

## **Faculty International Activities and Grants 2004-2005**

### **ANTHROPOLOGY**

#### **Christine Avenarius**

Dr. Avenarius is currently involved in two international research projects. The first project studies the relationship between social networks, wealth accumulation, and dispute resolution strategies in rural China based on ongoing fieldwork and data analysis. The second project investigates the impact of social structures at the individual and community level on the likelihood of integration of immigrants from Taiwan in the United States based on analysis of previously collected data

#### **John Bort**

Dr. Bort is continuing his research on various topics among the Ngöbe (Guaymi) of western Panama, research on rural education in Costa Rica.

#### **Charles Ewen**

Dr. Ewen will present a paper, "X Marks the Spot: The Archaeology of Piracy," at The Society for Historical Archaeology meeting in York, England, January 2005.

#### **Jami Leibowitz**

1. Romania: Reproductive Choice: This research explored why Romanian women continue to use abortion as their primary means of reproductive control when more effective, less invasive means of contraception were readily available, known and affordable. The findings of this research indicate that the cultural legacy of communism combined with traditional peasant beliefs about gender and sexuality result in women being re-active rather than pro-active in attempts to control their reproduction.

2. Romania: Dracula Tourism: This research explored how Romanians involved in the tourism industry negotiate between the historical figure and popularized figure in how Dracula and Dracula sites are presented for tourist consumption. Dr. Leibowitz is building upon this research to next explore how the cultural legacy of communism creates barriers to tourism development on the local level.

3. Russia: Post-abortion Care: This case/control study funded by USAID in conjunction with EngenderHealth developed, implemented and evaluated two intervention models designed to decrease repeat abortions by providing better service, information, and for the second intervention model, free contraceptive supplies to women who attended a clinic or hospital for abortion services during the time-frame of the project. The results indicated that individuals who participated in either of the intervention models had significantly lowered rates of repeat abortions within two years of their previous abortion.

## **Megan Perry**

Megan Perry spent the summer of 2004 in Amman, Jordan, collecting data for her research on stable strontium isotopes and human migration in the Roman and Byzantine Near East. Her sample collection took her to a number of archaeological sites and research institutes in Jordan and Israel.

## **BIOLOGY**

### **Mark M. Brinson**

Since 2000, Dr. Brinson has collaborated with the Regional Ecology Laboratory at the University of Buenos Aires. This group studies the ecology of the lower delta of the Paran? River where it discharges to the La Plata estuary and is the terminus of one of the largest watersheds in the Western Hemisphere. The laboratory leader, Dr. A.I. Malvarez, spent a semester at ECU in 2000. This was followed by Brinson visiting in 2001 and spending a semester in Argentina as a Fulbright Scholar in 2002. The collaboration continues and has resulted in a national workshop on wetlands of Argentina supported by the University of Buenos Aires, the US Department of State, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Argentine Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development. Brinson's international and regional interests are listed at: <http://www.biology.ecu.edu/index.php?id=13> and <http://www.ecu.edu/artsci/cas/professorships/brinson.htm>

### **Robert Christian**

Dr. Christian serves as the chair of the expert panel for the development of the Coastal Module of The Global Terrestrial Observing System (C-GTOS). This is a program through the UN with the secretariat in the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). "The primary goal of the Coastal Module of the Global Terrestrial Observing System is to detect, assess and predict global and large-scale regional change associated with land-based, wetland and freshwater ecosystems along coasts." [http://www.fao.org/gtos/tems/mod\\_coa.jsp](http://www.fao.org/gtos/tems/mod_coa.jsp) Last summer Dr. Christian taught a short course on "ecological network analysis" at the Instituto de Investigaciones Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, Ensenada, Mexico. He has worked in Italy for over a decade on the ecology of coastal lagoons with colleagues from the University of Ferrara and University of Parma. Currently, they are developing models to compare nitrogen cycling in the Italian lagoons with that in a lagoonal system in Virginia.

### **David Knowles**

Mr. David Knowles has been involved with an ongoing tropical forest restoration project in southern Costa Rica since 1995. The project involves developing and applying reforestation techniques using native tree species and measuring and monitoring ecological change as abandoned pastures regenerate to forest. The research is conducted at a field station operated by Tropical Forestry Initiative, <http://core.ecu.edu/biol/knowlesd/knowlesTFI/TFI.html> a non-profit organization with the

mission to develop realistic restoration techniques, encourage forest restoration in the region and provide educational opportunities to visiting students, faculty and researchers.

