Featured Faculty – Aneesh Aneesh

An associate professor of Sociology and Global Studies and a Center for International Education (CIE) Fellow, Aneesh Aneesh’s research covers globalization, migration, science and technology, and intellectual property. Whether looking through a sociological, economic or philosophical lens, the overarching theme to his scholarship is social and power relations.

Aneesh was a speaker at the April 15-16 CIE conference on food and culture, where he discussed his research on the ethics of plant ownership and the privatization of public resources. Specifically, he delves into attempts to privatize and patent publicly known properties of two plants: hoodia in South Africa and neem in India. Aneesh investigates the ownership of intellectual property in how plants are used and how this affects the emerging global social system and the social good.

Aneesh states that exploring these issues from a sociological and humanities based point of view is fundamental to understanding freedom, interaction, the act of “being” and the complexity of “being” with others. “Social relations are underrated in our society. If one is left alone on a desert island with all the wealth and all amenities possible, one would still perhaps not want to live there. The protagonist in the film ‘Castaway’ wanted to commit suicide for the lack of social life.”

Born in India, Aneesh earned his PhD in Sociology from Rutgers University then taught in the science and technology Program at Stanford University. He began his UWM service in 2004. Over the years, he has won numerous awards and received grants from the McArthur Foundation, Social Science Research Council, Population Council, and the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe. He is co-editor of two forthcoming publications, *Beyond Globalization: Making New Worlds in Media, Art, and Social Practices and Since 1968*. Currently, he is completing a book manuscript, *Imperial Neutrality*, on India’s call centers.

In Memoriam

Retired microbiology professor, Thomas C. Nelson, died on April 7, 2011. Dr. Nelson retired in 1992 after 27 years at UWM conducting research in genetics and molecular biology. According to one colleague, his work helped make a breakthrough possible in the use of enzymatic reactions for detecting the instantaneous nutritional status of plants.

Important Dates

April 5 – 11:30 AM to 8 PM – Various Locations

**Brazil Day** features street activities, panel discussions and film screenings. Organizing sponsors: Spanish and Portuguese and Ctr. for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

April 5 – 3:30 PM – Holton 241

APGC meeting.

April 7 – 6 to 7 PM – Greene Hall

Celebrate **National Tartan Day** with a presentation by Aims McGuiness (history) on “A Toast to Teachers of Piping.” Sponsored by Celtic Studies.

April 8 – Noon – Curtin 175

Chairs and directors meeting.

April 13 – 3 PM – Holton 241

L&S AP&CC meeting.

April 15-16 – 9 AM to 5:30 PM – Hefter Conference Center

**Eating, Cooking, Culture: The Politics and History of Food** examines the ties between food and culture with respect to global and local politics, economies, health, ethics and media. [www.eatingcookingculture.uwm.edu](http://www.eatingcookingculture.uwm.edu). Sponsored by CIE.

April 20 – 3 PM – Sabin G90

**Anthropology Colloquium** by David Healy from the University of Cardiff. Is Evidence Based Medicine the Enemy of Good Medical Care?

April 21 – 6 PM – Golda Meir Library 4th Floor


April 22 – 4:30 PM – Architecture Bldg. 170


April 22 – 3:30 PM – Sabin G28

**Anthropology Colloquium** titled Chasing Ghosts: History of an Ecological Catastrophe by Richard Keller (UW-Madison)

April 22 and 29 – 8:00 PM – Physics 137

John Berges & Erica Young represent Biological Sciences with their **Science Bag** presentation, “Crime Scene Investigations: Lake Michigan.”
La palabra según Clarice Lispector: aproximaciones críticas (The Word According to Clarice Lispector: Critical Approaches), co-edited by César Ferreira (Spanish and Portuguese) with Luciana Namorato (Indiana Univ. Bloomington), published by Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima, Peru. (April 2011)

Oedipus Rex: Sophocles, a verse translation by David Mulroy (classics), The University of Wisconsin Press. (April 2011)

Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism Between Ethics and Politics, Erica Bornstein (anthropology) and Peter Redfield Eds., SAR Press. (April 2011)

Elvis Presley, Reluctant Rebel His Life and Our Times, Glen Jeansonne (history), David Luhrssen (’89 BA and ’91 MA history) and Dan Sokolovic (’05 Master of Liberal Studies), Praeger Press. (February 2011)

Derek Counts and Elisabetta Cova (anthropology) are the book review editors for the American Journal of Archaeology. Matthew Rogan (’13 art history and classics) is also an editorial assistant.
April 26 – 11 AM – Lubar S250
L&S Research Computing Workshop

April 26 – 3:30 PM – Holton 241
L&S APGC meeting.

April 27 – 3:30 PM – Lubar N120

April 28 – 3:30 PM – Curtin 175
L&S faculty meeting.

April 28 – 6:30 PM – Mitchell 195

April 29 – 3:30PM – Curtin Hall 124
**Philosophy Colloquium** featuring Otavio Bueno (Univ. of Miami) on “Visual Evidence & Scientific Representation.”

April 29 – 9 AM to 5 PM – Curtin 175

May 6 – 4 PM – Lapham N101
**Biological Sciences Colloquium** presented by LaKisha Barrett on “Regulation of the Stress-Response Protein Kinase Snf1.”

May 13 – Noon – Jewish Community Center
**Adventures in American Yiddish Drama** with Joel Berkowitz. Sponsored by the Sam & Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies.