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Ghost Ranch 2003

Retreat Theme: "Memories"

The theme for Ghost Ranch 2003 will be "Memories." The Friday program will be student presentations and a social event (with a word about Martha Lang and the Saturday program). On Saturday members and guests are asked to come prepared to share stories from the field. Each person with a story about Martha will share those first. All the stories will be documented through mechanisms being set up and refined. A group picture will also be taken.

Fall Retreat Program: Ghost Ranch 2003

Friday, September 5, 2003

- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Ghost Ranch Check-in** – GR Office
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. **Dinner** – Dining Hall
7:00 p.m. **HPSfAA Reception** - Convocation Hall. Welcome and Introductions by Emilia Gonzalez-Clements
7:30 p.m. **Program:** NAU Post-Internship Presentations, Year V
9:00 p.m. **Announcements** about Saturday/Sunday Program. Evening Social

Saturday, September 6, 2003

- 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
8:15 - 9:15 a.m. **Board Meeting**
9:30 a.m. **Program:** Special Remembrance: Martha Lang. Reminiscences by former students and friends
"Stories from the Field" - Session I*
Practitioner/Student Stories about (Mis-) Adventures in the Field
12:00 - 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
12:30 - 5:30 p.m. **Free Time**
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. **Dinner**
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Program Continued:** "Stories from the Field" - Session II*
8:30 p.m. Party/Fundraising Event - Dave Clements/Morgan Folks Harrower

Sunday, September 7, 2003

- 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:15 - 9:15 a.m. Board Meeting Continued (if necessary)
9:15 a.m. Farewells
12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch

* "Stories from the Field"

Come prepared to tell at least one story about a (mis-) adventure from your field experiences. If this works as well as expected, we may compile the stories into a potential fundraising book to include "learnings" gleaned from the stories that could be useful to students and new practitioners as well as being a good laugh for us all.

Party Food and Drink - Please bring goodies to share!

Fundraiser - The Estes 2003 fundraiser was fun and successful. Bring one or more artifact(s) and/or book(s) to donate for a silent (and noisy) auction and learn more about the fundraising plans.



High Plains Applied Anthropologist

HPAA Online

The Spring 2003 issue (Vol. 23, No. 1) of the *High Plains Applied Anthropologist* is now available online thanks to Eliot Lee.

Of special interest is a link to “An Anthropological Perspective on Magistrate Jelderks’ Kennewick Man Decision,” by Darby Stapp and Peter Jones,

which can be accessed by non-members (Adobe Acrobat is required). Tell your friends!

Back Issues of HPAA To Go Online

The Editor’s office now has the ability to place back issues of the HPAA on the HPSfAA website. Look for more back issues to be available on line in the future.

Estes Park 2003

Retreat Theme: “Transitions: Realizations and Challenges”

The HPSfAA 22nd annual Spring Conference again took place at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Estes Park. The program, although guided by a theme, showcased the incredible diversity of interests among High Plains members. The discipline “walls” of anthropology, as readers of this newsletter are likely to know, hardly constrain anthropologists at all in terms of areas of inquiry, and applied anthropologists are perhaps the least constrained in that they draw on cultural and biological anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, and other disciplines in search of that elusive but attainable object, “whatever works.”

This year’s theme was initially proposed as a means of prompting personal reflection and mentoring, but from the day it was mooted a flurry of commentary on the listserv reminded us that the region, the country, and the world are in transition as well; conference planning took on the broad scope that any anthropological event seems destined to have.

On Friday night the keynote speaker was Dr. Payson Sheets from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He delivered a talk on his research into natural disasters in ancient Middle America and the differential coping abilities of various social systems that developed there. Following Dr. Sheets, the Gottfried and Martha Lang Student Award was presented to Abbas Barzegar, a student at the University of Colorado at Boulder, in

honor of his paper, “Islam in America’s Urban Ethnic Communities.” The paper will appear in an upcoming edition of the High Plains journal.

Saturday featured several thought-provoking sessions as well as the Society’s annual business meeting. A number of students from such institutions as Metro State College, CU-Boulder, Mesa State College, and the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, presented their work to an enthusiastic and helpful audience. On Saturday evening the Omer C. Stewart Memorial Award was presented to John van Willigen of the University of Kentucky, a master not only at applying anthropology but at teaching applied anthropology.