## **ECONOMICS**

### **Okmyung Bin**

Dr. Bin is a member of KAEA (Korea-America Economic Association) whose members include Korean Faculty in the US. The organization hosts some seminars in Korea and the US. <http://econweb.tamu.edu/kaea/>

### **John Bishop**

Dr. Bishop edits a Dutch Research Volume series: *Research on Economic Inequality*, Elsevier, Netherlands. He is an Associate Editor of the Israeli *Journal of Economic Inequality, Database and Software Editor*. <http://www.wkap.nl/prod/j/>

### **Richard Ericson**

Dr. Ericson, chair of the Department of Economics, chairs the [EERC-Russia](#) (Economic Education and Research Consortium) International Advisory Board, and is a ?resource person? for their semi-annual research workshops. He is also on the Editorial Board of *Economic Systems*, a journal of the [European Association for Comparative Economic Studies](#). He has also been a visiting professor at the [New Economic School](#) in Moscow. In addition, Dr. Ericson is on the Editorial Board of a number of other journals that deal almost exclusively with international/ foreign economy/society issues, e.g., *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Comparative Economic Studies*, and *Journal of Comparative Economics*.

### **Jamie Kruse**

Dr. Kruse maintains collaborative research ties with Ozlem Ozdemir at Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey, and Renate Schubert at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland. She has been on the Board of Editors of the *Global Review of Business and Economic Research* since 2003. She has also refereed for a number to non-US journals this year, and is a member of the Economic Science Association, which is an international organization of experimental researchers. She edited the volume, *Economics and Wind*, B. T. Ewing and J.B. Kruse, eds., Nova Science Publishing, Inc., Hauppauge, New York, in press, which has contributions from Australia, India and other countries.

### **Philip Rothman**

Dr. Rothman is a board member, the secretary, of the international Society for Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics. <http://www-snde.rutgers.edu/SNDE/society/snde.html>. He is also a member of the *European Science Foundation*-sponsored Econometric Methods for the Modeling of Nonstationary Data, Policy Analysis, and Forecasting. <http://www.esf-emm.org/>

## **Nicholas Rupp**

Dr. Rupp has chaired sessions and been discussant for several years (including this year in Atlanta) at the International Industrial Organization Conference.

## **ENGLISH**

### **Michael Aceto**

Dr. Aceto is currently analyzing his fieldwork data from St. Eustatius and Dominica.

### **Julie Fay**

Ms. Fay is at the Université Paul Valéry in Montpellier, France, during the fall 2004 semester as a Fulbright scholar. She has been awarded a research leave for spring 2005 by the Department of English to continue work on the Fulbright project.

### **Ahmar Mahboob**

Dr. Mahboob's work has focused on the politics of non-native English language teachers in ESL programs. He has taught ESL/EFL in the United States and in Pakistan, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates

### **C. W. Sullivan III**

Dr. Sullivan's research in Australia was on diaries and other writings by convicts who were "transported" to Australia between 1788 and 1868. His most recent book was an edition on one such diary. In spring 2003, he was in Australia for three months on research leave, and he is now trying to pull that material together for publication. Some people in Western Australia, where the last convicts were sent, are promoting that history, and he has been working with people at Fremantle Prison, consulting with them about an exhibition they hope to mount in 2005 or 2006.

The Welsh Celtic materials that continue to hold his interest are the medieval materials known as *The Mabinogi* -- a mix of myth, legend, folktale, history, pseudo-history and the like. In 1989, he published a book, *Welsh Celtic Myth and Modern Fantasy*, that discussed how and why fantasy authors, primarily in the 1960s and 1970s, used the Welsh Celtic materials. He is making some advances on this topic at the MLA in December. In 1996, he published a major article on the Fourth Branch of *The Mabinogi* as a cultural document tracing the shift from a matrilineal to a patrilineal culture. That latter material still fascinates him, and there is still more to do there. In fact, he is speaking about this at the American Folklore Society's annual meeting in October.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

## Sylvie Debevec Henning

Dr. Sylvie Debevec Henning, former chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, directed a two-year (2002-2004) \$144,000 grant from the US Department of Education under its Undergraduate International Education and Foreign Language Program to establish a Russian Studies Program.

