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President's Message

Aron Crowell

From the Oval Office...

2008 Annual Conference organizers Polly Wheeler and Rachel Mason have spread the banquet before us, piled high with the fruit of our labors, the meat of our arguments, and the beer of human kindness. It's a great feast and thanks to Polly, Rachel, and everyone who is coming to share their work and hear about others'. Don't forget, registration costs are higher after February 1.

Bullets from your hard-working Board:

- *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* editor Owen Mason and new production editor Sue Mitchell (Inkworks, Fairbanks) have retooled journal design, production, and distribution. Four issues are in the pipeline, with Volume 5, Number 1 scheduled for mailing before the conference and the others close behind. Don't forget, a subscription to the journal is now a benefit of membership so we'll all be up to date on the latest Alaskan research.

- Design and content production for the Association's new web site are proceeding now with Couloir Graphics (Anchorage), whose discounted services are available to the aaa through our membership in the Foraker Group.

- The Association has engaged Anchorage attorney Steven Mahoney to help bring us into compliance with both the state and (take a deep breath)...
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A friendly reminder from aaa-treasurer Dawn Biddison:

All members must renew in 2008 at the new rates! The membership form is on page 25-26 of this newsletter.

Also remember to:



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Register for meetings (page 27)

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.... the IRS. Our Alaska incorporation, state business license, and federal 501(c) (3) non-profit status have lapsed or been neglected over the years, a common situation for small, volunteer associations like ours. We're working with Steve to get the aaa back in official graces, which will probably take about six months. The Association's annual gross income has been high enough in recent years (generally over \$40,000) that we must, and should have been, filing a tax statement with the IRS. Mahoney suggest that when good people with good intentions throw themselves at the mercy of the IRS, mercy is usually granted. He is optimistic that any non-filing penalties will be abated or forgiven entirely. Naturally, I will keep everyone apprised as the situation unfolds.

- The Association's finances and membership are strong. Treasurer Dawn Biddison and contract accountant Benee Braden have streamlined and updated our accounting system in QuickBooks, and Benee conducted a thorough audit at the request of the Board. A complete financial report will be presented at the annual business meeting.

Finally, we are privileged to have a very fine slate of nominees for the Board. Two seats are open, due to the term-limit departures of Owen Mason and Dan Odess. Many thanks to Owen and Dan for their diligent labors, and to the nominees for their willingness to stand. Please consider the importance of these board positions in helping the aaa to grow and fulfill its mission. And please cast your ballot, enclosed.

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Aron Crowell

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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. Items for the newsletter may be sent to the editor, Becky Saleeby, at the above address, attention "Newsletter Editor," or to becky_saleeby@nps.gov.

2008 Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association

Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association

Polly Wheeler, Conference Organizer

The **35th** annual meetings of the Alaska Anthropological Association, to take place February 27- March 1, 2008 at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, are fast approaching!

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Hilton. Pre-conference registrations will be accepted through February 1, 2008; on-site registration will be available beginning February 27.

This year's luncheon speaker will be Dr. Julie Cruikshank, Professor Emerita of Anthropology, University of British Columbia. Dr. Cruikshank will speak on Saturday afternoon; her talk is entitled "Encountering Glaciers: Two Centuries of Stories from the Saint Elias Icefields."

This year's dinner speaker will be Dr. Patricia Sutherland, Curator, Archaeological Survey of Canada, Canadian Museum of Civilization. Dr. Sutherland will speak on Friday evening on Norse - Native contact in the eastern Arctic.

Reservations can be made directly with the Hilton Hotel at 907/272-7411 or on-line at: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ancahhf_aas/index.jhtml. Book by January 23, 2008 to ensure room availability. Cost is \$88 + tax for a room with one king or two double beds.

I think you will find the enclosed preliminary program exciting and full of interesting papers. To date we have 17 symposia and more than 120 papers, spanning a full three days. The business meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

Paper requirements for aaa meetings:

Each meeting room will be supplied with a computer connected to an LCD projector, and a screen. The computers will be running Windows and will be equipped with PowerPoint 2003. Presenters should bring their files on finalized CD-R's and/or on USB flash drives. Other AV equipment will not be provided by the conference.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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Wednesday, February 27 9:00 – 4:30

Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists Workshop

Ninth Annual Workshop: Bone, Antler, and Ivory Identification – Hilton (room to be announced); requires separate registration. Go to www.akzooarch.org

Wednesday Evening 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Registration and Reception at the Hilton

Thursday, February 28

Morning

Session 1:

Contributed Papers in Honor of Don Dumond

(Organized by Herbert Maschner and Owen Mason)

8:00 Herbert Maschner (Idaho State University) and Owen Mason (Geoarch Alaska)
- Introduction and Overview of Dumond's Work

8:20 Max Friesen (University of Toronto) - Towards an Understanding of Late Dorset Aggregations: Longhouses and Hearth Rows at the Cadfael Site, Victoria Island

8:40 David Yesner (UAA) - Early Beringian Archaeology in North American and Northeast Asian Contexts

9:00 Loukas Barton (Lake Clark National Park) - Migrations on the Edge of Nowhere: The Late Pleistocene Peopling of Northeast Asia

9:20 Becky Saleeby (National Park Service) - Ancient Footprints in a New Land: Dumond's Views on the Peopling of America

9:40 Ben Potter (UAF), Peter Bowers (Northern Land Use Research), Joshua Reuther (NLUR and University of Arizona), and Carol Gelvin-Reymiller (UAF and NLUR) - Little Delta Dune Site: A Late Pleistocene Multi-component Site in Central Alaska

10:00 BREAK

10:20 Don Dumond (University of Oregon) - Notes on Okvik . . . Culture? Style?