Sunday’s sessions dealt with present-day disaster research, a look back on U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, and museums in transition, and showed how varied topics might be while still adhering to a theme. Conference organizers Eliot Lee and Stacye Jones, with students Lorraine Poulson and Josh Hunt, are to be highly commended for putting together such a fine program. Lorraine has already volunteered to work on next year’s conference, so anyone willing to step help co-organize (hint) will benefit from her experience and good sense.

Input/Participation Requested

A number of issues were discussed during the Estes Park business meeting that impact the HPSfAA membership. Your opinions on the following matters would be appreciated and can be communicated through the HPSfAA Listserv and/or to Clare Boulanger:

- Membership/Journal interface
- Lack of volunteering for open positions
- Use policy for website/listserv
- Student access policy and process
- Website: open to general public?
- Organizational place for webmaster and web activities under Publications? Doesn't really fit.
- A new committee: Communications, which would include PR materials, displays, etc.
- By-laws revision
 - Announced the process at the Annual Meeting
 - BOD or majority of members at annual meeting can call for review
 - 2/3 vote of members eligible to vote, by mail, can change bylaws
- Walker Research Group proposal for business arrangement for the Journal and Newsletter
- New SfAA LPO Committee - needs HP rep
- Student Rep Report: Students at fall retreat issue
- Publications policy
 - Must be a member to publish
- Name change issue
- 2 year associate editor term
- Page costs issue (Journal)
- Executive committee issue (Do we need a decision-making small group for issues that arise between board meetings?)
- Financial issues
 - Operating budget: review, revise, adopt
 - Formalize Finance Committee and begin fund campaign
 - Set policy for Omer Stewart awardee expenses
 - Pay webmaster for enhancements work?
- Review/revise committees and write committee charters
 - Ideas: formalize awards committee, finance committee
 - Create display/promotional materials; assign task to an officer or committee to do this and to coordinate table at SfAA, AAA, annual meeting
- Assign task of updating roster and reporting changes to webmaster
- Begin by-laws revision process
- Should we change secretary to 2-year term? Other officers have 3 year terms.
- Article ix, p. 3 and 4: Check the meaning of "annual meeting", "annual business meeting" and "annual conference".
- Answers to the following questions:
 - If I joined in April, are my dues due again in January?
 - Whom do we miss by communicating by e-mail?
 - Isn't a February newsletter too late for the conference to announce a call for papers?
 - Should presenters at the annual conference have to be paid members? What about class presenters?

News of the HPSfAA

Executive Committee
Emilia González-Clements, President
Howard Stein, Past President
Clare Boulanger, President-Elect
Becky Mantonya, Secretary
Merun Nasser, Treasurer

*Publications Policy
Committee*
Ken Keller, Chair

*Nominations and
Elections Committee*
Colby Hatfield, Chair

Finance Committee
L. Davis Clements, Chair

Membership Committee
Clare Boulanger, Chair

Results of the 2003 HPSfAA Election

President: Clare Boulanger
Past-President: Emilia Gonzalez-Clements
President-Elect: Dave Stephenson
Secretary: Becky Mantonya
Treasurer: Merun Nasser
Members-at-Large: Carla Guerron-Montero, Ed Knop, Kurt Mantonya
Nominations and Elections: Art Campa, Ellen Campa, Carla Littlefield, Pam Puntenney
Student Rep: Nick Vanneman
Journal Editors: Deward Walker, Bus Lahren

Newsletter Editors: Deward Walker, Pamela Graves
Listserv: Reed Riner
Webmaster: Eliot Lee
Archivist: Carla Littlefield

Congratulations to those newly elected, and thanks for a job well done to those retiring!

Changes will take effect in 2004.

