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40th Annual AAA Meetings

Ken Pratt, Co-Organizer

Alaska Anthropological Association 40th Annual Meeting

March 13 - 16, 2013

Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska

Conference Theme: "Back to the Source"

Community is the wellspring of culture, history, and language - and the source of all anthropology. Going "back to the source"

means doing and sharing our work in partnership with indigenous communities. The 40th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be hosted in Anchorage by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, which seek to highlight new collaborations across the North in oral history, archaeology, cultural studies, linguistics, human biology, and museums.

Call for session and paper proposals: submission deadline extended to January 1, 2013.

Please contact Ken Pratt (907-271-3695; Kenneth.Pratt@bia.gov) or Aron Crowell (907-929-9207; CROWELLA@si.edu) if you are interested in organizing a symposium, presenting a paper or poster, funding a coffee break, or offering any suggestions for the conference.

Important Note: In recognition of the milestone 40th Anniversary of the Alaska Anthropological Association, the 2013 Annual Meeting will include a special (second!) reception to be held at the Anchorage Museum on Thursday evening, March 14th. Although some details remain to be finalized, this event will include all of the following: access to the

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Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center exhibits; free shuttle service between the Museum and the Hotel Captain Cook; a space in which special '40th Anniversary' presentations and sharing can take place; a modest spread of food and a cash bar. We also hope to arrange for an Alaska Native dance group to perform at this event.

The organizers realize that scheduling a second reception is a distinct break from tradition; but it seems appropriate given the circumstance and we encourage everyone to attend. We also encourage everyone to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting's opening reception (to include food and a cash bar), which will take place on Wednesday evening, March 13th, at the Hotel Captain Cook.

Dinner Banquet: Friday, March 15th
Keynote Speaker: G. Richard Scott
(University of Nevada Reno)

"The Far Side of 40 Years: Reflections on an Academic Life in Alaska and Beyond"

Abstract: On August 11, 1973, I pulled into Fairbanks on a rainy fall day with some trepidation as to how I would adapt to the far north after nine years in the Arizona desert. The first thing I remember is meeting John Cook and Bill Irving on the UAF campus, after which we headed directly to the Big I for a few drinks. From that point moving forward to my 'retirement' from UAF in 1997, I met and worked with dozens of students and colleagues, not fully appreciating that during those years, we were building the discipline of Anthropology in the state of Alaska and helping launch numerous careers. As the only physical anthropologist at UAF, I encountered every undergraduate major and graduate student who completed degrees, and many of those have gone on to great success. Beyond teaching, I published papers on teeth and provided an array of services to law enforcement and native communities. In the midst of this academic sojourn, humor also played a role, from constructing the 'institute of cryoethnography' to the evolution of the Belzoni Society and presenting colloquia on the Far Side of Human Evolution. Unlike many keynote addresses, this presentation does not focus on one line of research and it is far from a formal history of Anthropology in Alaska. It

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The purpose of the Alaska Anthropological Association is to serve as a vehicle for maintaining communication among people interested in all branches of anthropology; to promote public awareness and education of anthropological activities and goals; to foster sympathetic appreciation of the past and present cultures of Alaskan peoples; to encourage Alaskan Natives to participate in the elucidation of their respective cultures; and to facilitate the dissemination of anthropological works in both technical and non-technical formats. Membership is open to any individual or organization indicating interest and concern for the discipline of anthropology. The Association holds its annual meeting during March or April of each year and generally publishes four newsletters each year.

The membership cycle begins each year on January 1. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$40.00 for student members and \$75.00 for regular members. Checks or money orders, in US dollars, should be made out to the Alaska Anthropological Association.

To become a member, send a membership form and payment to the Alaska Anthropological Association at P.O. Box 241686, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-1686, USA.

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is a personal narrative that will recount as many individuals and stories as time allows. The goal is to provide some historical perspective on the early days of academic anthropology in Alaska, and if humor comes into play, so be it.

Luncheon: Saturday, March 16th
Keynote Speaker: Edna Ahgeak MacLean
(University of Alaska, Fairbanks and
President Emeritus, Iiisaġvik College)

“The Critical Next Step for Alaska Native Languages”

(Abstract pending)

Following are the sessions that have been proposed to date. Please contact the relevant organizer(s) if you are interested in contributing to one of these sessions.

