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



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**EVGENIA FOTIOU** (PhD Candidate, University of Wisconsin - Madison) **Positions Held:** Teaching Assistant in Gender and Women's Studies (2007-Pres) UW - Madison...

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### Evgenia Fotiou



**EVGENIA FOTIOU** (PhD Candidate, University of Wisconsin - Madison) **Positions Held:** Teaching Assistant in Gender and Women's Studies (2007-Pres) UW - Madison; Teaching Assistant in Anthropology (2001-2002) UW - Madison; **Interests and/or Activities:** Religion, shamanism, consciousness; **Significant Publications:** 2008, Shamanic tourism and the commercialization of Ayahuasca, *Peripheria* 11: 12-15.

I have been a member of SAC since 2000. In SAC I found a group of people that engage in rigorous and innovative research and the SAC spring meeting has been a source of inspiration and intellectual stimulation for me in the past few years. As a member of the selection committee for this year's meeting, I have gained valuable insight in how we can make SAC an even more vibrant organization. I have invited several scholars in my field to present at the meeting and have used online communities like Facebook to connect them and promote SAC. So far it is clear that there is great interest in the kind of research that SAC members are engaged in. One of my goals is to promote SAC and attract more members especially among young scholars. I hope to bring in fresh perspectives and help our community grow even more.

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### Bethe Hagens



**BETHE HAGENS** (PhD, University of Chicago, 1972)  
**Positions Held:** Faculty, School of Public Policy and Administration, Walden University (Doonesbury), 2005 - present; Faculty, Individualized Bachelor of Arts, Goddard College, 2006 - present; Professor, Union Institute and University Ph.D. Program, 1987 - 2005; Professor of Anthropology, Governors State University, 1972 - 1992. **Interests and/or**

**Activities:** Artifacts and tools of consciousness (bullroarers, musical instruments); indigenization; identity; **Significant Publications:** "Review of Harry G. West, *Ethnographic Sorcery*." *World History Connected*, 5:2 February, 2008. "Plato's Cosmic Container - An Ancient, Universal Thinking Model?" *Parabola: Thinking* 31(3) 30-34, 2006. "Blood

*Lightning and the Planetary Grid,*" in *Abstracts and Proceedings: Consciousness Reframed - 8th International Research Conference*, Roy Ascott et al., eds. Plymouth, England: University of Plymouth, 2006.

I have enjoyed serving on the Executive Board for the past two years and am running again because I love the people in the group. I'd like to continue to bridge between qualitative and quantitative research and application interests, based upon my work in sustainability and indigenization policy. I would also like to work with the board to create strategies to attract non-anthropologist craftspeople, musicians, and body workers into our meetings and publication. I am currently serving as an "Associate Editor" to *Anthropology of Consciousness*.

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**AMANDA DAWN CONCHA HOLMES** (PhD Candidate, University of Florida 2009; MA, University of Florida 2003). **Positions Held:** Head Teaching Assistant, Ant 2301 Human Sexuality and Culture (2008- 2009) and Teaching Assistant, Ant 2301 Human Sexuality and Culture (2007- 2009), University of Florida; Teaching Associate ANT 4401 Environment and Cultural Behavior (2007 - 2009), University of Florida; Travel Interpreter and Assistant Guide in Paris, France (1998-2008), Travel Studies Abroad; Research Consultant and Ethnographer (2002- 2006), University of Florida; Yoga and Transformational Movement Teacher (2002-2004), Silver Lotus Yoga Studio. **Interests and/or Activities:** Co-founder of Cypress Roots: Social Entrepreneurship Alternatives; co-writer of grant funded by Metanexus in which one year is dedicated to "Consciousness, Mysticism and Meditative Practice"; Director of FlaVA (Florida Visual Anthropologists); **Significant Publications:** Holmes, Amanda D. 2008. "Voices on Being Cuban and the

