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# Wednesday, March 24

# Morning and Afternoon

### Lake Spenard 2 and 3

Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists Workshop

8:30-9:00am Registration Workshop 9:00 am-12:00n Lunch 12:00n-1:30pm Hands on lab 1:30-4:00pm Cleanup 4:00-5:00pm

Organizer: Becky Saleeby; Guest Instructor: Greg McDonald

The workshop will focus on the osteology of common extinct Pleistocene mammals from Alaska, including but not limited to mammoth (*Mammuthus* sp.), the extinct musk oxen (*Bootherium*), extinct bison (*Bison priscus*), and horse (*Equus lambei*). In addition to covering basic identification, the class will also review ageing and sexing of these extinct taxa. The workshop will include both lecture and lab, with an emphasis on the hands-on lab.

### Lake Spenard 1

# **Archaeology Curation and Conservation Seminar**

1:30 - 4:00pm

Facilitator: Monty Rogers (University of Alaska Anchorage)

Panelists:

Ellen Carrlee (Conservator, Alaska State Museum)

Kathryn Myers (Curator of Collections, National Park Service)

Patrick Saltonstall (Curator, Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository)

Jim Whitney (Archaeology Collections Manager, U. Alaska Museum of the North)

Topics include repositories, regulations, and conservation. Issues that will be addressed include common collections problems, the proper curation materials, dealing with bulk samples (e.g. faunal remains, lithic materials, fire cracked rock, and soil samples), artifact sampling strategies and housing collections. The seminar wraps up with a workshop on labeling artifacts, and basic conservation techniques.

# **Evening**

5:00pm – 8:00pm Conference Registration in the Lobby

6:00pm – 9:00pm Reception and No-host Bar Lake Spenard 2 and 3

# REMINDER from the conference AV support technician, Mark Rollins:

- 1) bring copy of your presentation on a CD or jump drive (not a laptop)
- 2) bring a Mac adapter if your presentation was formatted on a Mac

# Thursday, March 25

Morning
Registration 8am in the lobby
Book sales in the lobby all day

# Lake Spenard 1

### **Posters**

Morning poster presenters will be available at their posters from 10:00am - 11:00am

Presenters in alphabetical order:

J.F. Baichtal (U.S. Forest Service, Tongass National Forest) and R.J. Carlson (U.S. Forest Service/University of Cambridge)
Latest Developments in the Paleoshoreline Predictive Model for Southwestern, Southeast Alaska

Robert Bowman What is Feature 1 at Swan Point?

- Martin Callanan (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim) and Kevin Barton (Earthsound Associates, Claremorris, Ireland) Experimental Geophysical Surveying on an alpine snow patch 2008-2009.
- Barbara A. Crass (University of Wisconsin Oshkosh), Charles E. Holmes (University of Alaska Anchorage) and Ben Potter (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Experimental Archaeology at the Mead Site
- Sarah Ficarrotta, Gerad Smith, and Sam Coffman (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Rolling Over in Their Graves: Effects of Freeze-thaw Processes on Buried Artifacts.
- Victoria Florey (Smithsonian Institution), Nicole C. Little(Smithsonian Institution), Chris Houlette(University of Alaska Museum of the North), Jeffrey T. Rasic (National Park Service), and Robert J. Speakman(Smithsonian Institution) The Application of Micro-XRF and Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry Technology on the Analysis of Alaska Obsidian
- Phoebe Gilbert (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Josh Reuther (University of Arizona), Ben Potter (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Occupation and Climate change at the Mead Site: A Geoarchaeological Approach
- Charles Holmes (University of Alaska Anchorage) Excavations at Swan Point in 2009: Exploring Technology and Technique at a Beringian Period Workshop in Central Alaska
- Chris Houlette (University of Alaska Museum of the North), Jeff Rasic (National Park Service), Victoria Florey (Smithsonian Institution, Jeff Speakman (Smithsonian Institution) Prehistoric Obsidian Procurement and Transport in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve

Jessica Peterson (University of Alaska Museum of the North) Chugwater: Obsidian and Chronology

### Redington 1

# General Session - North Central Pacific and the Pribilof Islands

Session Chair: Douglas Veltre (University of Alaska Anchorage)