Opportunities of Interest to HPSfAA Members

Call for Nominations: 2005-2006 Malinowski Award

The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) invites nominations for the Malinowski Award, presented to an outstanding social scientist in recognition of his/her efforts to understand and serve the needs of the world's societies using the concepts and tools of social science. **Nominees should:** 1) be of senior status, widely recognized for their efforts to understand and serve the world's needs through social science; 2) be strongly identified with the social sciences within the academy or outside of it whose contributions have implications beyond the immediate, the narrowly administrative, or the political; 3) reside or work within or outside of the United States; and 4) be willing and able to receive the award and deliver an address at the Annual Meeting of the SfAA.

Nominations should include: 1) a detailed letter outlining the candidate's accomplishments; 2) a curriculum vitae; and 3) selected publications and supporting materials. Additional letters of support are encouraged. Self-nominations are accepted. The committee encourages nomination of women scholars and international figures. Nominations are valid for five years from the date of nomination. Only five candidates are currently under consideration; the committee would like to increase the number to 10.

This is an important award that provides every

member the SFAA an opportunity to honor those who have contributed to our field as exceptional teachers, applied social scientists, and theorists. Nominations must include original letters of nomination, letters of support, and reprints. The candidate's C.V. may be sent as an e-mail attachment. Do not send articles or chapters as attachments. Send nominations to: Ann McElroy, Chair, Malinowski Committee, Department of Anthropology, 380 Fillmore, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14261. Phone: (716) 645-2291; Fax: (716) 645-3808. E-mail: mcelroy@acsu.buffalo.edu.

National Humanities Center Fellowships

The National Humanities Center offers 40 residential fellowships for advanced study. Applicants must hold doctorate or have equivalent scholarly credentials, and a record of publication is expected. Both senior and younger scholars are eligible for fellowships, but the latter should be engaged in research other than the revision of a doctoral dissertation. Fellowships are for the academic year (September through May). Scholars from any nation and humanistically inclined individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life, as well as from all fields of the humanities, are eligible. Fellowships up to \$50,000 are individually determined, the amount depending upon the needs of the Fellow and the Center's ability to meet them. The Center provides travel expenses for Fellows and their dependents to and from North Carolina. Deadline for applications -

postmarked by October 15, 2003. You can access the application form and instructions at www.nhc.rtp.nc.us.

University of Oregon Ethnic Studies Program

U of O invites applications for one or more visiting assistant professor positions for the 2003-4 academic year in African American, Asian American, Chicano/Latino, Native American or comparative ethnic studies. This position may include both undergraduate and graduate teaching, and preference will be given to candidates who have completed the Ph.D. degree by September 2003.

The Ethnic Studies Program presently includes a community of scholars in departments of literature, history, law, philosophy, sociology, and women's and gender studies. We expect that the successful candidate will join other scholars in working both within specific fields and comparatively across disciplines and fields of concentration.

Research funds may be available for this position. Applications, including a cover letter, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and a writing sample, should be sent to: Director, Ethnic Studies Program, 201 McKenzie Hall, 5268, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 97403-5268.

The committee will begin reviewing applications on June 9, 2003 and will continue the process until the position is filled. The University of Oregon is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution committed to cultural diversity and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities 2004-2005, "Sleep & Dreams"

Five Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships are available for 2004-2005 from the Penn Humanities Forum of the University of Pennsylvania for untenured scholars who received or will receive their Ph.D. between December 1995 and December 2003. The fellowship is open to all scholars, national and international, who meet application criteria.

Fellows teach one freshman seminar each of two terms. \$37,000 stipend, plus health insurance.

Deadline: October 15, 2003

Full Guidelines and Application Online at:

<http://humanities.sas.upenn.edu/mellonf.htm>

Write or call Jennifer Conway, Associate Director, conwayj@sas.upenn.edu, 215-898-8220.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Scholarship Announcements

A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Open to American Indian/Alaskan Native full-time college students who are members of AISES and have cumulated grade point averages of 2.0 or greater. Students must be pursuing academic programs in the sciences, engineering, medicine, business, natural resources, math, and physical science. Awards of \$1,000 for undergraduates and \$2,000 for graduate students are available for one academic year.

Henry Rodriguez Reclamation Scholarship

Provides support for an undergraduate student who is enrolled in a Native American tribe and is seeking a Bachelor's degree in engineering or science, relating to water resources or an environmentally-related field. Eligible applicants must be a current member of AISES (or must apply for membership at the time of application for the scholarship).