Future in Cuba" *Transforming Anthropology* 16(1):70-71; Holmes, Amanda, Chris Hoss and Juan Concha. *Apalachicola and Tropical Storms Beryl and Alberto in Florida*. Gainesville: The ENSO Project, World Bank; Holmes, Amanda. *Osain in Translation: Ways of Knowing Nature in the Yorùbá Diaspora* (14 minutes, 2005). I began my Master's in Tropical Conservation and Development in Latin American Studies at the University of Florida to increase my understanding of indigenous voices of the landscape, specifically those whose concern for earth is for her sentience and spirituality. As I continued my studies, I broadened my interests to include African diaspora perspectives. Although often in marginalized positions of dominant society, these Latin American and Caribbean residents hold rich knowledge of ecological relationships that should not be overlooked. My doctoral work with Yoruba practitioners in Cuba is situated at this nexus of cosmology and conservation; it examines how practitioners conceptualize the landscape as subjective beings with whom practitioners must communicate using appropriate chants, dances, divinations and invocations to be allowed to access the vital powers of the plants. These ways of understanding nature, which integrate biophysical, human and metaphysical components into an intersubjective cosmos and conversation influence followers of the religion by guiding more respectful environmental practices, according to the practitioners. In order to more appropriately represent these ways of knowing nature, I use video since video offers a critical medium and a compelling means to access and evoke experiential systems of knowing the environment. Pedagogy, both in the classroom and in conferences should integrate alternative ways of knowing specifically experiential learning.

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Human consciousness was once a subject thought impenetrable by the social sciences. In the last century this black box has been opened, and now scholars across multiple disciplines work together to further our understanding of this deep aspect of humanity. I hope to encourage the development of such interdisciplinary approaches, bringing cognitive anthropology, neuroscience, medicine, religious studies, psychology, and phenomenology together. Anthropology is uniquely suited to contribute through the study of both consciousnesses across cultures and the many different forms of consciousness within cultures. In my own work I have examined the altered consciousness of electronic dance music subculture, a context that has proven to be a ripe ground for the origination of new types of spirituality characteristic of Generation X. Through this I have learned the importance of experiential learning and how such experiences can permanently reshape consciousness. I have learned that consciousness comes in many forms and is irreducible to any simple definition. Currently I am examining divine consciousness among ascetic religious healers in Japan; and how their practices empower them to heal the local community. While these two studies differ dramatically, they both offer insights into human potential. The Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness has, and continues to be, a receptive outlet for this knowledge. As Benjamin Lee Whorf argued over a half century ago, the future of humanity lies in part with enhancing our knowledge of consciousness, and I am honored to be a part of an organization that devotes itself to such cause.

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**BETH SAVAGE** (PhD Candidate, SUNY Buffalo, anticipated defense 2010)

**Positions Held:** Adjunct Lecturer in Anthropology (2002-present) Buffalo State College; Anthropology Department Web Master (2002, 2003-2006) SUNY Buffalo; Adjunct Assistant Professor in Religious Studies (2002) Canisius College; Adjunct COPACE Instructor (1996-2000) Clark University; **Interests and/or**

**Activities:** New Religious Movements, invited session on *Writing Shamanism Today in Theory and Practice* at the AAA Annual Meeting, 2007, invited session on *Shamanism and the Modern World Part 2: Atavism or Re-Emergence?* at the Society for the Anthropology of Religion Biannual Meeting, 2007.

Consciousness is such a fascinating topic, in part, because it reaches across time and space (and perhaps more importantly, technological level) to bring together individuals who share common experiences within the brain that are interpreted differently through particular cultural frameworks. Questions of authentication, authority, and hybridity stand at the center of issues surrounding consciousness. My current research focuses on modern neo-paganism as a form of postmodern spirituality based on the intersection of idealized cultures. As part of this research, I am interested in the complex, sometimes strained, relationships between modern trance workers and "traditional" practitioners.

As a newcomer to AAA service, I am also interested in learning and practicing the skills necessary to become an effective member of the anthropological community. I would like to begin that service with the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness.

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