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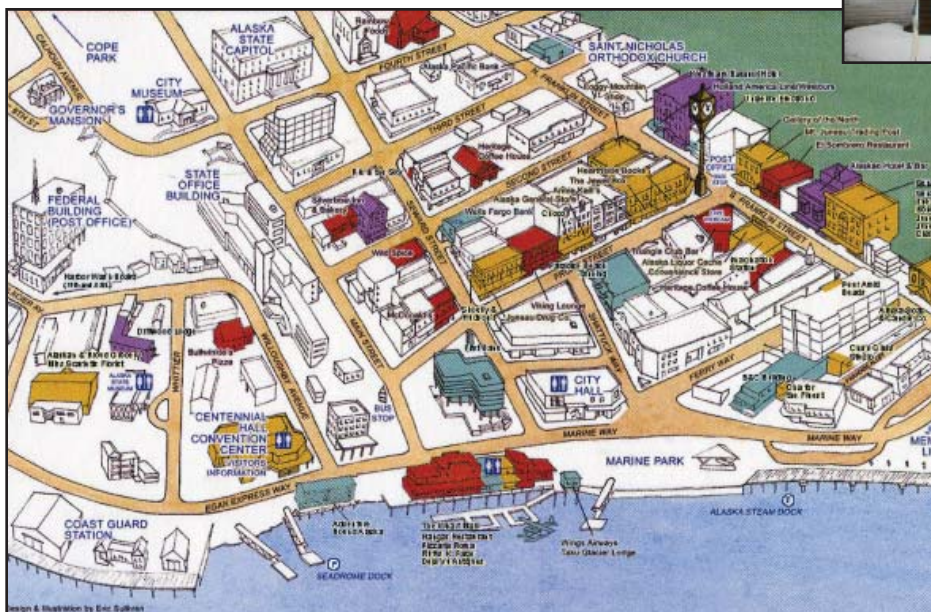
March 11 - 14, 2009

Centennial Hall
101 Egan Dr.
Juneau



NPS Photo

Take a walk during breaks in the conference schedule and explore downtown Juneau. Check out some of its historic places, like St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at 326 5th Street. Built in 1894, it is said to be the oldest continuously functioning Russian Orthodox church in Alaska and is on the National Register of Historic Places. See you in Juneau!



<http://www.downtownjuneau.com/>

Message from the Web Master

Dawn Biddison

Web Site Upgrade

As many of you have found already, there is an upgraded Association web site available for renewing membership, registering for the conference, ordering publications, access to newsletters and more. We appreciate your patience as glitches are resolved.

Check out the “What’s New” section on the home page for updates on site-use instructions, including how to log in to your account. If you are still having trouble after following these tips, please contact Dawn Biddison, Treasurer, by email at biddisondd@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

Message from the Newsletter Editor

Becky Saleeby

This is the first issue of your online newsletter. It will be available on you on the same schedule as the old hard-copy version in June, September, December, and February (or March, depending on the dates for the annual meeting).

The features of the newsletter will be basically the same, except that membership and meeting registration will be done online. Please continue to send in newsworthy articles and lots of photos. Among the benefits of having an online newsletter are that your color photos will now appear in color and that we are no longer constrained to a set number of pages for printing purposes. Check the right-hand column for my contact information.

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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.

Special Interest Group News



Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists

The 10th Annual ACZ Workshop will be held March 11, 2009, in Juneau, Alaska, the day before the Alaska Anthropological Association meetings. This year the topic is:

Sex and Age Determination, A Practical Approach

Dr. Susan Crockford with Pacific Identifications, Inc., University of Victoria, British Columbia will be the Instructor. She has over 30 years of experience in faunal identification.

This workshop will cover practical sex and age determination criteria for selected coastal mammals with a focus on generating useful interpretive information for archaeological faunal reports. We will look at how to discern males from females in such sexually dimorphic species as otariids and dogs, and at distinguishing the most critical age classes of young juveniles (especially newborns) for a variety of pinnipeds and a few other taxa.

You can register for the workshop at <http://www.akzooarch.org/workshops.html>

Please note that the workshop will be held in Room 218 at 1415 Harbor Way (UAS Technical Education Center), located downtown on the waterfront. Erica Hill has provided directions to the building on the next page of this newsletter.