See

<http://aises.org/highered/scholarships/> for more information.



Meetings of Interest

3rd Annual Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities Conference Aurora, CO, October 9-10, 2003

Technology, Neuroscience and the Future of Cognitive Disability

The conference will be held at the Gateway of the Rockies on the Fitzsimmons Campus, Aurora, Colorado. The goal of the conference is to present faculty work across the CU System in cognitive disabilities and to encourage faculty collaboration.

Keynote speakers include Raymond Kurzweil, recipient of the National Medal of Technology and the MIT Lemelson Prize; Robert Pasternack, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, US Department of Education; and Wil McCarthy, acclaimed science writer and Wired magazine columnist. Other distinguished guest speakers include: Ann Forts, recipient of the Kennedy Foundation International Self-Empowerment Award; Stephanie Lee, Director, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), US Dept. of Education; and Madeline Will, Chair of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. Additional presenters and moderators include President Elizabeth Hoffman, founding donors Bill and Claudia Coleman, UCHSC Vice Chancellor for Research John Sladek and Institute Executive Director David Braddock.

There will be three poster sessions on October 10 scheduled throughout the day. Posters may be set up on Thursday, October 9, after 3:00 pm, or Friday, October 10, at 8:00 am. The conference will close at 6:30 pm Friday, following the final poster session and reception.

CU researchers are invited to submit abstracts for poster sessions (1 page maximum length per abstract) describing their work and indicating how it relates to the theme of the Conference.

Abstracts (in Word or PDF format) are **due by** September 1 and should be emailed to:

Karen.Schneider@cu.edu Decisions will be e-mailed by September 10. **Online registration** is available at: www.cu.edu/ColemanInstitute/

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science Conference Albuquerque, NM, October 2003

SACNAS seeks speakers to share experiences regarding balancing work and home life at the 30th Anniversary SACNAS Conference. The panel for the session, entitled Balancing Home, Work, and Culture: Issues Confronting Minority Scientists, will focus on the difficult choices and struggles concerning such topics as balancing familial responsibilities and career goals, being a mother and scientist, isolation and intolerance in the educational system, and how cultural expectations impact success as a researcher. Please **send** a brief paragraph stating topics about which you would be available to speak to: kerri@sacnas.org.

Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Annual Meeting Dallas, TX, March 31 - April 4, 2004

Social Science and Advocacy

The sessions, panel discussions, open forums, workshops and posters of the 2004 meeting will focus on the theme of Social Science and Advocacy. The SfAA invites contributions in all areas of anthropological inquiry and social science, especially environmental conservation and sustainability, agriculture and development, migration and resettlement, health research and policy, education, urban planning and community development, technology and its social impact, ethnicity, gender, and class, business and work, society and the law, ethnic conflict and human rights, and cultural heritage and historic preservation. The meeting will provide opportunities to discuss the past, present and future role of social scientists as advocates and the implications of this role in research, teaching and application.

For **questions** about the program or to reach the program chair, please call (405) 843-5113, or email at sfaa2004@sfaa.net.

Society for Economic Anthropology 2004 Annual Meeting
Atlanta, GA, April 22-24, 2004

Fast Food - Slow Food: Social and Economic Contexts of Food and Food Systems

Fast food and slow food represent two visions of the future of food, two modes of analysis, and two ways to connect food to other social and economic phenomena. Fast food is efficient, technological, and homogenized; it is the product of an aggressively expanding global political economy. The slow food movement is about aesthetics, conviviality, domesticity, and local cultural knowledge. Both are equally modern.

Proposals for papers and poster presentations are sought which go beyond traditional anthropologies that focus on food in group identities and social integrations emphasizing the division between traditional and

modern foodways. We encourage crossing disciplinary boundaries, using innovative methods, and exploring connections between food and cultural economy. Possible topics for papers include (but are not limited to): food systems and the global division of labor; food circulation and exchange as gift and commodity; food, domesticity, gender, and household; the origins of complex food systems; and food market systems, localization, and sustainability.

