Welcome to the new ARF Director--
Professor Laurie Wilkie

Former ARF Director Professor Margaret Conkey presents her successor with the ARF bone at the June graduation party.

After serving as the Director of the ARF for 13 years, Meg Conkey stepped down from the helm in June. She played an instrumental role in developing this Organized Research Unit into the vibrant site that it has become. By tripling the number of affiliates, she found many new participants for the committees that direct ARF activities. The intellectual stimulation and innovative explorations into the past fostered by this Facility owe a great deal to Meg Conkey’s able administration. Her colleagues, students, and staff are grateful for her past support and continuing assistance during this transition. Director Wilkie is holding Sabrina Agarwal’s son, Niko.

ARF Graduation Party June 2007
From left to right: Prof. Shackley; Prof. Agarwal and son Niko; graduate Kathy Kawelu and family
ARF Announcements

New Book!

Kala Uyuni
An Early Political Center in the Southern Lake Titicaca Basin
2003 Excavations of the Taraco Archaeological Project
edited by Matthew S. Bandy and Christine A. Hastorf

In the Spring of 2007, ARF published the second volume in a series covering the excavations of the Taraco Archaeological Project (TAP). In this new volume, twelve authors describe three primary areas of excavation, provide extensive analysis of the recovered ceramics and other materials, and report on results from radiocarbon dating. Changes in cultural practices are documented through different periods. Led by Professor Christine Hastorf, TAP researchers previously published a volume on Chiripa, another site on the Taraco Peninsula in Bolivia.

$24 (plus shipping), 156 pp., 70+ illustrations.

New Staff Member!

Please join ARF in welcoming Nicholas Tripcevich, the new ARF Laboratory Manager. Before leaving for UNC in August, Dennis Ogburn (former Lab Manager) spent a few days introducing Nico to the building, labs and equipment. This semester Nico will meet all of the human occupants of ARF.

ARF Affiliates Honored

Tsim Schneider and Donna Gillette, pictured at right, are holding the awards that they received at the 2007 meeting of the Society for California Archaeology. Tsim received the Student Paper Award and Donna received the Bennyhoff Award for Research.

Four ARF faculty members received Leon A. Henkin Citations for Distinguished Service from the Committee on Student Diversity and Academic Development of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate. Kent Lightfoot, Rosemary Joyce, Chair of the Anthropology Department, Margaret Conkey, former director of the ARF, and Laurie Wilkie, ARF’s current director, were the recipients of this award for exceptional commitment to students from groups who are under represented in the academy.

The Society for American Archaeology awarded UC Berkeley graduate student, Ora Marek, the Arthur C. Parker Scholarship for Archaeological Training for Native Americans and Native Hawaiians.

Recruitment for Classical Archaeologist

The Classics Department has been authorized to fill a half-time faculty position in Classical Archaeology at the Assistant Professor level to be combined with the half-time position of Director of the Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology. (deadline Nov. 5, 2007)

Last spring, ARF Manager Sherry Parrish received an email message from Andrew Kochi a Platoon Leader in the 2nd battalion 7th Cavalry operating in Mosul, Iraq. His platoon had been on an operation in what he referred to as “the Ninewah Ruins,” when they discovered two metal trunks labelled “University of California Expedition to Nineveh.” Andrew wrote, “The trunks were full of bagged and cataloged artifacts, and one of the UC containers was labelled 1990.” Mr. Kochi went on to offer to secure the containers if that was required. Professor David Stronach of the Department of Near Eastern Studies, who led the UC excavations at Nineveh, the ancient Assyrian capital, was greatly relieved to hear that these materials for analysis, which had been reported as lost, were still intact. He is currently working to facilitate placing the rediscovered artifacts in the archaeological museum in Mosul.