Dena'inaq' Huch'ulyeshi: The Dena'ina Way of Living

Abstract: *Dena'inaq' Huch'ulyeshi*, the first exhibition about the Dena'ina Athabascans of southcentral Alaska, will premiere at the Anchorage Museum in September 2013. It will bring together about 200 objects, including important early pieces from European museums that are among the finest examples of the Dena'ina cultural heritage. In addition, the exhibition will address themes of Dena'ina history, language, oral traditions, subsistence, contemporary life, and personal identity. A catalog is also in preparation. This session will provide a preview of the exhibition, its organization and background, as well as papers on recent research focused on Dena'ina history and culture.

Organizer: James Fall (Alaska Division of Subsistence) [e-mail: jim.fall@alaska.gov (phone: 907-267-2350)]

*Present contributors include James Fall, Suzi Jones, Alexandra Lindgren, Aaron Leggett, Alan Borass, James Kari, Karen Evanoff, and Michelle Ravenmoon.

The Anthropology of Alaska, Two Minutes at a Time

Abstract: Back by popular demand! This session provides a survey of anthropological research in Alaska over the past year, from Pleistocene archaeology to historical archaeology and cultural anthropology. Papers will be short and fun; this is a chance to give a “teaser” of research presented later in the conference, or to provide information on an artifact, site, or fieldwork story encountered last summer. It provides presenters with a chance to pique the audience's interest in their research, and provides audience members a chance to get an overview of the entire scope of conference topics, even if they can't attend every session.

Organizer: Jenny Blanchard (Bureau of Land Management) [e-mail: jblanchard@blm.gov (phone: 907-267-1341)]

*Present contributors include Bob King, Karlene Leeper, Chris Wooley, Mark Cassell, Bill Hedman, Morgan Blanchard, Mark McCallum, Jenya Anichenko, Andy Higgs, and Richard Scott.

35 Years on the Iditarod National Historic Trail

Abstract: The Iditarod National Historic Trail (INHT) is 35 years old in 2013. The BLM, as Trail Administrator, has faced many management challenges over the last 35 years. Most of its length has not been surveyed for cultural resources since the initial inventory in the early 1980s. Since that time, many historic sites and structures have deteriorated or been destroyed. Proposed projects have provided new opportunities to get archaeologists on the ground. The papers included in this session will give an overview of the management of the INHT, proposed projects along the trail, and management plans for the future.

Organizer: Jenny Blanchard (Bureau of Land Management) [e-mail: jblanchard@blm.gov (phone: 907-267-1341)]

*Present contributors include Chris Wooley, Andy Higgs, Bob King, Jenny Blanchard, and Josh Reuther.

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Cross-Cultural Approaches to Archaeology in Alaska: Dialog, Common Ground, and Reconciling Divergent Intellectual Traditions

Abstract: Our proposed session will focus on archaeological projects that include a high level of Alaska Native involvement, whether by Native individuals, organizations, or Tribal governments. We emphasize experiences that integrate Indigenous environmental, technological, and social knowledge with research by non-Native individuals or organizations grounded in the philosophy of science. We will also explore the dynamics of reconciling empirical methods with Indigenous cultural and spiritual expectations. Papers dealing with the history of community based archaeology in the modern era, or the biographies of Native individuals who have played a prominent role in archaeological research are also welcome.

Organizers: Robert Sattler and Tom Gillispie (Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.) [e-mail: bob.sattler@tananachiefs.org; tom.gillispie@tananachiefs.org (phone: 907-452-8251, ext. 3343 (Sattler); ext. 3415 (Gillispie)]

*Present contributors include, Tom Gillispie, Bob Sattler, and Angela Younie.