Public Education Group *Richard VanderHoek*

The 2009 Archaeology Month Poster, "A Young State – An Ancient Land", celebrating the 50th anniversary of Alaska Statehood, is off to the printer. It should be back in mid-March, ready to be mailed out to schools.

The Public Education Group has sent the Alaska Anthropological Association Board a request for funding to support part of the 2009 Archaeology Month poster and the lecture series.

The lead teacher at the new Alaska Native Cultural Charter School, Martha Gould-Lehe, was one of the Anchorage teachers that took the 2007 Project Archaeology teacher training. She has asked me to work with her to present a series of PA-related lessons to the school's 5th and 6th grade classes, as well as arrange field trips to archaeological projects, etc. This project is being helped by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is contributing a \$2,000 grant to Project Archaeology for teacher and materials support. Thanks, Debbie!

The Anchorage Archaeological Mentorship Program will be training Alaska Native high school students in basic archaeological field techniques on three Saturdays - April 25, May 2, and May 9 at the Alaska Regional Office of the National Park Service (240 W. 5th Ave.) from 9:00 - 2:00 each day. Contact Becky Saleeby (becky_saleeby@nps.gov) if you would like to assist in the training or if you know someone who is interested in participating.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

**2009 MEETING OF THE ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION, JUNEAU, MARCH 11-14**

Please note: Times and locations of events and sessions are subject to change.
Be sure to double-check the final conference program. If you notice errors in this
document, please contact erica.hill@uas.alaska.edu

MAIN EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

9:00-4:00 Alaska Council of Zooarchaeologists Workshop with Susan Crockford
Sex and Age Determination: A Practical Approach

Room 218 at 1415 Harbor Way (UAS Technical Education Center), located downtown on the waterfront.

Directions: Go out the front door of the Goldbelt and turn right (west). Walk along the waterfront 0.9 mi, passing the bridge to Douglas Island. The UAS Technical Education Center is on the left hand side of the road on the waterfront.

6:00 PM Reception and registration at Alaska State Museum.

THURSDAY

8:15 AM Registration continues all day

NOON AJA Editorial Board meeting at the Hangar Restaurant.

7:30 PM "Battles of Fire and Water," a play at Perseverance Theatre.

Based on a landmark book by Richard and Nora Marks Dauenhauer, Dave Hunsaker intertwines accounts from both sides of the Tlingit–Russian conflict, bringing Baranov, Lisianskii and the famous Kiks.ádi warrior K'alyáan together to tell this thrilling story.

Bus pick-up at the Goldbelt at 6:30; admission is \$22.00. Question and answer with Richard and Nora after the performance. To pre-order tickets, go to:

www.perseverancetheatre.org

FRIDAY

NOON AAA Board meeting (location TBA)

6:00 PM No-host bar prior to banquet (Sheffield 1). Book signing with Richard and Nora Dauenhauer.

7:00 PM Banquet. Speaker: Sergei Kan (Dartmouth University) "Researching Tlingit Culture and History: A Thirty-Year Retrospective."

SATURDAY

12:15 PM Luncheon. Speaker: Madonna Moss (University of Oregon) "Re-Thinking 'Subsistence' in Southeast Alaska."

3:30 PM AAA Business meeting (location TBA).

7:00 PM Meeting of the Belzoni Society (location TBA).

SESSION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

POSTER SESSION (Location TBA)

Maïté Agopian (University of Alaska Museum of the North) / Faces of Kinkil: Moving in a "Closed Village" of Rural Kamchatka

Claudia Brackett (California State University, Stanislaus), J. David McMahan (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology), and Julia Kleyman (Thermo Fisher Scientific) / Exploring Russian-American Trade through Comparison of Chemical XRF Signatures of Glass from Colonial Russian Sites in Alaska and the Tal'tsinka Factory in Central Siberia

Sally Carraher (UAA) / Living in a State of Dispair(ity): Pinpointing Differences in Cancer Incidence, Mortality and Health Care for Alaska Natives

Dael A. Devenport (UAF / NPS) / Pathways: An Archaeological Predictive Model Using GIS (Geographic Information Systems)

Norman Alexander Easton (Yukon College) / Yukon College's Field Methods in Subarctic Archaeology and Ethnography: A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Anthropological Fieldwork for Undergraduates and First Nation Youth

Edmund P. Gaines (Colorado State University, Center for the Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML) /Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Tanana Flats, Interior Alaska

Elizabeth Kunibe (UAS) / Food, Fibers and Medicine: Land Use Beyond Subsistence

Elizabeth Kunibe (UAS) / Food, Taste and Health: Garden Revitalization in Alaska

Teri Rofkar and Rachel Myron / History–Ancient History–Is Alive and Well in Southeast Alaska!