10:40 William Fitzhugh (Smithsonian Institution) - The Bering Sea Eskimo Harpoon: Key to Technology, Spirits, and Denizens of the Deep

11:00 Roger Harritt (ENRI, UAA) - Toward a Norton Era Site Typology for Eastern Norton Sound

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11:20 Owen Mason (Geoarch Alaska) - The Place of Qimiarzuq (Jabbertown) in Prehistory: An Early Thule Village Connected with Kotzebue Sound

11:40 David Morrison (Canadian Museum of Civilization) Three Sites: A Review of Thule Archaeology on the Southern Coast of Amundsen Gulf

12:00 LUNCH

Session 2:

Ethnography of Relationality: Creating, Experiencing, and Being in a Relational World (Organized by Josh Wisniewski and Patrick Plattet)

8:20 Patrick Plattet (University of Neuchatel, Switzerland) - Big Water and the Fallen Seal: Koryak Perceptions of Shifting Environments

8:40 Phyllis Fast (UAA) - Athabascan Relations with Waste and Waste Not

9:00 Kerrie-Ann Shannon (UAF) - "Maybe We'll Get Tangled:" Asserting Autonomy, Demonstrating Competence and Teaching the Anthropologist

9:20 Thomas Thornton (Portland State University) - Relation and Revelation in Tlingit Landscape Perception

9:40 Josh Wisniewski (UAF) - Empathizing With Animals: A View Toward Iñupiaq Hunting as Knowing

10:00 BREAK

Session 3:

Ethnobiology in Alaska

(Organized by Olga Lovick and Siri Tuttle)

10:40 Lawrence Kaplan (UAF) - Linguistic Aspects of King Island Ethnobiology

11:00 Michael Koskey (UAF) - Indigenous Placenames as Ethnobiological and Ethnohistorical Data

11:20 Olga Lovick (Alaska Native Language Center) - Songbirds and Birdsongs in Upper Tanana Athabascan

11:40 Bill Simeone (Alaska Department of Fish & Game) - Upper Ahtna Salmon Fishing Sites and Salmon Diversity in the Copper River: A Convergence of Local and Scientific Knowledge?

12:00 LUNCH

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Session 4:

Current Research in Archaeology at the UA Museum of the North

(Organized by James Whitney)

- 8:00 Natalia Slobodina, John Cook, Joshua Reuther, Jeff Speakman, and Jeff Rasic -
New Data from Old Collections: Alaskan Archaeological Obsidian Database
- 8:20 Sarah Meitl (UAF) Denbigh Flint Complex at Onion Portage: What Can Stone
Tools Tell Us?
- 8:40 Scott Shirar (UAF, National Park Service) - Subsistence and Seasonality at a
Late Prehistoric House Pit in Northwest Alaska
- 9:00 Chris Houlette (UA Museum) Reconstructing Kukulik: Continued
Efforts, Further Realizations and New Insights
- 9:20 Dawn Planas (UA Museum) - Archaeological Baleen: Its Structure, Deterioration,
and Conservation
- 9:40 Victoria Ciccone (Central Washington University) - Teasing out the Tangles:
Preliminary Results from Tangle Lakes Museum Collections

10:00BREAK

Session 5:

Recruitment, Retention, and Graduation of Alaska Native Males in Post-Secondary Education

- 10:40 Daniel Monteith (UAS) – Organizer/discussant; Round-table Discussion

12:00 LUNCH

Thursday Afternoon

Session 1 (Continued):

Contributed Papers in Honor of Don Dumond

(Organized by Herbert Maschner and Owen Mason)

- 1:30 Robert McGhee (Canadian Museum of Civilization) - Exodus, Migration or
Venture? Thule Population Size in Arctic Canada
- 1:50 Herbert Maschner (Idaho State University) - Evaluating Dumond's Ideas on
Anangula, Ocean Bay, and the Ethnogenesis of North Pacific Society
- 2:10 Dennis O'Rourke, Elizabeth Marchani, and Justin Tackney (University of
Utah) - mtDNA Diversity in Prehistoric Inhabitants of the Alaska Peninsula

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2:30 VanderHoek, Richard (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) - Cultural Implications of 4th Millennium BP Eruptions on the Central Alaska Peninsula

2:50 Aron Crowell (Smithsonian Institute) Joe Liddle, and Mark Matson - Hot Spots and Margins: Geographical Discontinuities in Southern Alaskan Coastal Settlement Patterns

3:10 BREAK

3:30 Gregory Biddle (Bureau of Indian Affairs) and Jeanne Schaaf (National Park Service) - Recent Discoveries in Southwest Alaska: A Report of Investigations in the Wood River/Tikchik Lakes Area and at Round Island, Walrus Islands State Game Sanctuary

3:50 Patrick Saltonstall (Alutiiq Museum) and Amy Steffian (Alutiiq Museum) - Siderooms and Storage Pits: An 850-year-old House from Kodiak Island

4:10 Dale Vinson (National Park Service) - What's Left for Archaeologist to Do at Brooks Camp, Katmai National Park and Preserve?

