Lewis N. Cotlow
Anthropology Student Research Conference

October 18, 2013
2:00–5:00 p.m.
Reception following

1957 E Street, NW
Room B-12
The George Washington University

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Welcome and Opening Remarks:  Kristina Short
M.A. Anthropology (Museum Training), 2011
Cotlow Award recipient 2011

Part I
Chair: Rebecca Biermann
MA Candidate in Anthropology and 2012 Cotlow Recipient

Farming Oysters in a Sea of Red Tape: Oyster Aquaculture in Southern Maryland
Andrew Bove
M.A. candidate in Anthropology with a concentration in Folklife

Oyster farmers preparing to move oysters from their hatchery site to their lease
Skeletal Pathology in Virunga Mountain Gorillas
Meredith Killough
M.A. candidate in Anthropology

Full skeleton of ‘Ngwino’, a female juvenile gorilla

An Ethnographic Study of Food and Food Insecurity among Mental Health Service Users in Washington, D.C.
Elizabeth LoGalbo
B.A. candidate in Anthropology

Food insecurity among mental health service users
Negotiating LGBT Rights and Development in Indonesia
Jamison Liang
M.A. candidate in Anthropology with a concentration in International Development

Dancing Identity: Hungarian Folkdance in Three Festival Settings
Andrea Sandor
M.A. candidate in Anthropology

Hungarian folk dancers perform
The Construction of Puerto Rican National Identity and Its Relation to Statehood Issues
Catherine Betancourt
B.A. candidate in International Affairs and Anthropology

A coastline view of the Old San Juan Historic District in Puerto Rico

End of Part I

Intermission

Part II

Accountable Talk: “Real Conversations” in Baltimore City
Chloe Ahmann

Autumn internalizes the discourse of accountability
REDD: Definition of an Object and Dissonant Discourses
Raquel Machaqueiro
Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology

The aftermath of logging operations in Brazil

Remembering Those Who Came Before Us: Tourism on the Oregon Trail
Rachel Bell
B.A. candidate in Archaeology

A rock face chronicles years of travelers’ graffiti
Minglish: The Language of Urban Maharashtra
Jessica Chandras
Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology

Signs in English may be written in both Roman and Devanagari script

Hegemonic Femininity and the Embodied Culture of Alcohol in Tacna, Peru
Clare Kelley
The Cotlow Fund

Since 1990, the Lewis N. Cotlow Field Research Fund has supported over 200 anthropological research projects by George Washington University students in some 55 countries. It was created by a $150,000 bequest from the estate of Lewis Cotlow (1898-1987), an explorer, author, and filmmaker who attended GW.

Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students at GW are eligible to apply for an award. Any research topic relevant to anthropology’s four fields is appropriate. Students normally do their field work in the summer and make a presentation at the fall conference.

For a list of Cotlow projects funded to date, sample proposals, and application information, visit the Anthropology Department website (http://departments.columbian.gwu.edu/anthropology/cotlow).

Applications for funding for 2014 are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 7; they are submitted electronically to cotlowapplication@gmail.com. Students are strongly urged to consult with one or more Anthropology faculty members in preparing their proposal and to attend one of the workshops on writing proposals that are offered every year.

Thanks

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