Connor Ross (ISER, UAA) / Contemporary Yup'ik Subsistence

Jane Smith (Tongass National Forest) / The Three Lake Shelter Preservation Project

Aimée Tunks (University of Alaska Museum of the North) / Archaeology at the Anangula Site: History and Preservation.

Timothy Williams (NPS) / An Investigation of the Kavik Point

SESSION 1 (Sheffield 1) Archaeological Investigations on the Tongass National Forest

Organizer: Mark McCallum (Tongass National Forest)

The Tongass National Forest, the nation's largest national forest, covers most of southeast Alaska. The Tongass includes a broad array of ancient sites; including settlements, fish traps, rock art sites, canoe runs, caves, graves and culturally modified trees. Heritage resources on the Tongass, some dating over 10,000 years ago, have contributed clues to changing theories about the first arrival of people in North America. This session presents recent archaeological and paleo-environmental discoveries made on the forest. Sue Marvin will serve as the discussant.

- 9:00 Jim Dixon (Maxwell Museum of Anthropology) / Shuká Kaa (Man Before Us): Alaska's Oldest Man
- 9:20 Terence E. Fifield (Tongass National Forest) /On Your Knees Cave Overview and the Shuká Kaa Honor Ceremony
- 9:40 Risa Carlson (Tongass National Forest / University of Cambridge) / Changing Shorelines and the Earliest Indications of the First Peoples in Southeast Alaska
- 10:00 James F. Baichtal (Tongass National Forest) and S.M. Karl (USGS) / Pleistocene and Quaternary Volcanoes, Obsidian Sources, and Shell-bearing Raised Marine Deposits in Southern Southeast Alaska
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Mark McCallum (Tongass National Forest) / What's It All Mean? A Review of Over 50 Years of Radiocarbon Dating on the Tongass National Forest
- 11:00 Martin Stanford (Tongass National Forest) / Coastal Pictographs of Extreme Southern Southeast Alaska
- 11:20 Peter Bowers (NLUR), Justin Hays (NLUR), Madonna Moss (University of Oregon), Douglas Reger (NLUR) / Excavation of Two Sites at Coffman Cove, Prince of Wales Island: Implications for Northwest Coast Prehistory
- 11:40 Sue Marvin (USDA Forest Service – Alaska Region) / Discussion

SESSION 2 (Sheffield 2) General Session: Archaeological Landscapes, Surveys, and Models

- 9:00 Molly Proue and Burr Neely (both of Northern Land Use Research, Inc.) / Investigating Historic and Archaeological Landscapes in Alaska
- 9:20 Sam Coffman (UAF) / A Predictive Archaeological Model for Southcentral Alaska
- 9:40 Phoebe Gilbert (UAF and National Park Service) / A Predictive Model for the Kobuk River Basin, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve
- 10:00 Brian T. Wygal (University of Nevada, Reno / Denali National Park and Preserve) / Archeological Survey of Denali National Park and Preserve: Assessments, Models, and Hypotheses.
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Edmund P. Gaines (Colorado State University, Center for the Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML) / Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Tanana Flats, Interior Alaska
- 11:00 Ben A. Potter (UAF) / Climatic Change and Human Adaptive Responses in Subarctic Alaska: Evaluating Process-Pattern Relationships
- 11:20 Robert Gal, Jeanne Schaaf (both National Park Service), and Steven L. Klingler / Archaeological Investigations at Iyat (Serpentine Hot Springs), Seward Peninsula, Alaska
- 11:40 Shelby Anderson and Adam Freeburg (both of University of Washington) / Shifting Shores: Reconsidering Settlement Patterns at Cape Krusenstern

