Health & Society and Science & Technology.

Jennifer is now working at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center as a Research Study Assistant in the Integrative Medicine Service. Jennifer's work in this department has brought her to the forefront of clinical research aimed at bridging Eastern & Western medical philosophies and introducing a more holistic approach to mainstream medical care.

In her free time, Jennifer continues her volunteer work with Soldiers' Angels, an organization devoted to providing aid and support for U.S. military service members stationed overseas.

Annette Lin S&TS '06 is working on her joint JD and MPH degrees at UCLA. She is in her first year at the Law School and next year will be at the Public Health School. She's on the staff of the UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs, and has worked on a publication by Greg Venbrux, a law clerk for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, about state involvement in immigration law enforcement. Annette is also on the board of the UCLA Mobile Clinic, Legal Services, which is starting up a legal clinic in West Hollywood. They are currently in the process of gauging the legal needs of the transient and homeless population of the area through surveys, and obtaining faculty advisors, supervising attorneys, and funding -- hoping to finish this start-up process in the spring and begin to offer legal services by the summertime.

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Jill Shemin B&SOC '06 started working in International Development at the Foreign Agricultural Service in the division of International Cooperation & Development. In September she traveled to Egypt to aid in running a workshop to help Egypt develop a biosafety regulatory system for their biotech crops/agriculture. This trip was a great experience and she learned a great deal! Jill now has up to a year to reactivate her Peace Corps application (which she withdrew when offered this job), so it's likely that this may be the next change (sometime... within the next year.) She enjoys living and working in Washington, DC, too, and participating in the annual Cornell Club of Washington 'Old Rag' hike!

Uri Skowronski S&TS '00 is pursuing a M.Ed. in educational administration at Harvard, and will be returning to the Bay Area next year to be a high school vice principal or principal.

Jonathan Talbot S&TS '97 is working at the World Resources Institute in Washington D.C., as a writer and editor in the External Relations Department. He is responsible for designing and implementing influence strategies to put WRI's technical and policy analysis into action.

James Tulsky B&SOC '81 won the 2006 American Academy on Hospice and Palliative Medicine Award for Research Excellence.

Erica Tunick S&TS '04 is in her final year of law school at the University of Minnesota.

Upon graduation she plans to return to New York to take the Bar Exam. Once that's completed she plans to take a long vacation before starting as an associate at Dewey Ballantine LLP in New York City.

Giancarlo Zuliani, B&SOC '97 M.D. Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, Wayne State University. He is currently a senior otolaryngology resident at Wayne State University in Detroit MI and is applying for a facial plastic and reconstructive surgery fellowship.

Giancarlo has many publications on the role of biofilms in Otitis Media and Chronic Rhinosinusitis, and recently presented a paper which will be published shortly in JAMA's Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. The paper is entitled "Biofilm Surface Area in the Pediatric Nasopharynx: Chronic Rhinosinusitis versus Obstructive Sleep Apnea," and it was presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (during the Combined Otolaryngology Scientific Meetings or COSM) in Chicago IL on May 22nd. For his work, Giancarlo was awarded the Charles T. Ferguson First Place Award for Outstanding Clinical Research.



SPRING 2007 SSRG's

12:15PM — 374 Rockefeller Hall

- **"Stewie Griffin vs. the Stickmen: Writing the New Companion Golem"**
Presented by Trevor Pinch (S&TS), January 29, 2007
- **"Waging a Healthy War: Conceptualizing Medical Practice in the American Army Before the First World War"**
Presented by David Caruso (S&TS), February 05, 2007
- **"Death and Politics of Visibility"**
Presented by Rachel Prentice (S&TS), February 12, 2007
- **Roundtable Discussion : MIT/RPI/Cornell Graduate Conference**
February 19, 2007
- **"Fraud and Cold Fusion"**
Presented by Bruce Lewenstein (S&TS), March 05, 2007
- **"Drugs, Babies and the Liberal State: Defining Science Through the Courts in South Africa's AIDS Epidemic"**
Presented by Manjari Mahajan (S&TS), March 12, 2007
- **"The Open World"**
Presented by Shay David (S&TS), March 26, 2007
- **"Personal Nano: Studying the Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies"**
Presented by Ana Viseu (S&TS), April 02, 2007
- **Roundtable Discussion**
April 09, 2007
- **"Scientific Expertise and Bioterrorism Threat Assessments"**
Presented by Kathleen Vogel (S&TS), April 16, 2007
- **"George Herbert Mead: Early Sociologist of Science?"**
Presented by Antony Puddephatt (S&TS), April 23, 2007



All talks are on Mondays at 4:30 pm in 374 Rockefeller Hall

January 29

Richard Rottenburg

Dept. of Anthropology, Martin-Luther-University,
Max Planck Fellow, Institute of Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany
"Facts Brought from Afar: a Parable of Development Aid"
Co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology

February 12

Shigehisa Kuriyama

Harvard University
"On the Hidden Logic of Spare Parts: Rethinking Modern Biotechnology
Through the Lens of Edo Era Japan"
Co-sponsored by the Department of History

February 19

Thomas Luckmann

Professor Emeritus, University of Konstanz, Germany
Honorary Professor, University of Salzburg, Austria
"Remarks on the Description, Interpretation and the Analysis of Human Communication"
Co-sponsored by the Departments of Sociology and Developmental Sociology

March 12

Dorothy Pawluch

McMaster University
"The New Pediatrics Revisited"
Co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology

March 26

Michele Lamont

Harvard University
"Cream Rising: Finding Excellence in the Social Sciences and the Humanities"
Co-sponsored by the Departments of Sociology and Developmental Sociology

April 2

Joseph Dumit

University of California, Davis
"Living in the Aggregate: Accumulating Prognoses, Growing Markets,
Experimental Subjects"

April 16

David Mercer

University of Wollongong, Australia
"Science Fit for Court?"

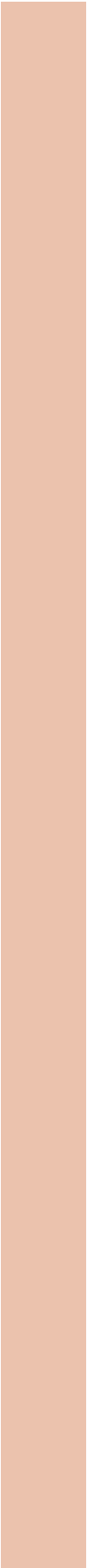
April 30

Stacey Langwick

Dept. of Anthropology, Cornell University
Forging Hybrid Bodies: Traditional Medicine in a Tanzanian Hospital

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