## GEOGRAPHY

### Holly Hapke

Dr. Hapke's research areas are political economy, rural development, environmental issues, feminist theory, research methods, and South Asia. In the past several years she had made the following presentations at international conferences:

- *Gendering the Impact of Globalization on Small-Scale Fisheries: Toward the Development of a Livelihoods Approach* People and the Sea II: Conflicts, Threats & Opportunities, Centre for Maritime Research, Amsterdam, September 4-6, 2003.
- *Gender, the Work-Life Course & Livelihood Strategies in a South Indian Fish Market*, International Geographical Union Regional Meeting, Durban, South Africa, Aug 4-7, 2002.
- *The Place of Woman in the Crab Processing Industry of Eastern North Carolina* (Co-authored with Emily Selby & Deborah Dixon; presented by Deborah Dixon). Exclusive Ruralities; Exclusionary Ruralities, Rural Economy & Society Study Group, University of Exeter, UK, September 12-14, 2000.

She has also received external funding for the following projects:

- PI, *Gender, Caste-Religion & Economic Livelihoods in the Fisheries Sector of South India*, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program, US Department of Education, 2004-05 (\$77,600 - funded)
- PI, *Gender, Caste-Religion & Economic Livelihoods in the Fisheries Sector of South India*, Fulbright Senior Research Award, Council for the International Exchange of Scholars/US Department of State, 2004-05 (funded but declined to accept Fulbright-Hayes)
- Co-PI, *Gender, Islam & Livelihood Strategies in an Indian Fishery*, Anne U. White Fund, Association of American Geographers, 2003 (\$1250 - funded) (with Devan Ayyankeri)
- Co-PI, *"Los Puentes" Dual Language Immersion and Multicultural Education and Research Program*, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, 2002 (\$65,000 - funded) (With Rebecca Torres, Jeff Popke)
- College Research Award, East Carolina University, 2002-03 ? Project Title: *Gender, Islam & Economic Livelihoods in the Fisheries Sector of Southern India*, as part of this College Research Award, Dr. Hapke spent three weeks conducting archival research at the British Library in London and the UN FAO in Rome.

## GEOLOGY

## Reide Corbett

Dr. Corbett is a member of the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans Commission on Groundwater-Seawater Interactions.

## Steve Culver

Dr. Culver has a research project that was funded by the Natural Environment Research Council in the UK on reconstruction of Jurassic environmental change in the the Kimmeridgian strata of the UK using benthic foraminiferal assemblages as paleoenvironmental indicators. The Kimmeridge Clay is an important petroleum source rock in the North Sea. One of his former post-doctoral students at the Natural History Museum, London, is working up the data. He is also currently working with coauthors from the University of Houston on a paper on the late Precambrian plate tectonic evolution of the West African craton. This work incorporates samples that he collected on a couple of National Geographic-funded expeditions that he led to Senegal, Mali, Sierra Leone and Liberia ten to fifteen years ago. Dr. Culver is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, a Chartered Geologist with the Geological Society of London and an Honorary Professor at University College, London.

## Catherine Rigsby

Dr. Rigsby has conducted tropical paleoclimate research in the central Andes region of Bolivia and Peru. The following is a list of her recent international projects:

- an NSF-funded project in the Bolivian Altiplano on *Quaternary paleoclimatology and fluvial and lacustrine sedimentology of the Rio Desaguadero Basin*. This recently completed (1995-2003) project was an effort to establish links between terrestrial climate change records (ice cores and lake sediment records), fluvial and lacustrine sedimentology, and human land-use (there is an ECU *Edge Magazine* article about this research). The work included both surface and subsurface investigations and was facilitated by an agreement with PELT (a bi-national, Bolivian/Peruvian, agency concerned with Lake Titicaca and its watershed). Her US collaborator was J. Platt Bradbury of the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver.
- a pilot project on the island of Grenada to study of the nature and cause of long-term climatic variations from the sediment record of island lakes ( [http://www.ecu.edu/geology/RIGSBY/Rigsby\\_Research\\_Pages/WIPP/Wipp.html](http://www.ecu.edu/geology/RIGSBY/Rigsby_Research_Pages/WIPP/Wipp.html) ). Collaborators on this project included, Sherilyn Fritz, a diatomist from the University of Nebraska, Paul Baker, a geochemist from Duke, and Svante Bjorck, a Quaternary geoscientist from the University of Lund.
- a currently NSF-funded multidisciplinary study of the Holocene fluvial and climate history as related to cultural history in the Cirum-Titicaca region (this is the same link as above, it leads to info about both projects). This project is also being done under the auspices of PELT. Her U.S. collaborators are Mark Aldenderfer, an archeologist from UC Santa Barbara and Paul Baker, a geochemist from Duke).
- 2 newly developing projects in the Lake Qinghai basin of northeastern Tibet:

- a lake drilling project at Lake Qinghai has recently been funded by the International Continental Drilling Program (ICDP). The coring will begin in May or 2005 with the aim of producing high-resolution paleoclimate and paleotectonic changes on the Tibetan Plateau. The lead PI in the coring project is Professor An Zhisheng of the Institute of Earth Environment and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IEE, CAS), Xi'an, China. The project will involve researchers and students from 9 countries. She is one of a team 4 U.S. scientists (others are Steve Coleman, from the Large Lakes Observatory at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and Steve Clemens and Yongsong Huang from Brown) who will take the lead in the on-site core description and interpretation (funding from NSF for this part of the study is pending).
  - a project to study the Quaternary geology and geomorphology in the Qinghai basin watershed (funding proposal to be submitted to NSF-Earth Sciences in January 2005). This project will be in collaboration with An Zhisheng (IEE, CAS) and Steve Porter (University of Washington) and will involve both Chinese and U.S. graduate students.
- She has participated in several international conferences in connection with these projects:
    - *Past Climate Variability in the Americas*: Merida, Venezuela, March 1998, sponsored by the Past Global Changes (PAGES) division of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF)
    - *Workshop on Scientific Drilling at Lake Qinghai*: Xining, China, October 2003, sponsored by the International Continental Drilling Program (ICDP), the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), and the National Science Foundation of China (NSFC).
    - *Environmental Processes of East Eurasia*: Xi'an, China, November 2004, sponsored by the National Science Foundation of China (NSFC), the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the Chinese Ministry of Science & Technology, Kanazawa University (Japan), Nagoya University (Japan), the Institute of Earth Environment (China), and the State Key Laboratory of Loess and Quaternary Geology (IEECAS).
    - *Holocene Environmental Catastrophes in South America: From the Lowlands to the Andes*: Laguna Mar Chiquita (Cordoba Province), Argentina, March 2005, sponsored by the Past Global Changes (PAGES) division of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), the International Union of Geological Sciences/International Council for Science (IUGS/ICSU), the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, and the International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS).

### **J. P. Walsh**

Dr. Walsh is currently conducting research in Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, and Puerto Rico.

- Evolution of the subaqueous delta clinoform seaward of the Fly River. The objective of this project is to interpret the record of fluvial sediments on the continental shelf seaward of a large river. A detailed web site on the project can be found at

www.scripps.ucsd.edu/png. This research is based upon observations made by my doctoral research. It is funded by the Margins Source to Sink program of the National Science Foundation and is being conducted in collaboration with Neal Driscoll (Scripps Institution of Oceanography), John Milliman (Virginia Institute of Marine Science), Rudy Slingerland (Penn State University), John Crockett (University of Washington), Chuck Nittrouer (UW), Andrea Ogston (UW) and many others.

- Sediment dynamics on the actively deforming Waipaoa continental margin. This project, also part of the Margins Source to Sink program, is designed to investigate the modern transport of terrestrial sediment to and within the continental slope seaward of the Waipaoa River, New Zealand. A research cruise for this project is scheduled for February 2005 aboard R/V Kilo Moana. This research is being conducted in collaboration with Clark Alexander (Skidaway), Alan Orpin (Canada Geological Survey), Lionel Carter (National Institute for Water and Atmosphere Research, New Zealand), Steve Kuehl (Virginia Institute of Marine Science) and Lincoln Pratson (Duke University).
- Terrestrial sediment flux onto coral reefs of southwestern Puerto Rico. This research is aimed at quantifying the flux of terrestrial (land-derived) sediment to the coral reef areas of La Parguera, Puerto Rico. The research is being conducted in collaboration with Amos Winter (University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez), Richard Appeldorn (UPRM), Francisco Pagan (UPRM) and others. It is part of the NOAA Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies - Caribbean program.