SESSION 3 (Sheffield 3) General Session: Creating Histories and Cultures

- 9:20 Alexander Dolitsky (Alaska-Siberia Research Center) / Cultural Change vs. Persistence: A Case from Russian Old Believers Communities in Alaska
- 9:40 Craig Mishler (Vadzaih Unlimited) / Malanka and the Alutiiq New Year's Play
- 10:00 Ashley Meredith (UAF) / Visual Ideologies & Imagining a Hawaiian Nation
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Gregory A. Reinhardt / Feathers, Furs, and Beads: What a Well-Dressed «Indian» Wears
- 11:00 Alex Simon (UAS) / The Ecological and Social Impacts of the Culture of Trophy Hunting
- 11:20 Robert E. King (BLM) / The Unexpected Story of "Caribou Bill": Another Example of What CRM Work in Alaska Can Turn Up!

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

SESSION 4 (Sheffield 1) Contributions in Cultural Resource Management

Organizer: Alan DePew

Cultural Resource Management projects make important contributions to our discipline every year. Contributions are made to various topics throughout the subdisciplines of anthropology, often originating beyond activities performed under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This session provides a venue for dissemination of these contributions and encourages presentations of all forms of research.

- 2:00 Alan DePew (Office of History and Archaeology) / Preservation and Mitigation in the Practice of Cultural Resource Management in Alaska
- 2:20 Richard VanderHoek (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) / Historic and Ethnohistoric Trails in the Denali Highway Region, South-Central Alaska: Comparing Euro-American and Traditional Trails with the Prehistoric Past
- 2:40 Richard L. Martin (UAA and Western Arctic Parklands) / The T-Stemmed Hill Complex: Caribou Kill Site in Noatak Basin, NW Alaska
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Alan D. DePew (Office of History and Archaeology) / ACRAAC: An Affiliation of Concerned CRM Practitioners
- 3:40 Diane Hanson (UAA) / CRM in Academia
- 4:00 Michael R. Yarborough (Cultural Resource Consultants LLC) / A Few Basic Truths 2.0

SESSION 5 (Sheffield 3) Sport Anthropology in the North

Organizers: Medeia Csoba DeHass and Andreas Droulias

The study of sports and games is a relatively novel trend in anthropological inquiry. The expansion of relevant literature in the past few decades demonstrates the recognition that sports are a central activity of human societies that deserve systematic investigation. Today, sports and games are regarded as cultural creations with immense symbolic capacities. On their occasion human energy is channeled towards the creation of social spaces where meaning is constructed, deconstructed and diffused and where cultural representations of politics, identity and membership are renegotiated and reproduced. Due to the ubiquity of sports and games, people can transcend local, regional and national boundaries as well as symbolically connect to the rest of the world. Sports and games also provide an arena where intimate properties of social relations such as competition and cooperation, conflict and harmony, sadness and happiness are revealed, not as mutually exclusive alternatives but as symbiotic cultural conditions.

The aim of this session is to bring together anthropologists who work within the framework of sport anthropology in the Circumpolar North and arctic researchers who are interested in discussing an ethnographic case study on the subject of sports and games. Papers exploring the multitude of micro processes that take place during sporting and gaming events, as well as investigating the relationship between sports and other social-cultural phenomena are invited for this session.

- 2:00 Michael Heine (School of Kinesiology, University of Western Ontario) /
- 2:20 Developing Instructional Materials for Eskimo/Inuit and Athabaskan/Dene Traditional Games
- 2:40 Nicole M. Dufour (UAF) / The Canine Athlete: The Construction of Canine Group and Individual Identities within the Sport of Mushing
- 3:00 Break

- 3:20 Medeia Csoba DeHass and Andreas Droulias (both of UAF) / Aleut Baseball: Cultural Creation and Innovation through a Sporting Event
- 3:40 Maya Salganek (Department of Theatre/Film Studies, UAF) / Honoring the Gift: Celebration, Ceremony, and Community in Tikigaq, Alaska, a film by Maya Salganek (30 min)
- 4:10 Andreas Droulias (UAF) / Discussion