Climate Challenge and Societal Responses at Cape Espenberg

Abstract: Four thousand years of prehistory are preserved across the Cape Espenberg dunes. From 2009-11, investigations of its archaeological record were supported by NSF. A multi-disciplinary team from INSTAAR, UAF, UCD, the Panthéon-Sorbonne and U. Toronto uncovered six driftwood houses dated AD 600-800, from the Birnirk and Thule cultures. Past landscapes were reconstructed from shallow, ¹⁴C-dated cores to constrain marsh formation, storm and sea level history. Although archaeofaunas (mostly seal) dominate all assemblages, warfare, trade and long-distance interaction can be inferred from slat armor, copper, bronze, ceramics, and diagnostic harpoon heads. Excellent preservation allows the reconstruction of fuel use, ceramic manufacture, architectural history and nautical technology.

Organizers: Owen K. Mason (INSTAAR, University of Colorado, Boulder) and Claire Alix (Panthéon-Sorbonne University, Paris) [e-mail, Mason: geoarch85@gmail.com (phone, Mason: 907-336-0092)]

*Present contributors include John Hoffecker, Nancy Bigelow, Owen Mason, Claire Alix, Chris Darwent, Max Friesen, L. Norman, Kory Cooper, Shelby Anderson, and Jeremy Foin.

Island Anthropology

Abstract: Island Anthropology of Alaska, from the barrier islands of the Arctic Ocean coastline to the islands of the Bering Sea and the archipelagos of the north and northeast Pacific, will be explored and discussed. This is a four-field approach to island anthropology that includes cultural and physical anthropology, linguistics, and archaeology. Other high latitude island studies will be included as comparisons.

Organizer: Diane Hanson (Department of Anthropology, UAA) [e-mail: dkhanson@uaa.alaska.edu (phone: 907-786-6842)]

*Present contributors include Jason Rogers, Michael Crawford, Chris Campbell, Roberta Gordaoff, Chris Houlette, Anne Jensen, Erin Laughlin, Marie-Amelie Salabelle, Diane Hanson, and Allison McLain.

Community-Based Programs and Partnerships for Alaska Native Languages

The last decade has witnessed a resurgence of indigenous language revitalization efforts in Alaska. Examples include summer language institutes and camps; immersion school programs; development of new media resources; and dedicated language teacher training programs. Key to the success of these efforts is the involvement of communities at the grassroots level. This session invites papers which address issues of community-based language documentation and revitalization efforts. Community-based is intended here in a broad sense, to include collaborative partnerships between academia and communities as well as individual efforts. The key is to examine the role of the source community in shaping and ultimately enabling the various language efforts. We expect participants to address not only the successes

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of these programs but also the inherent challenges.

Organizers: Larry Kaplan and Gary Holton (Alaska Native Language Center, UAF) [e-mail: ldkaplan@alaska.edu (phone: 907-474-6586); gmholton@alaska.edu (phone: 907-474-6585)]

Arctic Volcanism

Abstract: This session will present papers by both volcanologists and archaeologists examining the geologic, ecological and archaeological effects of major Holocene volcanic eruptions from northwest North America.

Organizer: Richard VanderHoek (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) [e-mail: Richard.vanderhoek@alaska.gov (phone: 907-269-8728)]

*Present contributors include Kristi Wallace, Richard VanderHoek, Game McGimsey, Greg Hare, Dale Vinson, and Josh Reuther. The session will likely include a Tephra Roundtable. (Efforts are also underway to organize a Tephra Workshop in conjunction with this session.)

Science, No Science

Abstract: In the 40 years of the Alaska Anthropological Association's existence the noteworthy research of its members has also included notable weather, incidents, unusual environments, and good stories. In the fireside spirit of good humor and confession—it's time to share. How to tell your story? Gather your thoughts, photos/illustrations and distill it to a minute or less. Must include: (a) the science; (b) the no-science; (c) a photo of yourself—the storyteller—your title and what you do; and (d) at least 5 photos/illustrations to tell your story.

Organizer: Liz O'Connell, Frontier Scientists [e-mail: wondervision2@yahoo.com (phone: 541-312-2419)] [*Note to potential contributors:* Progressive Media (Brandon) may volunteer to put the segments together on video. Alternatively, if you have the skills you can load to the Alaska Anthropological Association's

YouTube channel, where the "Science, No Science" segments will reside. Segments will be shown at the 2013 annual meeting, and you'll get to vote for your favorite.]

-A session related to "Education in Museums" is reportedly also in the works. Please contact Kelly Gwynn (Anchorage Museum [kgwynn@anchoragemuseum.org (907-929-9276)]) for more details.