Programs will have 20 minutes of presentation and 20 minutes of discussion in a single plenary session over two days. 20-30 abstracts will be selected for an afternoon poster session. Conference organizers will edit a conference volume for the SEA book series, published by Altamira Press. A food-oriented tour in Atlanta, an informal workshop on teaching and curriculum innovations, and opportunities for fine dining are included in the weekend.

Send abstracts of 400-600 words to Richard Wilk, Anthropology Dept., Indiana University, Bloomington IN 47405, or by email to: wilkr@indiana.edu.

Deadline is October 1, 2003.

Things You Want to Know

Forgotten Fires: Native Americans and the Transient Wilderness

Now available, *Forgotten Fires: Native Americans and the Transient Wilderness* is Omer C. Stewart's last book, published posthumously by the University of Oklahoma Press. Originally rejected 50 years ago by Knopf, the book finally finds an audience in the 21st century for its assertion of the importance of American Indians' use of fire in forming and maintaining the face of the North American landscape. With analysis and commentary by Henry T. Lewis and M. Kat Anderson, the book promises to launch a new school of environmental and ecological thought surrounding the importance of fire on the land. **Contact:** University of Oklahoma Press, 1005 Asp Avenue, Norman, OK 73019-6051, www.oupres.com, for more information.

Perversions of Justice: Indigenous Peoples and Angloamerican Law

Now available from City Lights Books, *Perversions of Justice: Indigenous Peoples and Angloamerican Law*, by Ward Churchill, James William Chichetto, and Sharon Helen Venne, explores how the U.S. has consistently and corruptly employed the law as a means of establishing colonial control and empire. Using the evolution of federal Indian law, Churchill shows how the trajectory of America's imperial logic can be followed all the way to the present New World Order.

Contact City Lights Books, 162 Columbus Ave., San Francisco, CA 94133, www.citylights.com, for more information.

Literary London Journal Now Online

The inaugural edition of the Journal is now online, and submissions for the second issue, to be published on September 14, 2003, are now invited. **Deadline for submissions** is August 1, 2003. The first issue can be seen at: www.literarylondon.org.

Published in March and September, *Literary London: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Representation of London* provides a forum for scholars and students engaged in the study of London and literature dedicated to fostering an intellectual community to facilitate interdisciplinary exchange. While the journal's focus will be on representations of London in literature, articles in cognate disciplines contributing to readings of London, such as history, drama, film, geography, art history, architecture, urban sociology, painting and engraving, are encouraged.

Submission guidelines and other information can be found at the website. All submissions and submission queries should be sent to: contact@literarylondon.org, or to: Submissions, Literary London Journal, English Department, Goldsmiths College, University of London, New Cross, SE14 6NW. Phone: +44 020 7919 7430, Fax: +44 020 7919 7453

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The USEPA's *Community, Culture, and the Environment: A Guide to Understanding a Sense of Place* is available for ordering. The Guide will help you define your community, identify stakeholders, enhance education and outreach, build partnerships and consensus, identify resources, plan and set goals, and integrate local realities with ecological issues. The Guide is designed for people involved in community-based initiatives, including those affiliated with community and watershed-based organizations, universities, and federal, state, tribal, and local agencies. Learn more at: www.epa.gov/ecocommunity/tools/community.pdf.

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Annemarie Schimmel, Influential Scholar of Islam, Is Dead

From an Article by Stephen Kinzer

Annemarie Schimmel, who became fascinated with the Muslim world after hearing Arabian tales as a child and went on to become one of the 20th century's most influential scholars of Islam, died last Sunday in Bonn. She was 80.

Ms. Schimmel spoke Arabic, Farsi, Turkish, Urdu and Punjabi. She wrote more than 50 books, including one about the role of cats in Islamic literature and another, *The Mystery of Numbers*, (Oxford University Press 1993), that compared numerical symbolism in various cultures, as well as hundreds of articles published around the world. In some Muslim countries she was a celebrity and was greatly honored. Her eagerness to delve into Islamic cultures led to friendships with repressive rulers that sometimes propelled her into public controversies. Some intellectuals attacked her for painting too gentle a picture of Islam and for failing to denounce evils committed in its name. Friends admitted that Ms. Schimmel often seemed naïve about politics. "That is not my world," she once said. "I'm interested in culture, religion, the daily life of Islam, the foundation, not the politics of the day."