SESSION 6 (Sheffield 2) Historical Archaeology in Alaska

- 2:00 Evguenia Anichtchenko (Anchorage Museum) / Shipwrecks Under the Ice: Results of the 1871 Whaling Fleet Disaster Investigation
- 2:20 Robert M. Dean (UAA / Chugach National Forest) / Driving Adits and Sinking Shafts: Establishing the Significance of Use and Re-Use Episodes at Historic Mining Sites
- 2:40 James Whitney (University of Alaska Museum of the North) / Historical Archaeology of Marion Creek, Alaska: Placer Gold Mining and the Capitalist World-System
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 J. David McMahan (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology), Timothy L. Dilliplane (Massachusetts Maritime Academy), Artur V. Kharinsky (Irkutsk State Technical University), and Vladimir V. Tikhonov (Taltsy Museum of Architecture and Ethnography) / Understanding Russian America: A Perspective from the Motherland, Excavations at the Baranov Glassworks and the Russian-American Company Building, Irkutsk, Russia
- 3:40 Mark S. Cassell (Territory Heritage Resource Consulting), Katie Oliver (Baranov Museum), and Margan A. Grover (Bold Peak Archaeological Services) / Above, On, and Under the Ground: Community Archaeology and Human Land Use History at the Baranov Museum, Kodiak, Alaska

FRIDAY

SESSION 7 (Sheffield 1) University of Alaska Student Symposium

Organizer: Diane Hanson

- 9:00 Kyle Wark (Glak.wa éesh) (UAA) / We Only Have One World: Social and Spiritual Life among the Tlingit
- 9:20 Monty Rogers (UAA and Stephen R. Braund & Associates) / Experimenting With Vein Quartz Cobbles: Examining the Effects of Heat-Treatment, Reduction Strategies, and Workability
- 9:40 Tiffany Curtis (UAA) / “Puyulek, Puyulek”(“Volcano, Volcano”) The 1912 Eruption in the Words of the People who lived through it.
- 10:00 Shane Husa (UAA) / Aleutian Avian Archeofauna: Implications from a Prehistoric Site on Little Kiska Island

SESSION 8 (Sheffield 1) Spirited Away: Intersecting Perspectives on Relocation and Religion in the Circumpolar North

Organizers: Patrick Plattet (UAF and Swiss National Science Foundation) and Peter Schweitzer (UAF)

How do relocation and resettlement affect the spiritual and religious dimensions of life in the North? To what extent are population movements and their social consequences affected by religious practices and representations? Without providing final answers, this session shows the anthropological relevance of diverse and intersecting perspectives on migration and religion. Papers will highlight this interplay by focusing on multi-layered expressions of relocation, “believing,” rebuilding, and remembering among various Northern communities. This panel is intended as a contribution to the BOREAS research program of the European Science Foundation (<http://www.esf.org/activities/eurocores/programmes/boreas.html>). Two NSF-funded projects under this program, MOVE and NEWREL, are sponsoring this symposium.

- 10:30 Patrick Plattet (UAF and Swiss National Science Foundation) and Peter Schweitzer (UAF) / Introduction (10 min)
 - 10:40 Peter Schweitzer (UAF) / Moved by the State: Circumpolar Perspectives on Relocation and Cultural Impacts
 - 11:00 Tobias Holzlehner (UAF) / Beringian Ghost Towns: Reading the Fragments of a Ruined Past
 - 11:20 Elena Khlinovskaya Rockhill (University of Alberta and University of Cambridge) / Living with the Absence of the State in the Magadan Region
 - 11:40 Medeia Csoba DeHass (UAF) / Whose Church is It? Exploring the Role of Religious Unity in Relocation
 - 12:00 Lunch
 - 2:00 Sasha Antohin (UAF) / The Effects of Social Change on Religious Life in Magadan
 - 2:20 Tatiana Degai (UAF) / Sacred and Significant Places of Itelmen People in Western Kamchatka, Russia
 - 2:40 David Koester (UAF) / Conflicts of a Higher Order. Religious Grounding and Village Resettlements in Kamchatka
 - 3:00 Break
 - 3:20 Patrick Plattet (Swiss National Science Foundation and UAF) / Itinerant Religiosities: Pathways to Religious Interactions in Contemporary Kamchatka
 - 3:40–4:00 Final Discussion (20 min.)
- Poster on display: Maité Agopian (University of Alaska Museum of the North) / Faces of Kinkil: Moving in a “Closed Village” of Rural Kamchatka

SESSION 9 (Sheffield 2) Humans and Their Environment: Technology and Subsistence in Arctic and Subarctic Landscapes.