4:30 Brian Hoffman (Hamline University) - Shifting Boundaries: Archaeology on the Eskimo/Aleut Frontier

4:50 William Workman (UAA) and Karen Wood Workman - Periphery to Core: The Significance of Dumond's Alaska Peninsula Work in the Interpretation of Southern Alaskan Prehistory

Session 6:

Nelson Island Cultural History Project

(Organized by Ann Fienup-Riordan)

1:30 Ann Fienup-Riordan (Calista Elders Council) – Introduction

1:50 Mark John (Calista Elders Council) - Urgency of Documenting Traditional Knowledge in the Y-K Delta

2:10 Alice Reardon (Calista Elders Council) - Working with Nelson Island Elders

2:30 Steven Street (Association of Village Council Presidents) - A Cross-Cultural Experience of Place

2:50 June McAtee, June (Calista Corporation) - Traditional Use of Pigments and Mineral Materials from Nelson Island

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3:10 BREAK

3:30 David Chanar, Sr. - My Return to Nelson Island

3:50 Thomas Doolittle (Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge) - Western Science And Traditional Knowledge Meet on Nelson Island

4:10 Discussion

Session 7

Mixed Descent Alaska Native Identity and Anthropological Essentialist Constructions (Organized by Phyllis Fast and Kerry Feldman)

1:50 Kerry Feldman (UAA) – Experiences of Ethnic Complexity and Identity Among Alaska Natives in an Urbanizing Environment: Lessons Learned from Research Regarding an IRA Tribal Application

2:10 Phyllis Fast (UAA) - Million Dollar Baby: Mixed Descent and Financial Incentives

2:30 Kelly Gwynn (UAA) - Identifying Identity

2:50 Roy Mitchell (UAA) Shifting Ethnicities and Shifting Languages Among Alaska Natives Peoples in the 19th Century

3:10 BREAK

3:30 Jeane Breinig and Phyllis Fast (UAA) Discussion: Native Women Writers and Identity

3:50 Rachel Mason (National Park Service) Moderator of Panel Discussion on Portrayals of Mixed Identity by Natives and Anthropologists

Thursday Evening 5:30 – 7:30

Reception for the exhibit “*Yuungnaqpiallerput/The Way We Genuinely Live: Masterworks of Yup’ik Science and Survival*”

Anchorage Museum of History and Art

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Morning

Session 8:

The Benefits of Cultural Resource Management

(Organized by Karlene Leeper)

- 9:00 Barbara Bundy and Ken Juell (Washington State Department of Transportation) - The Role of CRM in Developing New Technologies
- 9:20 Michael Burwell (Minerals Management Service) The Alaska Shipwreck Database
- 9:40 Margan Grover (Bold Peak Archaeological Services) - Volunteers Needed, No Experience Necessary: Public Participation in Salvage Archaeology

10:00BREAK

- 10:20 Donna Lane (Donna Lane Associates) and Rob Meinhardt (Bureau of Indian Affairs Archaeology) - The Legacy of Pile Bay
- 10:40 Karlene Leeper (611 Civil Engineer Squadron, US Air Force) - Distant Early Warning Radar Oral History Project
- 11:00 Patricia McClenahan (Pacific North West Resources Consultants) - The Role of Archaeological Predictive Modeling in Cultural Resources Management of Archaeological Resources
- 11:20 Alan DePew (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) - Cultural Resources Management in Alaska: Observations of a Disenfranchised Academic

Session 9

Central Aleutians Archaeology/Paleobiological Project

(Organized by Dixie West)

- 8:00 Dixie West (University of Kansas), Lyn Gaultieri (Seattle University, WA), and Christine Lefèvre (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, France) - Introduction and Overview of the Central Aleutians Project
- 8:20 Lyn Gaultieri, Lyn (Department of Geology, Seattle University), Brenn Sarata (Fugro Engineers B.V.), Mitsuru Okuno (Fukuoka University, Japan), and Dixie West (University of Kansas) - The Effects of Environmental Change on Ancient Aleut Settlement and Migration in the Central Aleutian Islands
- 8:40 Mitsuru Okuno (Fukuoka University, Japan), Lyn Gaultieri (Seattle University), Keiji Wada (Hokkaido University of Education, Japan), Masayuki Torii (Kumamoto Gakuen University, Japan), Brenn Sarata (Fugro Engineers B.V.),

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and Toshio Nakamura (Nagoya University, Japan) - Tephrochronology of Adak Island in the Central Aleutian Islands of Alaska, USA

- 9:00 Arkady Savinetsky, Zhanna Antipushina, Bulat Khassanov, Nina Kiseleva, Olga Krylovich, and Andrei Pereladov (Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Russian Academy of Sciences) - Reconstruction of the Ecosystem History of Adak Island (Aleutian Islands) During the Holocene
- 9:20 Elizabeth Wilmerding (Vassar College, NY) and Virginia L. Hatfield (Texas Tech University) - The Zeto Point (ADK-011) Lithic Assemblage from the 2006 CAAPP Expedition
- 9:40 Kirsten Nicolaysen (Whitman College, WA), Taylor Johnson (Whitman College), Dixie West (University of Kansas), Virginia Hatfield (Texas Tech University) Elizabeth Wilmerding (Vassar College) - Provenance of Obsidian Fragments Recovered from Adak Island, Central Aleutian Islands: Evidence for Long-Distance Transport of Raw Lithic Material