Announcement of an Award

Kerry D. Feldman, Association President

Below is the press release announcement of an award won this year by a member of our department of anthropology at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Steve J. Langdon. The Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence is the highest award (a significant cash prize is included) for excellence in support of the University of Alaska. The award ceremony occurred at University of Alaska Anchorage October 14, 2012. Professor Phyllis Fast and I were co-nominators of Professor Langdon for the award. Both of us are members of the anthropology department of the University of Alaska Anchorage. Dr. Fast is of Athabascan descent. She completed her MA degree at UAA with Dr. Langdon as her thesis chair. Langdon urged Phyllis to pursue a doctorate in anthropology which she did at Harvard University before returning as a faculty member to the UAA department. Supporting letters were provided by: Harvey A. Feit, Professor Emeritus, Anthropology, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada; Rosita Worl, (Tlingit descent, PhD in Anthropology Harvard U), president, Sealaska Foundation Institute (an Alaska Native organization) and Aaron Leggett (Eklutna Village, Athabascan descent, BA anthropology from UAA), Dena'ina Athabascan Cultural Historian, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage, AK.

This is the third Edith R. Bullock Prize award received by faculty or a former student of the UAA anthropology department in the past six years.

Kerry D. Feldman
Professor Emeritus, Anthropology
U of Alaska Anchorage
Fellow, SfAA

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Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Steve J. Langdon, professor of anthropology at UAA, is this year's recipient of the University of Alaska Foundation's prestigious Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence. The Bullock Prize for Excellence includes a cash award and is the largest single award made annually by the UA Foundation's Board of Trustees.

"The purpose of the Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence is to shine the light on individuals that demonstrate excellence in support of the university. As the University of Alaska strives for excellence and accountability to the people of Alaska, Dr. Langdon has exemplified that by connecting the university with the indigenous peoples of our state on issues crucial to them," said Jo Michalski, chair of the foundation's board of trustees, in announcing the winner of the prize.

Langdon is not only recognized as one of the top social scientists in Alaska, but is highly regarded in his field nationally and internationally. He has taught at UAA for 36 years. During his tenure, Langdon has inspired many students to further their education and contribute to their communities through research and teaching. His book, *The Native People of Alaska*, first published in 1986, has provided an informative and compelling overview of Alaska Natives that has contributed to greater awareness and understanding of Alaska's indigenous people. Many schools, agencies and organizations use it to acquaint students and newcomers to Alaska with basic information. He has worked with Alaska Native groups in Anchorage and elsewhere to prepare educational materials related to cultural heritage and history for their youth.

As a lifelong resident of Anchorage, Langdon felt that more people needed to be aware of the city's rich Dena'ina history. He developed collaborative relations with the Eklutna Village Council to document traditional knowledge about places and their names in the Anchorage area. His research and influence can be found in the interpretive signage throughout Anchorage informing people of the Dena'ina history in the area and the naming of the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center.

Langdon's research has also informed public policy changes that affect fisheries management and local economies through his analysis of the impact of limited-entry fishing programs on rural and Native Alaskan communities. He has been a consultant for

national and state organizations since 1978 and served on committees of the National Academy of Sciences in 1994 and 1999.

Langdon has been deeply involved in understanding Alaska Native adaptations to the natural environment. He has made path-breaking discoveries on the nature of pre-contact salmon fisheries of the Tlingit and Haida, and how they sustained runs for thousands of years. His research on traditional knowledge of salmon has demonstrated how deeply held spiritual beliefs about relationships between humans and salmon, when coupled with well-designed engineering practices, insured the continuity of the salmon runs in southeast Alaska.

Langdon, a graduate of West Anchorage High School, received his formal education from Stanford University. He joined the faculty at UAA in 1976. He has been a visiting professor of cultural anthropology at Duke University for two semesters. He served as National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Program Director from August 2010 to August 2011.

The UA Foundation raises, invests and manages privately donated funds for the sole benefit of the University of Alaska. The award was established by the late Edith R. Bullock, who served the university for 30 years as a member of the UA Board of Regents and the foundation's Board of Trustees. Bullock established the award to recognize and reward an individual who has demonstrated excellence in support of the University of Alaska.