Organizers: Brian T. Wygal (University of Nevada, Reno) and Josh Reuther (University of Arizona and NLUR)

Prehistoric subarctic and arctic foragers, as well as contemporary traditional societies, were/are intimately tied to their landscapes; yet, climate and landscapes are constantly evolving. At times, such changes have been gradual and were likely imperceptible to the individual. On occasion, environments transition rapidly, over the course of a single generation and these must have left lasting impressions on people. Rapid environmental change includes world-wide events such as the Younger Dryas cold snap, while others happen instantly, i.e. volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, catastrophic glacial advance, or flooding. Humans, being part of these dynamic processes, are forced to migrate or adapt and these adaptations are manifest in their subsistence and technology. This symposium includes research focusing on the human response to landscape change in the north.

- 9:00 Claire Alix (Alaska Quaternary Center, UAF), Sarah Meitl (Cultural Resource Consultants), and Daniel Odess (NPS) / Firewood Use and Availability through Time at Onion Portage: Evidence from Charcoal Analysis
- 9:20 Sam Coffman (UAF) / Microblades and the Paleoindian Component at the Lisburne Site: A Comparison to the Mesa Complex of Alaska
- 9:40 Kelly Eldridge (UAA) / Morphological Variation in Harpoons on the Gulf of Alaska Coast: Considerations of Culture and Climate
- 10:00 Adam Freeburg, Shelby Anderson (both University of Washington) and Chris Young (Nevada Department of Transportation) / Building High-Resolution Paleoenvironmental and Archaeological Data Sets: an Application of GPS Technology at Cape Krusenstern
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Jenny Haggart (BLM) / Evidence of the Impact of Geography on Supply for Two Eastern Alaska WAMCATS Stations
- 11:00 Kathryn Krasinski and Gary Haynes (University of Nevada, Reno) / Eastern Beringian Quaternary Extinctions: Chronology, Climate, and People
- 11:20 William T. Reitze (University of Arizona) / Clovis and its Progenitors: Continuity and Change in Paleosubsistence During the Colonization of the New World
- 11:40 Carol Gelvin-Reymiller and Joshua D. Reuther (University of Arizona / NLUR) / Tukuto Lake Organic Material (Croxtton Site Locality J): Examples of Bone, Ivory, and Antler Grooving and Shaping Techniques
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Scott Shirar (University of Alaska Museum of the North) / Ecology and Subsistence Technology along the Noatak and Kobuk Rivers during the Late Prehistoric Time Period
- 2:20 Randolph M Tedor (UAA), Daniel C. Fisher (University of Michigan), and Adam N. Rountrey (University of Michigan) / Tales from the Tusk: The Life History of a mid-Holocene Mammoth from St. Paul Island and the Climate Change–Overkill Debate
- 2:40 Brian Wygal (University of Nevada, Reno) / Analogous Scenarios: Deglaciation and the Human Colonization of Northern Europe

SESSION 10 (Sheffield 3) General Session: Collections Research and Material Culture Studies

- 9:00 Kenneth K. Imamura / The Pacific Northwest Coast Native Halibut Hook: Elements of Form and Function
- 9:20 Kathryn Bernick (Royal BC Museum) / Ingenuity and Insight: Tlingit Baskets from a Vancouver Island Wet Site
- 9:40 Shelby Anderson (University of Washington) / Late Prehistoric Interaction Networks in Northwest Alaska: a Study of Arctic Hunter-Gatherer Ceramics
- 10:00 Sam Hutchinson, Alexandra Edwards, Erin Ryder, and Sally Carraher (all of UAA) / No Longer On Ice: The History of Forensic Osteology in Alaska, with an introduction to the new Alaska Forensic Anthropology Consulting and Education (AFACE) partnership.
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Andrew Tremayne / An Analysis of Denbigh Flint Complex Burin Technology from Matcharak Lake, Alaska
- 11:00 Chris Houlette (University of Alaska Museum) / Lost in the Collection: The Question of Thule Occupation at Kukulik and the Meat Cache 35 Assemblage
- 11:20 Christopher Ciancibelli (NPS) / The 1941 Point Hope Ipiutak Collection: Rehousing and Future Research

