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Elections 2006 Results

Members of the ABS and Interested Parties,

We have concluded the election for the President Elect and Vice President of the Association for Borderland Studies, and we wanted to share these results with you.

As many of you are aware, we are actually 2 elections behind, as we never got caught up from the meetings in Salt Lake. The current election is to elect a President Elect (James Scott and Manuel Chavez are our capable candidates), who will then organize the 2007 meetings in Calgary. This still leaves us short an incoming Vice President who is supposed to have a year in the saddle to see how things go prior to organizing the meetings. With the full support of the Board, Officers, and Past Presidents, I have made a decision to help us get caught up on the elections. Here it is:

Whoever garners the most votes in our current election becomes the President Elect, who organizes next years meetings. The second place person then becomes the Vice Presi-

dent, and we would have a full slate of officers from now until Calgary, at which point I move onto Past President, and everyone moves up one slot. At that point, we would then need to have another election for the 2007-2008 year, which we would run in the spring, to announce the winner at the Calgary meetings. This arrangement saves us from having 2 elections this summer, saves us from generating a second slate of candidates this summer, and gives the membership a breather on dealing with elections.

Based on the votes received to date on the ballots that were mailed to members, I certify Manuel Chavez as the winner of our current election, and he immediately assumes the post of President Elect of the ABS. He will also be Section Coordinator for the ABS for the 2007 WSSA meetings and will be responsible for planning the meetings next year. I will of course work with him and Rick Adkisson, the WSSA President Elect, to assist them in any way I can. I also certify James Scott as the Vice President, and he immediately assumes this office for the ABS.

I wish to thank the Board, Officers, and Past Presidents of the ABS for their input and support to the above process, and I also extend a warm thanks to Emmanuel Brunet Jailly and Bruno Dupeyron at the University of Victoria for so capably handling the election. Emmanuel Brunet Jailly was named the permanent Executive Secretary Treasurer at the 2006 meetings, and he and his team are doing a wonderful job.

I warmly thank James Scott and Manuel Chavez for agreeing to serve our fine organization and for agreeing to the special arrangement for this election. I have total confidence they will do a fine job, and I look forward to working with them both in the future.

Lastly, I thank you the members of the ABS for your continued support and participation in the election and the work we do to rebuild and strengthen the ABS.

Saludos a Todos!

Christopher Brown, President
Association for Borderlands Studies ■



About This Newsletter

This newsletter was designed to be viewed onscreen in Adobe Acrobat Reader, and can then be printed and filed for personal records. The letter reports on professional material, ABS meetings and other information of interest with the goal of encouraging communication and information sharing between members of ABS. Please forward information of interest, including events, research and publications to the ABS Executive Secretary: absexec@uvic.ca. Please give us 8 to 10 days' notice. ■

About Listserv

The new executive secretary will be updating the listserv in the coming months. You can aid us in this process by updating your information on our listserv home page <https://lists.uvic.ca/mailman/listinfo/abs.newsletter>. From this page you can subscribe or unsubscribe as well as read ABS archives. Please forward information of interest, including events, research and publications to the ABS Executive Secretary, with 8-10 days notice. absexec@uvic.ca. ■

Conference Information

The 49th Annual Conference

Once again, ABS will be hosting our annual meeting in association with WSSA. This conference will take place in Calgary, Alberta, from April 11-14th. This is the yearly opportunity to share new information and ideas in the area of borderland studies. Conference registration must be completed by March 1, 2007, and proposals for presentation December 1, 2006. Further information on the conference and registering may be found at : <http://wssa.asu.edu/conferences/default.htm> ■



ABS Secretary

The Role of the ABS Secretary

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, supported by Bertille Bourdellon (until May 2006), Bruno Dupeyron and Kelsey Wrightson, assumed the role of permanent executive secretary in 2006, and thus far has worked to handle the elections. The Executive Secretary is responsible to the President and Executive Council, maintaining archives, financial records and keeping an updated record of active members. Currently, the Executive Secretary is updating the listserv, and membership information. Look for further membership updates in the near future. ■

Happy
Holidays!



See
you in the New
Year!



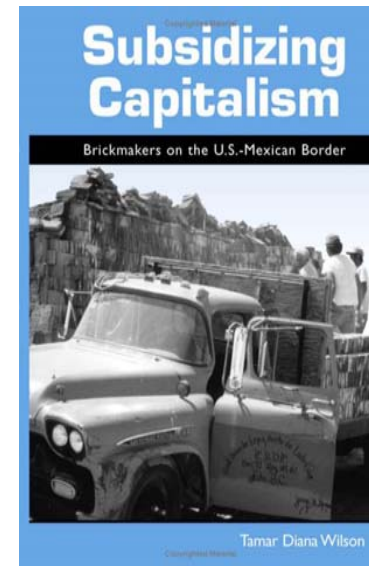
New Books

Tamar Diana Wilson (2005) *Subsidizing Capitalism: Brickmakers on the U.S.-Mexican Border*. Albany: SUNY Press (Studies in the Anthropology of Work). Hardcover: \$55.00. Paperback: \$19.95.

In Mexico, self-employed brickmakers support capitalist enterprise by providing bricks to build hotels, factories, office buildings, and shopping malls at costs lower than those based on profit-making principles. Combining Chayanovian and neo-Marxist approaches, *Subsidizing Capitalism* asserts that the economic activities of these self-employed brickmakers may be considered counterhegemonic because they avoid proletarianization in the formal sector. Tamar Diana Wilson discusses the similarities between peasants and brickmakers, the structural position of garbage pickers in relation to brickmakers, the trajectory

from piece worker to petty commodity producer to petty capitalist, the economic value of women's and children's work as part of the family labor force, and how the neopatriarchal household is intrinsic to petty commodity production. Interspersed throughout are short stories and poems that offer the brickmakers' perspectives and provide a rarely seen look into their lives.

"The real strength of Wilson's contribution is ethnographic and humanistic; she strongly identifies with the lives and struggles of her subjects and knows their personal trials, tribulations, and more positive life experiences/trajectories well." — Scott Cook, author of *Understanding Commodity Cultures: Explorations in Economic Anthropology with Case Studies from Mexico*



More Information (Table of Contents and First Chapter are available online): <http://www.sunypress.edu/details.asp?id=61144>

Congratulations!

Congratulations are to be sent to Christopher Brown. He is one of four researchers to be awarded University Research Council Awards for Exceptional Achievements in Creative Scholarly Activities at New Mexico State University's Fall Convocation on Aug. 22.

Brown will be awarded an Early Career Award for his work studying binational water resource issues on the U.S.-Mexico border for the past 13 years. In addition to policy issues, his areas of interest include the use of applied computer mapping tools to examine water quality and supply in twin city regions along the border. To advance this work, he was

named director of the Spatial Applications Research Center, an applied projects laboratory at NMSU that supports the use of computer mapping and remote-sensing tools in a range of research efforts.

Brown is president of the Association for Borderland Studies and a member of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, an independent advisory committee supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to advise the president and Congress on environmental issues along the U.S.-Mexico border. He is a work group coordinator for the board's next report, which will focus on balancing national security and environmental concerns.

Brown received his Ph.D. in geography through a joint program of San Diego State University and the University of California at Santa Barbara. He joined NMSU in 2000.

If you would like to contribute to the New Publications Section, please send your book information and a brief summary along with cover graphic to absexec@uvic.ca in an attached word document. Length and inclusion are subject to newsletter size.



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