The 2013 Election of a Board Member

Pat McClenahan, Association Newsletter Editor

Traditionally the ballot for electing Association Board members appears in the December aaa Newsletter. This year the nomination period was extended so as to get optimum participation in the election process. The ballot and biographical sketches of the nominees for the new Student Board Seat will not appear in this Newsletter, but will be sent out to members separately the first week of January, 2013. Members will have three weeks to vote for a candidate and return their ballots. Please watch for it in January.

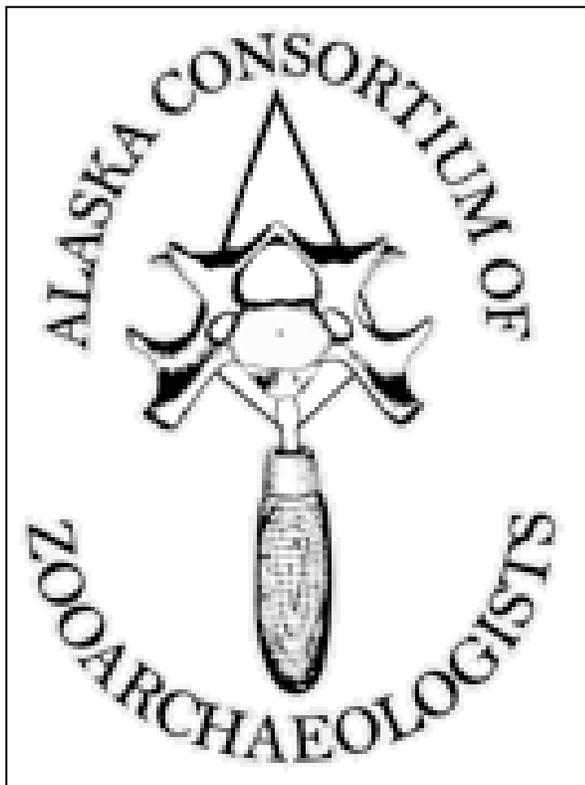
Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists (ACZ) Report

Monty Rogers, ACZ President

Hello All,

For the 2013 aaa Annual Meeting, the ACZ is planning another two-part workshop. The first part of the workshop will address

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archaeological data management, not just faunal data. The second part of the workshop consists of an open discussion on faunal collection and curation best practices. Look for more announcements on the workshop. In addition, the ACZ is seeking applications for the Christina Jensen Scholarship. The scholarship is open to student aaa members conducting zooarchaeological research. To apply for the scholarship go to <http://www.akzooarch.org/scholarship.html>. The scholarship application deadline is February 15th, 2013. The scholarship is awarded at the aaa Annual Meeting. The ACZ is continuing to move into the new lab at the ENRI Building located at 707 A St. in Anchorage. If you would like to use the collection please contact Diane Hanson or me.

The ACZ is organizing a processing day for 10:00am on December 1. Remember if you do not have the stomach to process decaying carcasses; the ACZ can always use help

labeling the cleaned specimens or organizing the new lab. If you would like to participate, please contact the ACZ or just show up on the day of processing. If you cannot make the December 1 meeting there will be another processing day in January. If you would like to know more about the ACZ's processing methods, please visit our website at <http://www.akzooarch.org/meetings.html>.

The ACZ is continuing to update our website (<http://www.akzooarch.org/>). If anyone has arctic and subarctic zooarchaeological research they would like a link posted to on the links page of our website, please email the link and a brief description (i.e., <100 words) to Rhea Hood at rehood@alaska.edu. In addition, if anyone has photos of previous ACZ workshops please email them to Rhea as well.