After earning her second doctorate, in comparative religion, Ms. Schimmel began teaching Persian and Arabic poetry at the University of Marburg, Germany. For several years she taught theology at the University of Ankara, Turkey, the first woman and the first non-Muslim to do so. In 1967 she inaugurated the Indo-Muslim studies program at Harvard, remaining on the faculty for the next 25 years. She returned to Bonn in 1992.

In 1995 Ms. Schimmel was awarded the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, an award also given to Albert Schweitzer, Martin Buber and Vaclav Havel. The citation praised her lifelong search for "a synthesis

of Islam and the modern.”

“Corporeal death is necessary,” she said once in a lecture about Sufism. “How else do you get in close touch with the Divine Beloved?”

Yellow Bird Indian Dancers in Poland and Switzerland

The Yellow Bird Indian Dancers, who present a repertoire of authentic Apache, Southwest, and Northern Plains dances and Native craft demonstrations have been invited to perform and

conduct craft demonstrations at Biskupin, Poland, September 19-28, 2003 and in 2004 at the Indian Museum in Zurich, Switzerland.

The 2003 festival in Biskupin will be devoted to the native people of North America. Biskupin is one of the largest archaeological reservations in Europe, covering 23 hectares in the western part of Poland.

The Indian Museum in Zurich is one of only two museums in Europe dedicated exclusively to American Indians – the other one is the Karl May Museum in Germany.

News of Members

Gordon Bronitsky has been named a Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology! Gordon also delivered a paper on Indigenous Peoples and World Markets: International Cultural Marketing at the SfAA Annual Meeting in Portland. He was also invited to speak in Perth, Australia, at the Western Australia Indigenous Arts Showcase in February and in Singapore, at the Asian Arts Mart in June, and has been invited as an honored guest to the Encuentro Yoreme in the Mexican State of Sinaloa. The Encuentro Yoreme is a unique festival spotlighting the Yoreme (Mayo) Indians of Sinaloa and all the Indian peoples of Northwest Mexico. Congratulations, Gordon!

Robert Guang Tian will serve as a member of the editorial board for the *High Plains Applied Anthropologist*. He has served on the board of the

Journal of American Business for two years and will be an invaluable help with the HPA. We look forward to his ideas and suggestions!

Dave Clements and Emilia Gonzáles-Clements Move to Portland. As of June they are off to Portland. They will be back and forth from Lincoln and Portland all summer, with trips to Peru and Mexico (and Dave is going to Australia in July). Happy moving and traveling!

Emilia Gonzáles-Clements has also successfully defended her dissertation! Congratulations, Emilia!

Ernest Atencio has recently been appointed Executive Director of the Taos Land Trust. He will continue to do some freelance writing and consulting. Congratulations, Ernie!

From the Indigenous People’s Council on Biocolonialism

Report on “Women Resist Globalization” January 5, 2003

The sectoral conference Women Resist Globalization gave evidence of how the withdrawal of the state from economic and social governance as part of the structural adjustment programs had thrown marginalized groups to the market where

they faced discriminatory access and exclusion.

In her opening address, Gigi Francisco (DAWN, Philippines), stated that radical democracy and activism from below were the key strategies to creating a better world than the present, where neoliberal globalization and militarization posed the greatest threat to women and men.

Would You Like Frankenfries With That? From a Press Release from Greenpeace

A UK study of human volunteers fed hamburger with genetically modified soya and a milkshake found genetically modified genes in human stomach bacteria. More surprising is the fact that this is the first human trial on the effects of GM foods on the human body; at least it is the first for which the results have been published.

Genetically modified organisms have been present in our foods for years now, and this is the first time that the effects have been studied on real live human beings since the foods were widely introduced. Biotechnology companies have been telling consumers “it’s safe; it’s good for you,” assuming that the genetically engineered genes would be digested and disappear, and denying that humans could get genetically modified DNA into their stomach bacteria. The study went further to see if this genetically modified DNA could be transferred via bacteria in the large intestine. In laboratory-simulated gastrointestinal tracts, three of the seven samples revealed that the bacteria had taken on the herbicide-resistant gene.

