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Notes and Queries in Anthropology

Savage Minds Around the Web

December 1, 2008 **jay sosa**

Bloodlines: Inside Higher Ed published an article on the recently revived **lawsuit by the Havasupai tribe against researchers at Arizona State University**. The suit alleges that researchers (other than the original investigator who collected the blood) have used blood samples for purposes other than outlined in the IRB protocols. Said one commenter:

"This is a really interesting case because it opens up some questions of the reasonableness of practices that have been flying under the bioethical radar," said Jonathan Marks, a professor of anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and an expert on informed consent and bioethics. Marks said that while he did not know the specifics of what happened in Arizona, he sees a widespread problem of anthropologists collecting blood for one purpose (with informed consent) and then having other scholars use the blood (without consent). Ethics issues abound, he said, because some of the subsequent research is potentially lucrative and because of the realities that these interactions do not take place on a two-way street.

Building/Burning Bridges: Hanna Fearn wrote for the UK Times Higher Ed Supplement on the divisions between evolutionary and sociocultural anthropology. Sometimes, one is left wondering whether **The Great Divide**

Fearn speaks of is between evolutionary vs. social anthro or between U.S. and British models, as a lot of the British scholars interviewed suggested that the rising tide of evolutionary anthropology is coming from the States. Hmm, if that's the case, the Chagnon reference might not be the most convincing. (Thanks to Crystal at [Travel Scrabble](#) for linking to this).

Addendum: [Click here](#) for a response to Fearn's article by Michael Stewart on [Cognition and Culture](#).

Archeology of Homelessness: [Phys.Org reported on the research](#) of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI for the midwesternly challenged) anthropology professor Larry J. Zimmerman and IUPUI student Jessica Welch. The archaeological survey was designed to look at homeless life outside of shelters, where most ethnographies of the homeless take place. Welch, herself formerly homeless, and Zimmerman will be publishing results in *Historical Archeology* early next year.

Saying Goodbye to 'the Stranger': NY Magazine published a fairly lengthy article [challenging the isolated individual trope that seems to linger on in urban and online studies](#) (even Louis's Wirth's 1938 classic essay "Urbanism as a Way of Life" makes an appearance.) If you can ignore the self-loving parts where the author reminds us how quintessentially urban and wonderful New York is, it's a pretty good article. (Thanks to [Arts and Letters Daily](#) for posting this).

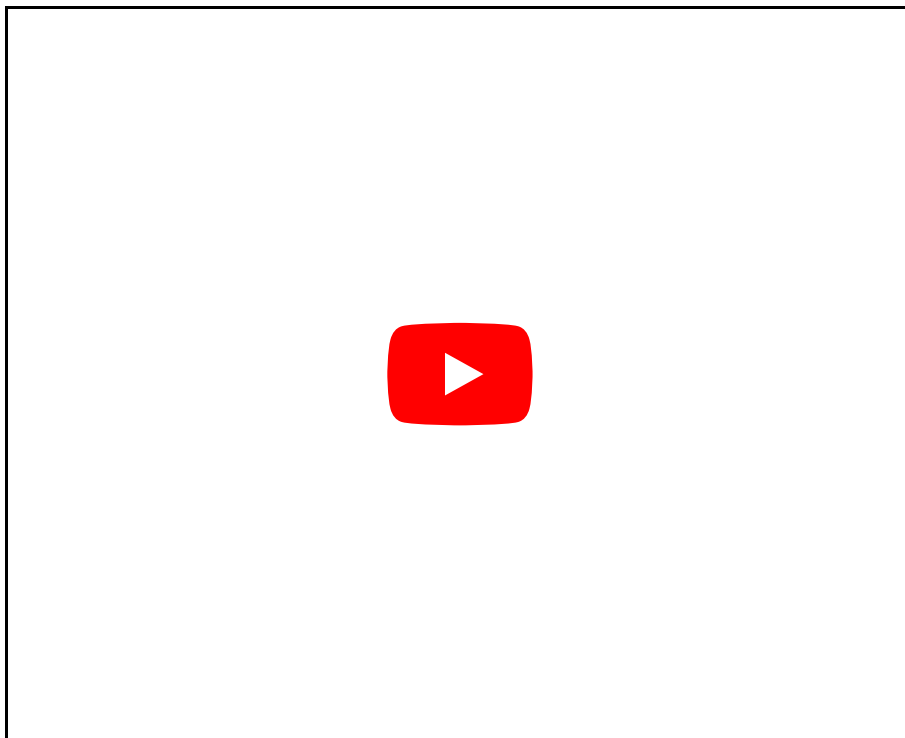
It's Electrifying! Lorenz at [antropologi.info](#) has a [great interview with Tanja Winther](#) about her new book, *The Impact of Electricity: Development, Desires and Dilemmas*.

Ladies and Gents, the punchline: What would a news roundup be without some fun stuff? The first one comes from [deathpower](#).

Cleverest Hegel joke this week: Most Hegel scholars agree there are 3

kinds of people: those who don't really understand Hegel, and those who never liked arithmetic anyway.

The second is filed under 'weird toys' on **Visual Anthropology of Japan**. Enjoy!



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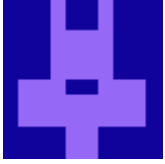
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Check this article:

On June 6, 2008, Ainu people across Japan achieved a long-sought goal: they were unanimously granted recognition as an indigenous people by both houses of the Diet with passage of the “Resolution calling for the Recognition of the Ainu People as an Indigenous People of Japan.” <http://tinyurl.com/59k38q>

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Re: mass uprisings of tribal people in West Bengal–2 links:

<http://intercontinentalcry.org/mass-tribal-uprising-in-west-bengal/>

<http://sanhati.com/>

Now one fears that, because of the attacks in Mumbai, the government will take it as permission to slaughter more tribals and any marginal peoples who oppose the state anywhere in India, without concern for the differences between the need for justice vs. sheer criminal terrorism.

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