## **HISTORY**

### **Lawrence Babits**

In 2002, Dr. Babits gave a paper at Fields of Conflict II (battlefield archaeology conference) in Marienhamm, Finland. He also gave a paper at the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology at the University of Copenhagen. In 2003, he gave a paper at the International Symposium on Boat and Ship Archaeology in Roskilde, Denmark. During the 2002, 2003 trips, he conducted research at the Vasa museum in Stockholm (for his HIST 6805 class and for the shipbuilding and material culture classes), Skansen Outdoor Museum in Stockholm (for his HIST 5970 class) and the Danish National Archives, National Museum and Royal Library for information relating to his student projects in the Virgin Islands, ship construction and his own research on frontiers. During 2003, Dr. Babits conducted extensive research in the UK on British military units that fought in the south during 1780-1781, on coastal maritime sites and on English frontier fortifications. He also served as a discussant at the University of Southampton's Land and Sea conference. In September 2003, he participated in an archaeological examination of Stalag Luft III, the POW camp where the "Great Escape" took place. That research was shown on BBC and is being considered for the Grierson Award as the best documentary film for 2004. It will be shown on American TV, 7 November at 8 PM on Channel 4 (here in NC). In 2004, he gave a paper on the Archaeology of the Battle of Camden (1780) to the Institute of Field Archaeology Conference in Liverpool.

### **Peter Green**

Dr. Green, King Charles II Distinguished Visiting Professor of Classics and Ancient History, is a regular visiting professor of ancient history, and a longstanding member of the Board of Advisers, at College Year in Athens, Greece.

## **John Tucker**

Dr. Tucker, associate professor of history and director of the interdisciplinary Asian Studies Program, has had a translation-study, entitled *Ogy\_ Sorai's Bend\_ and Benmei* accepted for publication by the University of Hawaii Press. The volume will be published as part of the "Asian Interactions and Comparisons" series sponsored by the Association for Asian Studies and the UH Press.

Dr. Tucker has also published several articles in scholarly journals, including *Philosophy East & West*, the *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, and *Japan Studies Review*, and twenty-three entries in the *Routledge-Curzon Encyclopaedia of Confucianism*, edited by Xinzhong Yao.

Dr. Tucker served as a review panelist for the U. S. Department of Education, evaluating applications for Title VI National Resource Center/Foreign Language Area Studies fellowship grants (2002), applications for the Fulbright-Hays Faculty and Dissertation Abroad fellowship grants (2003, 2004), and applications for the Title VI International Research and Studies Program grants. He also served as chair of the Southern Japan Seminar from 2001-2004.

Dr. Tucker has presented scholarly research at three international conferences, one hosted by the Harvard Yenching Institute and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2003), one sponsored by the Center for Asian Studies at the University of South Carolina (2004), and another by the Program for Asian Studies at Emory University (2004).

He has also led two ECU Summer Study Abroad Programs to Kyoto, Japan (2003, 2004).

## **PHYSICS**

### **International Adjunct Appointments**

- **Adjunct Professor: Tomislav Petkovic, Ph.D**  
University of Zagreb  
Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing  
Unska 3, 10000 Zagreb, CROATIA
- **Adjunct Research Scientist: Cédric Dicko**  
Graduate Student, Zoology Department  
Oxford University  
(He spent two months during spring 2004 working with Dr. John Kenny on the molecular structure of spider silk, in collaboration with Dr. Jason Bond, ECU Department of Biology.)

## **Sonia Chinn**

Ms. Chinn, Program Assistant V and undergraduate student in the ECU Department of History spent 6 weeks in Russia during summer 2004.

### **Xin-Hua Hu**

The Biomedical Laser Laboratory of Prof. Xin-Hua Hu and Jun Qing Lu ( <http://bmlaser.physics.ecu.edu> ) has an ongoing research collaboration on modeling of light distribution in tissues and on photodynamic therapy with the research groups of Prof. Jianguo Tian at the Department of Physics, Nankai University and Prof. Naiqiang Cui at the Nankai Hospital. Both institutions are located in Tianjin, China..