SESSION 11 (Egan Room) Movie Mania: The Myriad Uses of Movies and Other Visual Media Across the Subfields of Anthropology

Organizers: Kelly Gwynn and Erika Malo

As the cost of producing digital videos and taking high quality photographs comes down, we see these tools crop up increasingly frequently in all types anthropological projects. It is our goal with this session to make our colleagues aware of the value of visuals in anthropology, whether it is to fulfill mitigation responsibilities in CRM work, to share our conclusions with research participants and consultants in cultural anthropology, or as a tool to work with communities during archaeological excavation.

- 9:00 John Lindsay, Karla Sclater and Gina Rappaport (all of NOAA) / NOAA NHPA Section 106 Compliance at the Seal Islands National Historic Landmark
- 9:20 Lisa Schwarzburg (UAF) / A Change of Methodological Mind
- 9:40 Erika Malo (UAA) / Using Video as Creative Mitigation
- 10:00 Kelly Gwynn (UAA and Alaska Native Heritage Center) / "Clever Title Here": Using Video in Different Aspects of Cultural Anthropology

SESSION 12 (Egan Room) General Session: Archaeological Faunas

- 10:40 Susan Crockford (Pacific Identifications Inc.) / Corroboration of Morphological vs. Genetic Identification of Animal Bone
- 11:00 Michael A. Etnier (Applied Osteology and University of Washington) / Temporal and Geographic Variation in Kuril Islands Archaeofaunas
- 11:20 Holly McKinney (UAF) / Temporal Variability of Archaeologically Deposited Fish Remains Recovered from the Mink Island Archaeological Site (49-XMK-030): An Assessment of Natural and Human Impacts

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

SESSION 13 (Sheffield 3) General Session: Communities, Change, and Migration

- 2:00 Michael Nowak (Colorado College) / Marginality in Small, Isolated Communities
- 2:20 Amanda Bremner (UAS) / Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Migration in Yakutat, Alaska
- 2:40 Elizabeth Kunibe (UAS) / Gardening, Ethnobotany and Potatoes: A Revitalization of Sustenance Strategies in Alaska
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Sally Carraher (UAA) / Because I Got Sick, I Learned English: Reflections on How Cancer Elicits Cultural Change in Alaska
- 3:40 Molly George (University of Otago) / 40 Years After Immigrating to New Zealand: Later Life, Identity and Concepts of Home in an Adopted Country
- 4:00 Hal Salzman (Rutgers University) / Malthus Redux: Are Arctic Communities an Alternative to High-Carbon Urbanization?

SATURDAY

SESSION 14 (Sheffield 2) Anthropology, Archeology and Litigation—Alaska Style

Organizers: Rita A. Miraglia (BIA) and Steven R. Street (Association of Village Council Presidents, Bethel)

Following the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, Exxon proved, to the satisfaction of the court, that Alutiiq culture could not have been damaged by the spill, because by 1989 it was no longer distinguishable from American culture. In a 2008 trial involving aboriginal hunting and fishing rights, anthropologists presented testimony denying the existence of Chugach identity prior to contact, and questioning the validity of oral and written history, and linguistic theory. We would like to see this debate brought back into an academic forum, with discussion of theoretical aspects of the issues, with examples drawn primarily from the Alaskan context.

- 9:00 Steven R. Street (Association of Village Council Presidents, Bethel) / Introductory Remarks (10 min)
- 9:10 Aron L. Crowell (Arctic Studies Center, Smithsonian Institution, Anchorage) / What Does it Mean to be Alutiiq? Perspectives on a Community Dialogue
- 9:30 Gordon L. Pullar (UAF) / Culture Change and the Reclaiming of Identity: The Kodiak Island Sugpiat
- 9:50 Andrew Jones (University of Southampton) / Performance, Improvisation and Change: Problems with the Analysis of Cultural Change and Practices of Dwelling.
- 10:10 Sally Ash (Native Village of Nanwalek) / A Personal Struggle to Preserve Sugpiaq Language and Culture in the 21st Century
- 10:30 Break
- 10:50 John Terrell (Field Museum of Natural History) / Lessons from the South Pacific (40 min)
- 11:30 D. Roy Mitchell, IV (UAA) / When the Courts Ask: "Who Have the Chugach Been?"
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Patty Brown-Schwalenberg (Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Anchorage) / Culture as Defined from a Native Perspective
- 2:20 Rita S. Shepard (Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA) / Identity Along the Portage
- 2:40 Rita A. Miraglia (BIA ANCSA Office, Anchorage) / Did I Hear That Right? One Anthropologist's Reaction to Testimony at the OCS Trial
- 3:00 Steve Langdon (UAA) / Discussion (30 min)