Do not forget to check out the ACZ Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_194560767238684&ap=1. The Facebook page is continually being updated with new information. As always, the ACZ welcomes tribal organizations, professors, agencies, CRM consultants, and college and high school students they know to become members of the ACZ. Membership is free; you just have to sign up at <http://www.akzooarch.org/contact.html>. I also encourage you to sign up for our discussion list at <http://lists.uaa.alaska.edu/mailman/listinfo/akzooarch-l>. Also, members outside of Anchorage have a greater chance to participate in meetings and the organization as a whole via SKYPE. If you would like to participate, please contact me directly at mjr@lavabit.com. Sincerely,

Monty Rogers
ACZ President

Alaska Anthropological Association Student Section

Monty Rogers, aaa Board Member

Hello All,

The September 2012 aaa Board meeting was a big one for student aaa members. The Board voted to double the awards from \$750 to \$1500 for all of the scholarships. The aaa Board also doubled the student paper award from \$500 to \$1000. The aaa is now awarding \$7000 annually to student members. Please visit the aaa website for more information and

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to apply

<http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/index.cfm?section=awards-and-scholarships&page=Awards-and-Scholarships>.

The scholarships and paper award are awarded at the annual meeting in March 2013.

In addition, the aaa Board designated the board seat currently held by myself as a permanent student seat to assure representation of the student membership's voice in the aaa's decision making process. To qualify the student must be an aaa member. Ideally the person filling the student seat will be a student for most of the two-year term (i.e., if the student graduates, they do not get booted out of the seat, but cannot run again for the student seat). To nominate a student aaa member, please use the Nomination Form found on the aaa website:

<http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/index.cfm?section=about-us&page=Officer-Nominations-and-Elections>. Nominations are due by December 15th, 2012.

As always, the aaa Board would like to remind tribal organizations, professors, agencies, and CRM consultants to encourage college and high school students they know to become members of the aaa. By becoming members, students can:

- Apply for aaa student scholarships. The aaa offer four student scholarships:
 - James W. VanStone Advanced Graduate Award (Ph.D. level)
 - Thomas F. Eidel Beginning Graduate Award (M.A. level)
 - The Stephanie Ludwig Memorial Scholarship (M.A. level)
 - John E. Lobdell Undergraduate Award
- Participate in the annual Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition
- Discounted membership
- Reduced Annual Meeting registration costs
- Presentation of research at the Annual Meeting
- Publish in the peer-reviewed Alaska Journal of Anthropology
- Keep up to date on Alaskan Anthropological news

Students, I encourage you to present on aspects of your fieldwork and research at the 2013 aaa Annual Meeting in Anchorage,

Alaska. The Annual Meetings always have a student session that provides an invaluable experience in a low-pressure setting. I have presented multiple times and the feedback I received on my research has been extremely beneficial.

Sincerely,

Monty Rogers
aaa Board Member,
UAA Graduate Student

Alaska Anthropological Association Public Education Group (PEG)

Karlene Leeper, PEG Chair

The Alaska Anthropological Association Public Education Group provides high quality educational programs in anthropology for adults and children throughout Alaska. It is a group of professional anthropologists who collaborate to implement programs such as Alaska Archaeology Month, the Anthropology Lecture Series, school programs and other educational activities. The group encourages partnerships and involvement by teachers, museum educators, village organizations and others interested in anthropology and heritage preservation.

PEG had a meeting on November 14, 2012 to plan activities for the next year. Our next meeting is December 12, 2012. People can teleconference too. We always like to have new members. Contact karlene.leeper@us.af.mil if you are interested in participating in this group.

Creative Opportunity! Call for Alaska Anthropological Association Newsletter Editor

Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor

It's been with a great deal of pleasure that I've served as your Association Newsletter editor since June 2010. Unfortunately, added personal responsibilities preclude my continuing service as editor in 2013. I strongly encourage you to contact Rita Eagle, Association Secretary/Treasurer, at eaglerita@gmail.com if you would like to apply for the position. It's a great way to stay involved in the Arctic anthropological community!

Out and About

Pat McClenahan, Association Newsletter Editor

Congratulations!

Big changes are afoot in State and Federal personnel. Congratulations to all of you who are retiring this year!

Archaeologist **Joan Dale** was recently feted at the annual OHA/SHPO training session here in Anchorage. Congratulations, and job well done, Joan!



Joan Dale at her recent OHA-sponsored roast.

Architectural Historian **Doug Gasek** of the **Office of History and Archaeology** has been selected to be the new **Executive Director at the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota**. Congratulations, **Doug!**



Doug Gasek prepares to say goodbye to Anchorage as he departs for Minnesota.



OHA and the Alaskan cultural resources community welcome Historian Summer Rickman.