10:00BREAK

- 10:20 Marvin Kay (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville) - Clam Lagoon Archaeology and Technology
- 10:40 Richard Jeannotte (Kansas State University), Kirsten Nicolaysen (Whitman College, WA), Taylor Johnson (Whitman College), Dixie West (University of Kansas) - Characterization of Organic Molecules Associated with Stones in an Archaeological Context: Adak Island, Alaska
- 11:00 Susan Crockford (Pacific Identifications Inc., Victoria, BC) A Unique Assemblage of Prehistoric Birds and Mammals from Adak Island: (ADK-011, House 1
- 11:20 Dixie West (Natural History Museum and Biodiversity Institute, University of Kansas) - A Note on Bone Tools from ADK-011: Adak Island, Alaska
- 11:40 Hiroko Koike (Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan) and Dixie West (University of Kansas) - Some Archaeozoological Perspectives Using Isotope and DNA Analyses
- 12:00 Theresa Lammer (University of Kansas) and James Beach (University of Kansas) - Specify for Archaeology: Database Design for Archaeological Collection Management

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Session 10:

The Dene-Yeniseic Hypothesis

(Organized by James Kari)

9:00 James Kari – Introduction

9:20 Bernard Comrie (Max Planck Institute) - On Arguing for the Genealogical Affiliation of Languages

9:40 Edward Vajda (Western Washington University) - The Siberian Origin of Na-Dene Languages

10:20BREAK

10:40 Jeff Leer (Alaska Native Language Center) - The Phonology of Tlina-Dene (Athabaskan-Eyak-Tlingit)

11:20 Johanna Nichols (University of California Berkeley) - Proof of Dene-Yeniseian Relatedness

11:40 Discussion

12:00LUNCH

The Alaska Journal of Anthropology Board will meet at NOON
Meeting place to be announced

Friday, February 29

Afternoon

Session 10 (Continued):

1:50 John Ives (University of Alberta) - Three Collaborative Contexts in Which Dene-Yeneseic Connections Can be Assessed

2:10 Yuri Berezkin (Museum of Anthropology & Ethnography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Saint-Petersburg) - Athabaskan Mythology in American and Eurasian Context

2:30 James McNeley (Diné College) and Alexandra Maloney (UAA) - A Comparison of a Pair of Ket and Diné (Navajo) Myth Motifs

2:50 Marie-Lucie Tarpent (Mount Saint Vincent University, Nova Scotia) - More Linguistic Resemblances Across the Pacific: Penutian, Uto-Aztecan and Austronesian

3:10 BREAK

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3:30 William Poser – Discussant

3:50 William Workman – Discussant

4:10 Johanna Nichols – Discussant

4:30 General Discussion

Session 11:

Archaeology of Alpine and Montane Environments

(Organized by Brian Wygal)

1:50 Brian Wygal (Denali National Park and Preserve) - Results of the 2007 Archaeological Survey of Denali National Park & Preserve

2:10 Sam Coffman (University of Nevada, Reno) and Brian Wygal (Denali National Park and Preserve) Early Holocene Lithic Reduction from the Bull River and Costello Creek Area of Denali National Park

2:30 Aaron Wilson (Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve) - The Imaigenik Site: Irving's Arctic Small Tool Prior to Punyik

2:50 Kathryn Krasinski (University of Nevada, Reno) - Holocene Use of Pleistocene-age Bison Bones in Central Alaska

3:10 BREAK

3:30 Richard VanderHoek (State Office of History and Archaeology) and Randolph Tedor (State Office of History and Archaeology) - Lithic Sources, Antler Points and Historic Trails: OHA 2007 Fieldwork on the Denali Highway, AK

3:50 John Jangala (Bureau of Land Management) - Caribou Fences, Storage Pits and Campsites: Late Prehistoric Use of Uplands in the Alphabet Hills, Copper River Basin, Alaska

4:10 Kelly Anne Eldridge (UAA) Staying out of Sight: Hunting Blind Sites in Alaska

Session 12:

General Aleutians

(Organized by Allison Young McLain)

1:50 Allison McLain - An Assessment of WWII Impacts on Amchitka Archaeological Sites

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2:10 Diane Hanson (UAA), David Staley, Debra Corbett (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service), and Kimberly Fleming (UAA) - Upshore Sites on Central Aleutian Islands

2:30 Debra Corbett (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) - Ula-x, Ulaagamax, and Barabaras

2:50 Chris Roe (UAA) - Landscape as Artifact: Military Land Use at Fort Glenn, Umnak Island, during World War II

3:10 BREAK

3:30 Michael Thomas (UAA) Analysis of Fish Remains from Little Kiska, Aleutian Islands, Alaska

3:50 Rachel Mason (National Park Service) Past Connections Among the Lost Villages of Unalaska Island: Biorka, Chernofski, Kashega, and Makushin

4:10 Nicholas Jew (University of Oregon) The Efficacy of Geochemical Analysis for Potential Sourcing of Basalt Artifacts on Amchitka Island

4:30 Felix Torres (Suisy-sur-Seine, France) - A Tree from the Earth to the Sky. The "Father's House" of Nikolski (Aleutians, Alaska): How the Umnak Aleuts Became Christians

Friday Evening

Reception and Book Signing 6:00 – 7:00

Robert King will be signing his new book, *Postcards from Alaska, Souvenir Pictures of the Last Frontier, 1890s- 1940s*

Banquet, Awards, and Banquet Speaker 7:00 – 11:00

Dr. Patricia Sutherland, Curator, Archaeological Survey of Canada, Canadian Museum of Civilization – Norse - Native Contact in the Eastern Arctic

Saturday, March 1

Morning

Session 13:

Racism in Anchorage – Panel Discussion

(Organized by Patricia Partnow)

8:20 Participants include Kiatcha Benson, Dennis Arashiro, Alice Hisamoto, Norwood Eggeling, Robert Crosman, and Shirley Mae Springer Staten

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Session 14:

Archaeology at the Amaknak Bridge Site

(Organized by Michael Yarborough)

- 8:40 Richard Knecht (UAF) and Richard Davis (Bryn Mawr College) - Research History and Context of the Amaknak Bridge Site
- 9:00 Richard Davis (Bryn Mawr College) - Penecontemporaneous Lithic Industries from Amaknak Bridge and Margaret Bay, Unalaska: What do the Differences Mean?
- 9:20 Richard Knecht (UAF) - Bone and Ground Stone Artifacts from the Amaknak Bridge Site, Unalaska
- 9:40 Susan Crockford and Gay Frederick (Pacific Identifications Inc., Canada) - Comprehensive Archaeozoological Analysis Reveals a Uniquely 'Arctic-temperate' Character of the Vertebrate Assemblage from Amaknak Bridge (UNL-050)

10:00 BREAK

- 10:20 Michael Yarborough (Cultural Resource Consultants LLC) - Salvage Recovery at the Amaknak Bridge Site
- 10:40 Jason Rogers (Cultural Resource Consultants LLC) - Architectural Features at the Amaknak Bridge Site
- 11:00 Chris Wooley (Chumis Cultural Resource Services) - Stomping Alaskan Prehistory: How Unalaska Island Livestock Obliterate the Past

Session 15:

Contributed Papers in Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology

- 8:00 Molly Proue (Northern Land Use Research) and Justin Hays (NLUR) - Investigation of Prehistoric Indigenous Pottery Technology on Kodiak Island
- 8:20 Chris Wooley (Chumis Cultural Resource Services), Joshua Reuther (NLUR and University of Arizona), Justin Hays (NLUR), Molly Proue (NLUR), and Burr Neely (NLUR) - Middle Kuskokwim Cultural Resource Inventory and Assessment Overview
- 8:40 Justin Hayes (NLUR), Josh Reuther (NLUR and University of Arizona), Molly Proue (NLUR), and Chris Wooley (Chumis Cultural Resource Services) - Recent Archaeological Investigations in the Middle Kuskokwim Region

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- 9:00 J. David McMahan (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology), Timothy Dilliplane (Massachusetts Maritime Academy), Artur V. Kharinskiy (Irkutsk State Technical University, Russia), and Vladimir Tikhonov (Taltsy Museum of Architecture and Ethnography, Russia) - Russian Colonial Archaeology an Cultural Exchange in Alaska and Siberia: An Overview of Recent Collaborations
- 9:20 Michael Thomas (UAA) Analysis of Fish Remains from Little Kiska, Aleutian Islands, Alaska
- 9:40 Kristin Scheidt (UAA) – Caribou Demographic of the Hungry Fox Site, Northern Alaska

10:00BREAK

- 10:20 Norman Easton (Yukon College, Whitehorse) and Peter Schnurr (UAA) - New Radio-Carbon Dates from the Little John Site: Implications for Terminal Pleistocene Paleoecology
- 10:40 Richard Reanier (Reanier & Associates) - The Umiat Triangle: the U.S.Navy's Activities at Umiat, Alaska
- 11:00 Claire Alix (UAF) - Thule and Ipiutak Wood Working Traditions in Northwestern Alaska

Poster Session

10:20 – 11:30 in Book Room

James Baichtal (Tongass National Forest), Susan Crockford (Pacific Identifications, British Columbia), and Risa Carlson (University of Cambridge and Tongass National Forest) - Possible Evidence of Warmer, Drier Climates During the Early Holocene of Southern Southeast Alaska from Shell-Bearing Raised Marine and Peat Deposits

Charles Holmes (UAA), Barbara Crass (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh), and Brant L. Kedrowski (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh) - Swan Point Fauna: Analytical Approaches to Visible and Circumstantial Evidence

Elizabeth Kunibe (UAS) and Daniel Monteith (UAS) - Land Use Map of Tlingit Food Systems: Gardening and Growing Non-indigenous Vegetable Root Plants

Anne Jensen (UIC Science) – The Nuvuk Archaeological Project: Learning About and From the Past in the North

Anne Jensen (UIC Science) – Adaptive Reuse Inupiaq Style: Incorporation of Euro-American Material Culture in Inupiaq Life

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Saturday Luncheon 11:30 – 1:30

Julie Cruikshank, Professor Emerita of Anthropology, University of British Columbia
- Encountering Glaciers: Two Centuries of Stories from the Saint Elias Icefields

Saturday Afternoon

Session 15 (Continued):

- 1:50 Ken Takahashi (University of Tokyo, Japan) Harpoon Head Reprocessing in Okhotsk Culture
- 2:10 William Hunt, Jr. (National Park Service) - "Just a Pile of Rocks": A cursory Inventory of Alpine Cairns in Southeast Chichagof and Northeast Baranof Islands, Tongass National Forest, Southeast Alaska
- 2:30 William Hunt, Jr. (National Park Service) - "Singin' In The Rain": An Archaeological Inventory of Sitka National Historical Park, Alaska
- 2:50 Elizabeth Kunibe (UAS) - The Trade Perspective: Unfolding Gender Roles in Early Tlingit Trade Relations