SESSION 15 (Sheffield 3) Displaced Peoples of Alaska

Organizers: Rachel Mason (NPS) and Becky Saleeby (NPS)

Beginning with the arrival of the first human migrants, Alaskan history has been full of examples of displaced individuals and groups. Natural disasters and animal species extinctions, as well as social factors such as conflicts and alliances, have caused relocation of settlements or territories. The Russian and American eras brought decimation by disease, family disruptions, and forced relocations to Alaska Natives. The arrival of immigrant groups of Europeans, Asians, Hispanics, and Pacific Islanders also changed the ethnic composition of Alaska's population. Quests for economic opportunities, climate change, and other factors continue to cause movement between Alaska's urban and rural communities today.

- 9:20 Rachel Mason (National Park Service) / Introduction and Overview: Defining Displacement
- 9:40 Owen K. Mason (Geoarch Alaska) / Marginality and Migration in Bering Strait in the First Millennium A.D.
- 10:00 Don E. Dumond (University of Oregon) / Alaska Peninsula Communities Displaced by Volcanism in 1912
- 10:20 Break

- 10:40 Linda Green (University of Arizona) / Dispossessed and Dislocated: Thinking through Twentieth Century Colonization in Southwest Alaska
- 11:00 Stephen J. Langdon (UAA) / 'Shakan was not abandoned!': Compulsory Education and the Forced Relocation of Tlingit Populations in the 20th Century
- 11:20 Charles Mobley (Charles M. Mobley & Associates) / WW II Aleut Relocation Camps in Southeast Alaska
- 11:40 Herbert Anungazuk (NPS) / The Many Faces of Displacement
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Marie Lowe (UAA) / Generally in the Country or Particularly in the City: Alaska's Population in Transition
- 2:20 Hannah Voorhees (University of Pennsylvania) / Reclaiming Cook Inlet: «Emplacement» Indigenism, the Crisis of Rural Displacement, and the Paradox of Alaska Natives «Out of Place» in Their Own Homeland
- 2:40 Becky Saleeby (NPS) / Anchorage, Alaska: City of Hope
- 3:00 Discussion (30 min)

SESSION 16 (Egan Room) General Session: Recent Archaeological Research: New Data, New Chronologies

- 9:20 Ted Goebel and Kelly Graf (both of Center for the Study of the First Americans, Texas A&M University) / New Phase of Paleoamerican Research in the Central North Alaska Range
- 9:40 Sarah Meitl (Cultural Resource Consultants), Claire Alix (Alaska Quaternary Center), Dan Odess (NPS) / Radiocarbon Dating at Onion Portage: Old Data, New Potential
- 10:00 Grant Zazula (Yukon Palaeontology Program), Glen MacKay (Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre), Tom Andrews (Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre), Beth Shapiro (Penn State), Brandon Letts (Penn State), and Fiona Brock (Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit, University of Oxford) / A Late Pleistocene Steppe Bison Carcass from the Arctic Red River, NWT: Implications for Glacial Chronology and the Ice Free Corridor
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Norman Alexander Easton (Yukon College), David Yesner (UAA), Katelyn A. Herrera (Yukon College) / All This and the Alaska Highway Too? Wisconsin Interstadials, Pleistocene Fauna and Artifacts, Holocene Occupations, and Historic Remains in the Mirror Creek Valley, Yukon Territory, Canada
- 11:00 Anne M. Jensen (UIC Science LLC) / First There Was Ipiutak? Revised Cultural Chronology of Nuvuk
- 11:20 Jason Rogers (Cultural Resource Consultants, Anchorage, and Exeter University, Exeter) / Mind the Gap: An Anangula Period Core-and-Blade Site on Amaknak Island, Eastern Aleutians