Historian **Summer Rickman** will be taking on some of **Doug's** former responsibilities. We also extend a warm welcome to OHA to Archaeologist **Shina duVall!**

OHA Chief/ Alaska SHPO Judy Bittner, who is the President of the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance and BLM Iditarod NHT Administrator **Kevin Keeler** are among several who were honored recently with a national "Partners in Conservation" award for their work to protect and preserve the National Iditarod Historic Trail. **President Bittner** accepted the award on behalf of the partnership (Source: ADN Extra: 3, 11/22/2012).

Recent University of Alaska M.A. recipient **Kelly Eldridge** is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at UC Davis. Good luck, **Kelly!**

Flowers for Laurie! Best wishes go out to **ADOT's Laurie Mulcahy**, who is in the process of undergoing hip replacement surgery.

Out and About, Continued.

According to the **National Science Foundation**, there are 141 current active **Office of Polar Programs Arctic Social Sciences Program** awards, 46 of which are with **Alaska-based recipients**.

It may be old news, but the **NSF** has realignment plans. One of the four program offices in the Office of the Director to be aligned is the **Office of Polar Programs**, which would become a division within the Directorate for Geosciences. The transition was expected to have begun October 1 of this year.

Archaeologist **Joseph Sparaga** writes to us about his recent summer in the Land of Fire and Ice. Joseph writes, "I participated in the continuation of field work at the site Gufuskálar on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula in Iceland which began with tests in 2008. This site is home to a commercial fishing village which is estimated to have begun during the 11th-14th century and seeing continual use until the 18th, 19th, and even 20th century. The Gufuskálar site also is in danger of erosion from winter sea storms, which have rapidly degraded the shoreline. "

"This site is unique for both being an early fishing area, but also as being the only place in Iceland where cod (the primary fishing source) can be air dried in sheds made of volcanic rock. We excavated one block, exposing an entire structure, and another trench which brought out a profile of another structure. Many iron and copper artifacts were recovered, as well as a large quantity of faunal material. This work both recovers information about the site before it is lost to nature, as well as does an analysis of the size and species of fauna as it changed over time."

"I would like to thank my employer/mentor **Dr. Roger Harritt** for my introduction to **Anna Kertulla** of the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** and their work to help me get the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Grant from the NSF. I would also like to thank **Dr. Sophia Perdikaris**, **Dr. Thomas McGovern** and **Frank Feeley** of the **City University of New York (CUNY)** and **North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO)**. **Dr. Lilia Pálsdóttir** and **Dr. Augusta Edward** from the

Fornleifastofnun Íslands (FSI) also were a huge help in leading the excavation and explaining the site while the project was on."



The site during the last week of excavation of the GFS 12 Trench 9. Photo courtesy of Joseph Sparaga.

Alaska Journal of Anthropology Update

Submitted by Ken Pratt and Erica Hill

We knew when we applied to become the new Editors of the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* (AJA) that we would face a mountain of work if selected, primarily because the journal is a year behind in its production schedule. Thus, we have been working hard to help get the journal caught up. We are happy to report that Vol. 9, No. 2 (2011) is now at the printer; subscribers should receive their copies sometime in January. Vol. 10 (2012) is also well underway. It will be published as a double-issue and, with a little luck, we are hopeful it can be completed by June 2013. Work on Vol. 11 (2013) is also beginning and our goal is to have it ready for printing by the end of the 2013 calendar year.

In addition to the above, we are in the process of seating a new AJA Editorial Board and revising the journal's Style Guide. Both of us are extremely pleased to announce that Sue Mitchell will continue to serve as the AJA Technical Editor and Amy Steffian has agreed to serve as the AJA Book Review Editor. Their respective talents, knowledge, and dedication to doing good work can only improve the journal.

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We are glad to serve the Association in our new roles and look forward to working with all of you. Remember, this is *your* journal! Please help ensure its continued success by submitting your work to the AJA and encouraging your colleagues to do so as well.