3:10 BREAK

- 3:30 Gregory Reinhardt (University of Indianapolis) - White Indians: The Commonplace Counterfeiting of Native Americans
- 3:50 Rita Miraglia (Bureau of Indian Affairs ANCSA Office) and A. Patrick Kearney (Department of the Interior, Aviation Management, Boise) - The Trap of the Known Place Name: A Cautionary Tale
- 4:10 Robert King (Bureau of Land Management) - Seeing Alaska through Old Postcards
- 4:30 Craig Mishler - Writing the Folktale: The Blind Man and the Loon
- 4:50 Robert Gal (National Park Service) - Shifting Shores: The Significance and Potential of Beach Ridge Archaeology for an International Beringian Park
- 5:10 Daniel Stone (Native Village of Eklutna) - Taking the Trail Home: Settlement Patterns of the K'enaht'ana Dena'ina...And Forgotten Knowledge

Session 16:

Student Symposium

(Organized by Richard Galloway and Kimberly Fleming)

- 2:10 Rita Eagle (UAA /Arctic Studies Center) - The Women of Verdant Cove: XBS-029, the Early Contact Village Site

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2:30 Richard Galloway (UAA) – Kings County Mining Company: High Expectations, Low Results

2:50 Robert Max Dean (UAA and Chugach National Forest) - Constructing a Data Management System for the Study of Historic Mining

Session 17:

Underwater Archaeology and Submerged Cultural Resources in Alaska

(Organized by Peter Bowers and Jason Rogers)

1:40 Peter Bowers and Jason Rogers - Introduction

1:50 Nancy Darigo (URS Corporation), Owen Mason (Geoarch Alaska), and Peter Bowers (Northern Land Use Research) - Archaeological Potential of Buried Terrestrial Landforms in the Beaufort Sea: A Review of Existing Geological and Geophysical Data

2:10 James Baichtal (Tongass National Forest) and Risa Carlson (University of Cambridge and Tongass National Forest) - New Mapping of Old Landforms: The Paleogeography of Shell-bearing Raised Marine Deposits in Southeast Alaska and Their Potential Archaeological Significance

2:30 E. James Dixon (Maxwell Museum, University of New Mexico) - Archaeological Potential of the Alexander Archipelago's Continental Shelf

2:50 Daniel Monteith (UAS) - Neoglacial Research and Oral Histories in Glacier Bay: A Convergence of Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge

3:10 BREAK

3:30 Jenya Anichenko (Anchorage Museum of History and Art) - The Bark Kad'yak: A Russian Shipwreck off Kodiak Island

3:50 Randolph Beebe - In Search of the Lost Fleet: The 1871 Whaling Disaster

4:10 Jason Rogers (Cultural Resource Consultants LLC) - Architectural Features at the Amaknak Bridge Site

4:30 Michael Burwell (Minerals Management Service) - The Story of the Princess May Before and After Sentinel

4:50 J. David McMahan (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology)- Underwater Archaeology and Maritime Heritage in the State of Alaska: An Update

Business Meeting 5:30 followed by Belzoni Society (time and place TBA)

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Board Action January 4, 2008

The Board voted by email (Mason, Steffian, Frink, Odess in favor; Monteith absent) to retain Anchorage tax attorney Steven Mahoney to assist and represent the Association in filing for State of Alaska incorporation, seeking reinstatement of our 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service, and settling any penalties due to the IRS for not filing our tax returns. Mahoney provided the Board with an estimate of \$1000-1500 for these services, at a reduced rate (for non-profit organizations) of \$150/hr. The Board authorized expenditure not to exceed \$2000 without further review.

Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes January 15, 2008

(Action items are noted in text with *)

I. Teleconference meeting called to order 11:35 AM – Aron Crowell

II. Board members in attendance: Owen Mason, Lisa Frink, Amy Steffian, Daniel Montieth (quorum); Board members absent: Daniel Odess; Others attending: Aron Crowell (President), Polly Wheeler (conference program Chair), Rachel Mason (conference program and elections committee), Dawn Biddison (Treasurer)

III. Minutes from board meeting of 9/20/07 approved

IV. Items to be added to the agenda under New Business: Crowell added discussion of aaa application to Council of Affiliated Societies under the Society for American Archaeology.

V. Reports

1. The aaa 2008 annual conference program (Polly Wheeler and discussion). The conference program is amply filled out with 120 papers in 17 sessions and two guest speakers, Julie Cruikshank and Patricia Sutherland. The student paper session is not complete, with only one submission at present. Conference discount registration is available at the Hilton until January 23. The aaa will have a table at the book room for sale of the journal and Aurora.

2. Elections Committee (Rachel Mason). January 15 was the postmark deadline for board nominations to replace two seats (Owen Mason, Dan Odess). Three nominations had been received at the time of the meeting, with others possible within the deadline. Candidate bios will be published in the February newsletter, along with the mail-in ballot form.

3. Treasurer's report (Dawn Biddison). The Association's books were balanced and reviewed by contract accountant Benee Braden through August 2007 and brought up to December 31 by Dawn Biddison. Accounting categories have been streamlined, and accounts are now in the current version of Quicken software on the Association's laptop. As of 12/31/07, the Association had \$44,724.84 in its checking account and a VanGuard Investments fund of \$89,595.10, for total assets of \$134,319.94.

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**ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

According to the aaa Constitution, “the election committee will present for vote: two nominees for each office receiving the highest number of nominations from the membership.” As there are two Board seats up for election, you will find four nominees listed below. Please use this form, and **only** this form (no copies), to cast your vote. Biographical statements from candidates appear on page 21 and 22 of this newsletter. Please do not cast more than TWO votes for Board members.