These results came after only one GM meal. There have been no studies of the long-term effects of introducing GM food into people’s diets. This research raises some serious health concerns. For years environmental and consumer groups have questioned the safety of biotech companies using antibiotic-resistant marker genes to identify GM cells during development. This new research suggests that even at very low levels, eating GM food containing antibiotic-resistant marker genes could encourage gut bacteria or oral bacteria to develop antibiotic resistance.

DNA Pioneer Urges Gene Free-for-All From an Article by Tim Radford

Governments, popes, and presidents should not control the use of genetic knowledge, the man who began the DNA revolution said yesterday. James Watson, who with Francis Crick in Cambridge 50 years ago this month deciphered the double helix of DNA, said he would let people choose the

characteristics of their children if it could be done safely.

“We are the products of our genes. No one else is going to take care of us or give us rules for how to behave except ourselves,” he told an international conference in Lyon, France. “I am against society imposing rules on individuals for how they want to use genetic knowledge. Just let people decide what they want to do.”

Professor Watson, 75, still active in science and still characteristically provocative, argued for parental choice. They should decide whether or not to give birth to a child with Down’s syndrome – or, in future, one with enhanced genes, he said. “I’m for using genetics at the level of the individual. Nothing like what happened in Germany [under the Nazis], or when we sterilized people because they had mental diseases. It is best to let people try and do what they think is best. I wouldn’t want someone else to tell me what to do, as long as you are not hurting someone else.”

Watson also thought that environmentalists were wrong about genetically modified food: “They should be worried about that Chinese virus. That’s a real thing.”

The Indigenous Peoples’ Council on Biocolonialism can be contacted at: 48 Railroad Avenue, PO Box 818, Wadsworth, NV, 89442, Phone: 001 (775) 835-6932, Fax: 001 (775) 835-6934, www.ipcb.org.



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Membership Form

New Member _____ Date _____

Name (First, Last) _____

Company/Institutional Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: Office _____ Home _____

E-mail: Office _____ Home _____

Fax: Office _____ Home _____

Professional Interests: _____

Do you want your information posted in our online membership directory? Yes _____ No _____

Please check one of the following membership categories:

Student \$25 _____ Couples/Dual \$50 _____

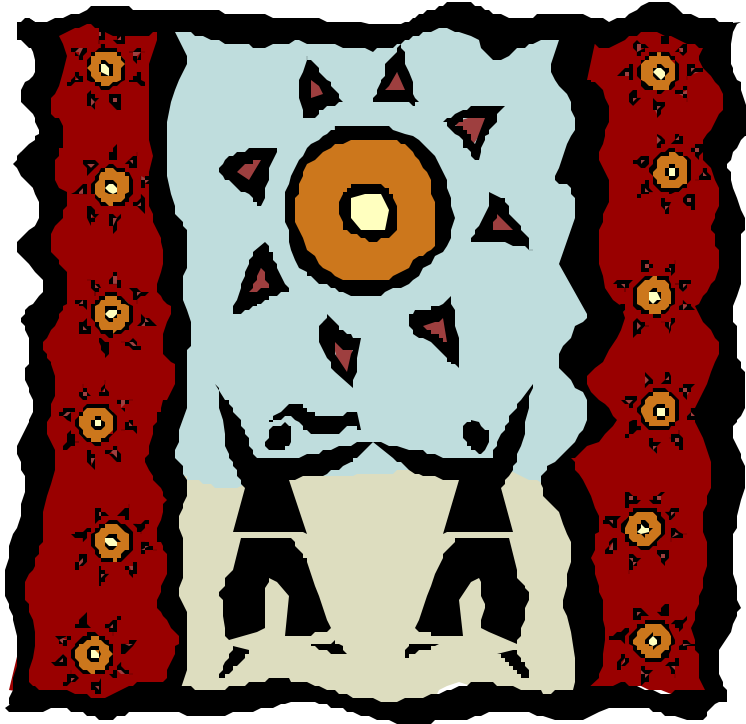
Regular/Individual \$40 _____ Institution/Department \$75 _____

(Name of other person, if couple/dual membership) _____

Please send this form and check to:

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