### **Yong-qing Li**

Dr. Yong-qing Li, assistant professor, is collaborating with Professor Yu-zhu Wang, academican of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the Key Laboratory for Quantum Optics in Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics, on a project of quantum optics and atomic coherence spectroscopy in atomic vapors and biomolecules. The project is to study the nonclassical interaction of extremely weak photon fields with the coherently-driven multilevel atomic and molecular systems. Dr. Li is also collaborating with Professor Lei Yang of Guangxi Computer Center on a project of automated Raman microscopy/mapping of biological cells. Professor Yang is currently visiting ECU for 12 months as a visiting scientist for the collaborative research. Dr. Li is a guest (honor) professor of Guangxi Normal University (2004-2005), located in Guilin, China (<http://www.gxnu.edu.cn/>). Dr. Li attended International Quantum Electronic Conferences (IOEC) in 2000 and 2004, respectively. Dr. Li's research webpage is <http://personal.ecu.edu/liy/>.

### **John Sutherland**

Dr. Sutherland is a member of the International Advisory Committee for the 4GL project in the UK. The committee meets twice a year at the Daresbury Lab (new accelerator based light source -- name is acronym for Fourth Generation Light Source). He is also a member of the Facilities Access Panel, Daresbury Synchrotron Radiation Source in UK, which also meets twice a year at Daresbury Lab. Dr. Sutherland is collaborating with Prof. Bonnie Wallace of Birkbeck College at the University of London on a grant proposal for: 1] new synchrotron beamline and data analysis facility for circular dichroism, and 2] short course on circular dichroism.

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

### **David Conradt**

Dr. David Conradt appeared on *Deutsche Welle* television as an expert commentator for election coverage in 2000, and shortly thereafter addressed the German Parliament (Bundestag) in its new facility in Berlin. Dr. Conradt also received Germany's prestigious "Pour le Merit" award for excellence in the study of German politics.

### **Richard Kearney**

Dr. Richard Kearney traveled to Britain with the ECU Leadership Seminar in 2001, and to Mexico in 2003 as part of a SACS visit.

### **Richard Kilroy**

Dr. Kilroy is the faculty advisor to the Model UN <http://www.ecu.edu/polsci/mun/index.html> and chairs the Great Decisions Working Group [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/cpe/great\\_decisions.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/cpe/great_decisions.cfm).

### **Bonnie Mani**

In 2004, Bonnie Mani spent two weeks in Oxford, England, participating in a workshop on Women in Politics, and John Williams co-presented a paper on refugees at a Conflict Analysis Conference in Oxford.

### **Dan Masters**

Dr. Dan Masters taught INTL 1000 from Saratov (Russia) in 2004 via Global Classroom technology.

### **Leslie Omoruyi**

Dr. Leslie Omoruyi spent a year (2003-2004) in Nigeria through a Fulbright Grant.

### **Carmine Scavo**

Dr. Carmine Scavo presented two papers on non-linear dynamics at international conferences in Saratov (Russia) in Fall 2000 and 2001. He and Dr. Dan Masters also presented papers at an international conference in Ekaterinburg (Russia) in October 2003. Dr. Scavo has also done many student presentations at his own expense. Dr. Scavo and Dr. Masters traveled to Moscow and Saratov in March 2004 through a Russian Studies grant from the U.S. Department of Education directed by Dr. Sylvie Debevec Henning.

### **Carmine Scavo, et al.**

With Dr. Carmine Scavo as principal investigator for a three-year, \$250,000 State Department grant, members of the MPA and MAIS/Political Science faculty have been helping faculty of the Urals Academy for Public Administration in Ekaterinburg, Russia to develop a graduate program. This involved substantial travel by faculty from both institutions, and extensive collaboration in course development. Faculty included are Carmine Scavo, Richard Kearney, Leslie Omoruyi, Pat Mitchell, John Williams, and Dan Masters.

## **SOCIOLOGY**

### **Arunas Juska**

Projects:

Creating Global Markets: Agro-food Commodities, Science and Networks.

Dynamics of Marginalization in Post-Socialist Countries:

- The Rise of Community Development Movement as a Strategy of Resistance to Growing Marginalization of the Rural Populations in Post-Soviet Countries
- Using Experience of the Rural Community Movement to Develop Communal Social Work Strategies in Post-Soviet Countries
- Changing Typology of Organized Crime in a Post-Socialist Lithuania (the late 1980s - early 2000s)

### **Sitawa Kimuna**

Dr. Kimuna's international research focuses on sub-Saharan Africa. Her areas of interest include aging, the changing role of older people and sexual behavior and HIV/AIDS. Her areas of research in the US include intergenerational relations and mass media and the presentation of minority groups.