

Media Monitor

An Act of Desperation

Steven Koester's (U Colorado Health Sciences Ctr-Denver) anthropological insights gained during fieldwork among heroin users not only have been heard in the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, they have been cited by a National Research Council's expert panel in a recommendation that clean syringes be made available to heroin addicts. Koester's research is cited in a *New York Times* report, "Researcher Kills Myth of Shared Syringes," by Daniel Goleman (September 20, 1995, p C19). Contrary to the public health assumption that shared needles function as a social bonding mechanism among heroin users, Koester found that because drug paraphernalia are illegal, sharing actually represents an act of desperation. "If new needles were available," Koester is quoted as saying, "they'd use them."

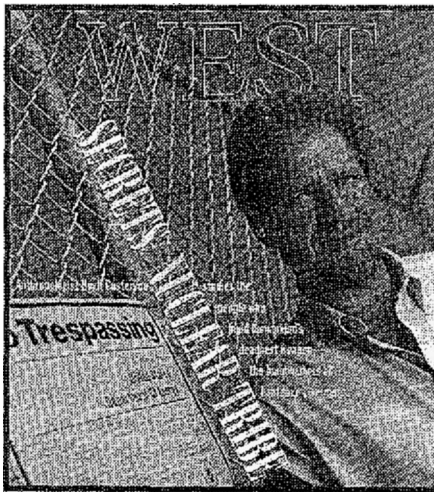
We Are What We've Eaten

After following howler and spider monkeys forage throughout Panamanian forests for the past 20 years, Katherine Milton (California-Berkeley) has concluded that the behaviors and physiology that define us as human are the consequences of "dietary-driven evolution." Milton's research, covered in "Gut Thinking," by Peter Radetsky (*Discover*, May 1995, p 76), documented the relationship between diet, gastrointestinal tract, social behavior and brain size. Leaf-eating howlers that mature after 12-14 months search over 75 acres for perhaps 25 species of plants daily, whereas the more active fruit-eating spider monkeys keep their babies close to home for up to 4 years and roam over territory 10 times the size of the howlers in search of at least 100 species of fruit. Noting the inverse correlation between gut length (related to digestibility of the food) and brain size (related to social interaction, variety of vocalizations and accessibility of food), Milton hypothesizes that large human brains may have been initially the result of a high-quality diet. "I view

dietary conditions as the key pressure leading to the emergence of humans," she notes. "The way we behave had better translate ultimately into groceries—or we're not going to be around to behave that way much longer."

Secret Society in Berkeley

His subjects dwelt in an alien, forbidden land, working behind barbed wire, seldom sharing their thoughts with one another or their families. Once heralded as peacekeepers, nuclear weapons designers were dealing with change and an uncertain future by the time Hugh Gusterson (MIT) began his research at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Berkeley, CA. Gusterson's work was profiled in a cover story by the *San Jose Mercury News West* magazine, "Secrets of the Nuclear Tribe," by Dan Stober (August 6, 1995). Asked about their views on the morality of making bombs, Gusterson noted that these scientists are "consequentialists." Trained on logic to disdain emotional arguments, they justify their own input as a form of deterrence—"the more horrible the weapon, the greater the chance of peace and the more enlightened the work." In the wake of rapid cultural change throughout the nuclear weapons design community, Gusterson also observed that Livermore scientists have found that the only people who really understand them today are their former "enemies"—Russian hydrogen bomb designers.



Communicating with AAA Headquarters

Hours of Operation: M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm Eastern time; closed on all federal holidays.

Telephone: 703/528-1902.

After reaching the main number, the voice mail will ask you to press ONE (1) if you are calling from a touch-tone telephone or to stay on the line if you are calling from a rotary telephone.