Please return this form no later than **February 15, 2008**.

Joan Dale _____

Karlene Leeper _____

Patricia McClenahan _____

Julie Raymond-Yakoubian _____

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Current Association officers are:

President - Aron Crowell

Board Members -

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Owen Mason

Dan Monteith

Dan Odess

Amy Seffian

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Biographies for Alaska Anthropological Association Board Nominees

Joan Dale

I have been working in archaeology for the past 26 years, starting as a field assistant on a salvage excavation at Fisherman Lake in the Northwest Territories, Canada. I received my MA in Anthropology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1980, and most of my experiences have been in CRM. Since May 1987, I have worked for the Office of History and Archaeology. Many of you may know me as the keeper of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS). I have seen the changing nature of archaeological work in Alaska from a more research oriented focus to a more CRM focus. I am active in public outreach, and was one of the founding members of the aaa Public Education Group. Public outreach, one of the main missions of the aaa, needs to be brought to the forefront by the organization. I have experience in working with non-profits and have served as Secretary and President of Willow Crest Elementary PTA.

Karlene Leeper

I am currently employed with the US Air Force, 611th Air Support Group (611 ASG) as an archaeologist and cultural resources manager. The 611 ASG manages remote radar stations and air stations throughout the state of Alaska. I previously worked as an archaeologist for the National Park Service throughout the parks and preserves of Alaska. Having been so lucky to work in virtually all parts of the state, I am a genuine geographic generalist. I was schooled in the northeastern United States, where I earned a MA in Anthropology at Binghamton University. Because I have been active in many regions and many communities, I have always encouraged local residents to record and preserve histories of their own localities and memories. More and more, I have been presented with opportunities to share archaeology and issues of heritage resources management with diverse audiences throughout Alaska, at remote US Air Force sites, in villages and rural settings and among military and civilian audiences in the cities. I enjoy sharing some of the challenges and issues of rural Alaska work and cultures with colleagues from around the United States. I would enjoy serving on the board to advocate for sharing heritage and anthropology education concerns with diverse publics and our professional community through many possible and creative means.

Patricia McClenahan, Ph.D.

I have been an Archaeologist/Applied Anthropologist in Alaska since 1986. I have been a cultural and natural resources manager for Federal agencies throughout Alaska, working with federal, state, tribal and private entities on resources management and land use planning issues, and on scientific research projects. I have served as an expert witness for the Federal Subsistence Board. In the past I worked for the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and I taught anthropology courses for UAF and UAA. Currently I am Principal in the consulting firm Pacific Northwest Resources, where I provide land use planning, cultural and natural resources management, and GIS mapping services. I served on the Alaska Anthropological Association Board from 1999 to 2001, and as an Alaska Anthropological Association newsletter editor from 1997 to 2000. I enjoyed the experience, and I'd like to be involved again as a Board member. If elected, I would work to ensure that the Association continues to actively address members' issues and concerns.

Biographies for Alaska Anthropological Association Board Nominees

Julie Raymond-Yakoubian

I have been a member of the Society since first moving to Alaska to pursue a graduate degree in 1998, and am currently a member of the Public Education Group. Though I have been a member and volunteer of the Society, I would like to start making more substantial contributions as a Board member (I also have previous Board experience for another organization). I received my MAs in Anthropology (2001) and Northern Studies (2002) from UAF. Since then I have worked for the federal government, the state of Alaska, a private contracting firm, and as an independent contractor. I am currently a social scientist for Kawerak, Inc. in Nome where I am working on topics relating to salmon and climate change. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the membership as a Board member!

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4. Tax status and IRS outlook (Aron Crowell). Attorney Steve Mahoney reviewed income statements from 2001 to the present as well as IRS correspondence, and provided a brief overview to Crowell for discussion by the Board. The Association's non-profit 501(c)(3) status lapsed in 1982. To restore it we need to first incorporate with the State of Alaska and then apply to the IRS for renewal of non-profit status. The process will take up to six months. In addition, the aaa's gross receipts have exceeded the \$25,000 cap in most years, so we should have been filing tax returns. The IRS will certainly assess us a non-filing penalty, but typically abates such penalties for non-profit organizations where the mistake was inadvertent. The aaa will need to file taxes for 2007, although we could request an extension if necessary. We also need an Alaska business license because of sales of the journal. Aron will give a report on the status of these issues at the annual meeting.

5. Journal production (Owen Mason). Volume 5(1) is at the printer and should be out by the date of the conference. The idea of having the volume at the registration desk for newly signed members was discussed. The new production editor, Sue Mitchell of Inkworks, has been flexible and responsive, although some extra work had to be done on copy editing and proofing; hopefully this was just part of the learning curve and will be avoided for the second issue under Inkworks. Volume 5(2) is in layout and about half complete. Vol 6(1) is in review and should come out in mid-2008. Final production costs for 5(1) will not be known until mailing charges are determined.

V. Old Business

Association web site. Amy Steffian has assumed temporary responsibility as aaa web master for the current site, and will work with Matt Ganley to learn the program for doing updates. The Board then discussed the bid from Couloir Graphics for design

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Obituary

Dorothy Jean Ray Ph.D.
October 10, 1919 – December 12, 2007
Patricia McClenahan

Dorothy Jean Ray, former Alaska resident and ethnographer of the Bering Strait Inupiat, died December 12, 2007, in Port Townsend, Washington. She was 88.