Recent Publications of Interest

Richard Stern, Northern Land Use Research

The purpose of this column is to bring recent publications in the field of Alaska anthropology to the attention of Newsletter readers. Alaska anthropology is defined broadly to include the traditional four field approach of anthropology subject matter. The Alaska region is similarly broadly defined to include Alaska, neighboring Canada, the Northwest Coast, Siberia, and more generally, the circumpolar North. Publications include published books, journal articles, web pages, unpublished reports ("grey literature"), or other information which may be of interest. Readers are urged to share publications which come to their attention with this column's compiler. The electronic format of the aaa newsletter allows for inexpensive dissemination of this information.

Richard Stern (DStern8107@aol.com)

Brown, Caroline L.
2012 *Customary and Traditional Use Worksheet, Brown Bear, Game Management Units 20A, 20B, and 20C*. Special Publication No. BOG 2012-002 RC 4, Tab 6. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Juneau, Alaska.

Brown, Caroline L., James S. Magdanz and David S. Koster
2012 *Subsistence Harvests in 8 Communities in the Central Kuskokwim River Drainage, 2009*. Technical Paper No. 365. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Juneau, Alaska.

Burch, Ernest S., Jr. (Igor Krupnik and Jim Dau, editors)
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Pat McClenahan, Association Newsletter Editor

Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center

Anchorage announces its Smithsonian Spotlight talks for the rest of the year.

December 6:

7 pm, Reynolds Classroom / Auditorium

Island Studies: West Coast Canada and Beyond, is a 2013 conference by Islanders, for Islanders, about Islanders and Islands, to be held on Gabriola Island, BC, Canada on May 10, 11, 12, 2012.

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2013 Call for Nominations for Alaska Anthropological Association Awards and Scholarships

Information regarding all awards and scholarships, including an electronic version of the application form for the annual student scholarship can be found at the AAA website at <http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/index.cfm?section=awards-and-scholarships&page=Awards-and-Scholarships>

Through its awards and scholarships program, the Alaska Anthropological Association seeks to recognize outstanding work by its members, to support professional development, and to encourage the academic excellence of students. Each September the Association issues a call to its membership for award nominations, student scholarship applications, and entries in the Edwin S. Hall student paper competition. Submissions and supporting materials must be received by **February 1**. The Awards, Scholarship, and Student Paper committees review applications and make recommendations for approval by the Association's Board. It is not required that any award, scholarship, or prize be given every year. Recipients are announced at the awards banquet and during the business meeting at the Association's annual conference in March. All awardees must be members in good standing, are given advance notice of their awards, and receive free tickets to the banquet.

In addition, the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists, an interest group of the Association, annually offers the Christina Jensen Scholarship to support student research in zooarchaeology. (See <http://www.akzooarch.org/> to apply).

Information on individual programs is provided below. Downloadable nomination and application forms can be found on the Alaska Anthropological Association website at <http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/index.cfm?section=awards-and-scholarships&page=Awards-and-Scholarships>

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The Outstanding Current Contribution award is offered in appreciation of a signal achievement or service to Alaskan anthropology during the current year, including but not limited to major publications, museum exhibitions, educational programs, effective advocacy, and public or professional service. Nominations are invited from all members of the Association.

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The primary evaluation criterion will be evidence of promise in and commitment to the field of anthropology. All three awards are not necessarily made each year, depending on the number and quality of submissions.

Applications must be received by **February 1** for awards to be announced at the annual meeting in March. Scholarship funds must be expended within one year of being granted and may not be used retroactively. The money will be made available after May 15 upon receipt of documentation from the registrar of the recipient's institution confirming enrollment for the coming semester.

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The Alaska Anthropological Association invites entries in its annual competition for outstanding student paper, with the winner announced at the annual meeting. The prize is \$500. Eligibility requires current enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate academic program and current membership in the Association. The prize is not necessarily awarded every year, depending on the number and quality of submissions. The deadline is **February 1**.

Papers must address a question, topic or issue that pertains to the cultures and anthropology of the north. Theoretical and methodological approaches may derive from any subfield of anthropology, archaeology, or related disciplines (e.g. oral history, human genetics, paleoecology).

Papers should be clearly reasoned, creative, and well written with thorough citation of data and sources. The maximum length is 45 pages, double-spaced. Please use the style guide for the American Anthropological Association (http://www.aaanet.org/publications/style_guide.pdf).

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