If you press ONE (1) and know the department or individual extension, you may enter the number any time after the message starts. You do not have to wait for the end of the recorded message. Extensions for departments and key staff persons are listed below:

AAA DEPARTMENTS & STAFF	DEPT CODE	STAFF CODE
Membership	1	
Donna McHugh (Manager, Member Services)		3030
Charles Reid (Assistant Membership Mgr)		3032
Linda Balduenza (Subscriptions Asst)		3031
AAA & Section Meetings	2	
Liz Price (Meetings Asst)		3025
Lucille Horn (Director)		3009
Academic Relations & Placement	4	
Chander Puri (Placement/Dept Services)		3026
Dave Givens (Academic Relations)		3010
Institutional Subscriptions & Book Orders	5	
Editorial, Permissions and Advertising	6	
Terry Clifford (Permissions, Advertising, Guide)		3014
Rick Custer (Director)		3013
Todd Reitzel (Sr Production Editor)		3021
Braulio Agnese (Production Editor)		3017
Kelly McCabe (Production Editor)		3020
Accounting	7	
Suzanne Mattingly (Staff Accountant)		3003
Jean Stewart (Comptroller)		3004
Anthropology Newsletter & Press	9	
Susi Skomal (Managing Editor)		3005
Operator & General Information	0	
Executive Director's Office		
Teresa Callin (Executive Assistant)		3027
Jack Cornman (Executive Director)		3011
Administration & Finance		
Frank Medina (Director)		3007
Government Relations		
Peggy Overbey (Director)		3006
Tim Jablonski (Program Asst)		3028
Minority Relations		
Patsy Evans (Director)		3024

Fax: 703/528-3546

E-mail: To access any individual at AAA by e-mail, preface the person's first name as listed above to the following address: @aaa.mhs.compuserve.com. For example, to reach the Manager, Member Services, write donna@aaa.mhs.compuserve.com.

Grants and Support

Continued from page 13

Minorities Fellowships

The National Research Council (NRC) plans to award approximately 20 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships for Minorities in a program designed to provide a year of continued study and research for minorities. In a national competition, fellows will be selected from among recent doctoral recipients who show greatest promise of future achievement in academic research and scholarship in higher education. This fellowship program is open to US citizens who are members of the designated minority groups, who are engaged in a teaching and research career or planning such a career, and who have held the PhD or ScD degree for not more than 7 years. Each fellow selects an appropriate not-for-profit

institution of higher education or research to serve as host for the year of postdoctoral research. Appropriate institutions include universities, museums, libraries, government or national laboratories, privately sponsored not-for-profit institutes, government chartered not-for-profit research organizations and centers for advanced study. For complete information contact the Fellowship Office, TJ 2039, NRC, 2101 Constitution Ave, Washington, DC 20418; 202/334-2872; fell@nas.edu. *Deadline is January 5, 1996.*

Postdoctoral Fellowship

The new William P Clements Center for Southwest Studies in the Dept of History at Southern Methodist U in Dallas welcomes applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in any field of the humanities or social sciences from individuals doing research on Southwestern America, broadly conceived. The fellowship holder would be expected to spend the 1996-97 academic year

at SMU as the Clements Scholar-in-Residence. The fellowship is designed to provide time to bring a book-length manuscript to completion. The Clements Scholar would be expected to teach one course during the 2-semester duration of the fellowship and participate in Center activities. The Clements Scholar would receive the support of the Center, access to the extraordinary holdings of the DeGolyer Library, and a subvention toward the publication of his or her book. The fellowship carries a stipend and modest allowance for research and travel expenses. For complete information please contact David Weber, Director, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Dept of History, SMU, Dallas, TX 75275; 214/768-3684; jelder@sun.cis.smu.edu. *Deadline is January 15, 1996.*

Summer Institute

The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences announces a summer institute for behavioral and

social scientists and educators, July 8-August 16, 1996, titled "Research in Urban Education: Transitions to and from School." The institute will be directed by Frank Furstenburg, Professor of Sociology, U Pennsylvania, and Herbert Ginsburg, Professor of Psychology and Mathematical Education, Teachers College, Columbia U. Those eligible to apply include young scholars (35 and under or up to 7 years postdoctorate); minority scholars; and scholars in a wider age range who are affiliated with 4-year colleges or colleges and universities attended predominantly by minority scholars in traditional social science disciplines, who might consider using educational settings and activities to continue their research programs. Cost-of-living and travel allowance is included. For complete information please contact the Summer Institute, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 202 Junipero Serra Blvd, Stanford, CA 94305; 415/321-2052; fax 415/321-1192. *Deadline is December 29, 1995.*