Dorothy was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Oscar and Vina Tostlebe. She graduated with a degree in English, with honors, from the University of Northern Iowa in 1941. She and her first husband moved to Nome in 1945, and there she developed her lifetime interest in anthropology.

She accomplished graduate work at Radcliffe College and the University of Washington, and anthropology became her career. She published eight books and some 80 professional papers on the ethno-history and art of the Inupiaq and Yup'ik people. While studying at the University of Washington she met Dr. Verne F. Ray, an anthropologist studying Northwest Indian tribes, and they married.

Among a number of public honors, she received honorary doctoral degrees from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Northern Iowa, where she had also received an Alumni Achievement Award earlier in her career.

Ray's ethnographic work has been of particular importance to archaeologists working in Northwest Alaska. It gives historic detail about the region's inhabitants with which to compare the region's archaeological record. Her work yields vital information about historic subsistence – settlement patterns, providing data to support a regional prehistoric and historic archaeological perspective.



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For the nineteenth century pre-European Bering Strait inhabitants, Ray categorized social groups on the basis of subsistence patterns, recognizing three principal patterns for the Seward Peninsula. These patterns were based on the relative importance of each animal in a group's subsistence practices: whaling pattern, caribou hunting pattern, and small sea mammal pattern (Ray 1964: 62).

Ray noted that these subsistence patterns did not correlate with any single dialect or language group. Differences among the groups were due to the relative importance of each animal in the seasonal round of activities of each group, to the location and timing of subsistence activities, trade, and travel for obtaining products (Ray 1964: 62).

Ray highlighted three important aspects of these subsistence patterns. Because of the nature of the resource base, arctic subsistence requires of hunter-gatherers

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Dorothy Jean Ray

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that they be seasonally mobile, that they be flexible in their search for food and ability to use any of a variety of primary foods within the subsistence use area, and that they have a great number of potential alternatives available in all of their subsistence patterns (Ray 1964: 62).

Ray is survived by a son, Eric S. Thompson of Anchorage; three step-grandsons, Robert Fromberg of Oak Park, Ill., Paul Fromberg of Evenston, Ill., and Steven Fromberg of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and two great-grandsons.

Selected Works:

Ray, Dorothy Jean. 1964. Nineteenth Century Settlement and Subsistence Patterns in Bering Strait. *Arctic Anthropology* 2(2):61 – 94.

1967. *Eskimo Masks Art and Ceremony*. University of Washington. Seattle.

1975. *The Eskimos of Bering Strait 1650 – 1898*. University of Washington. Seattle.

1981. *Aleut and Eskimo Art. Tradition and Innovation*. University of Washington Press. Seattle.

1984. Bering Strait Eskimo. In *Handbook of North American Indians, Volume 5 Arctic*. David Damas, Volume Editor. Smithsonian Institution, Washington.

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and production of the long-planned new aaa web site. Working with Couloir requires membership in the Foraker Group,

and acceptance of the bid was tabled previously pending confirmation that aaa is an organizational member in good standing despite our lapsed non-profit status. Aron Crowell reported that Steve Mahoney had confirmed that this is the case, and called for a motion to move forward with Couloir.

*Lisa Frink moved to accept the Couloir Graphics bid of \$7865.00 for web site design and production, seconded by Daniel Montieth. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

Student paper award. There has been only one submission for the student paper award. Daniel Montieth and Lisa Frink volunteered to review the paper and make recommendations to the Board re: whether to award the prize.

**Professional Achievement award. One nomination was received. In recognition that the nominee would be a highly worthy recipient, Amy Steffian moved that the nominee receive the award, seconded by Lisa Frink, and passed unanimously.

**Student intern for conference. After discussion of the need, Daniel Montieth made a motion to approve \$500 for a conference student intern to assist with pre-registration, registration, and training of volunteers. Owen Mason seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Council for Affiliated Societies (SAA). Aron Crowell said that he would fill out an application for aaa to join the council, in order to increase national visibility and have announcement for our annual meetings included in the SAA newsletter. There is no cost.

VII. Adjournment. Aron Crowell **adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

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**** ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING REGISTRATION ****

Please note, due to a recent change in membership fee structure and timing, the 2008 meeting registration form is ONLY for aaa Conference Registration. Membership dues and donations are accounted for on a separate form.

Please use one form per registrant and photocopy this form for multiple registrations. Please print.

Name: _____

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	Before	After	
Registration Fee:	February 1st	February 1st	
Regular/Institutional	\$100	\$120	\$ _____
Student (currently enrolled)	\$ 50	\$ 65	\$ _____
Nonmember	\$110	\$130	\$ _____
Nonmember daily rate	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ _____

Friday Banquet (February 29, 2008) Speaker: Patricia Sutherland, Curator, Archeological Survey of Canada, Canadian Museum of Civilization
 Cost: \$42.00 (mark your meal selection)

Halibut _____ Steak _____ Vegetarian Entree _____ \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon (March 1, 2008) Speaker: Julie Cruikshank, Professor Emerita, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia

Buffet with chicken or pork or vegetarian entrée (Cost: \$30.00) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

A reception is planned for Thursday evening, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art in honor of the exhibit: *"Yuungnaqpiallerput/The Way We Genuinely Live: Masterworks of Yup'ik Science and Survival."*

To help us estimate how many people to expect, please check here if you plan on attending.

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