- 8:50 9:10am Christopher L. Donta (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) Updating the Contexts for Incised Stones from Southern Alaska
- 9:10-9:30am Buck Benson and Herbert D. G. Maschner (Idaho State University) Elemental Analysis of Volcanic Material from the Alaska Peninsula: An Evaluation of Multiple Techniques
- 9:30-9:50am Patrick Saltontstall and Amy Steffian (Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository) Norton Houses of the King Salmon River
- 9:50-10:10am Herbert D. G. Maschner (Idaho State University), Buck Benson (Idaho State University), Nicole Misarti(Idaho State University), Garrett Knudsen (University of Cambridge) The Archaeology of the Sapsuk River, Alaska

10:10-10:30am - Break

- 10:30-10:50am Jason Rogers (University of Exeter/Cultural Resource Consultants) and Aubrey Morrison (University of Alaska/Cultural Resource Consultants) The "Gateway to the Aleutians": Preliminary Results from Recent Excavations on Akun Island, Eastern Aleutians.
- 10:50-11:10am Margan Allyn Grover (Bold Peak Archaeological Services) "Rough and Unruly Men, Ready to Face Death"
- 11:10-11:30am Catherine L. Pendleton (Cultural Resource Consultants) and Douglas W. Veltre (University of Alaska Anchorage) Feature Variation at the Late 18th Century Aleut and Russian Settlement of Zapadni, St. Paul Island, Alaska

11:30-11:50am Evgenia Anichenko (Anchorage Museum) Open Skin Boats of the Aleutian Chain, Kodiak and Prince William Sound: Towards Understanding the Continuum of Boatbuilding Traditions of the North Pacific.

# **Redington 2**

# **Contributions in Cultural Resource Management**

Organizer: Alan D. DePew (State Office of History and Archaeology/ ACRAC)

Cultural Resource Management projects make important contributions to our discipline every year. Contributions include but are not limited to enlightening our understanding of our archaeological and historic record, development of field methods and analytical techniques, and innovative procedural solutions. This session provides a venue for dissemination of these contributions and encourages presentations from all forms of research.

- 8:30 8:50am Judy Bittner (State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) Alaska Historic Preservation Act Intent of Proposed Regulations
- 8:50-9:10am Mike Burwell (University of Alaska Anchorage & Minerals Management Service) The 2009 *Politkofsky* Search Expedition, St. Michael, Alaska
- 9:10-9:30am Daniel R. Thompson (State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) Excavations of a Mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century Dena'ina Winter Household [KEN-475] on the Kenai River: Breathing Life into the Archaeological Record
- 9:30-9:50am Chris Campbell (Minerals Management Service) The Significance of Pelagic Birds to the Inupiat of Little Diomede Island, Alaska
- 9:50-10:10am Janet Clemens and Becky Saleeby (National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office) Alaska Battlefield Landscapes: Old Sitka and Kiska WWII National Historic Landmarks
- 10:10-10:30am Break
- 10:30-10:50am Robert M. Dean (Chugach National Forest & University of Alaska Anchorage) The Impacts of Cultural Resource Data Structure: A Need for Standards
- 10:50-11:10am Diane K. Hanson (University of Alaska Anchorage) Effect of Academia on CRM Faculty
- 11:10-11:30am Richard VanderHoek (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) Archaeological Site Preservation through Education: Project Archaeology Returns to Barrow
- 11:30-11:50pm Discussion led by Alan DePew

# **Redington 3**

# Homesteading, Historic Cultural Remains, and Cultural Dynamics in Historic-era Alaska

Organizers: Pat McClenahan (Pacific Northwest Resources Consultants) and Robert King (Bureau of Land Management)

Aboriginal people were present in Alaska from ca.15,000 years ago. Alaska was acquired by the United States in 1867, setting off a chain of events leading to the Alaska we know today. Homesteading in Alaska, predominantly by Euro-Americans, led to many landscape and cultural changes. The history of social and commercial developments is reflected in the historic structures and archaeological sites of the historic American Period in Alaska (1867-1960s).

- 8:30-8:50am Robert E King (Bureau of Land Management) Homesteading in Alaska: Transforming the Last Frontier 8:50-9:10am Pat McClenahan (Pacific Northwest Resources Consultants) Homesteading in the Northern Cook Inlet Susitna Lowlands during the American Period 1867–1960s.
- 9:10-9:30am Phyllis M. Smith (Chugiak-Eagle River Historical Society) The Habitable Dwelling and How it Grew
- 9:30-9:50am Sarah J. Meitl (Cultural Resource Consultants) Opening the Country: Mines, Transport, and Settlement
- 9:50-10:10am Tiffany Ann Curtis (University of Alaska Anchorage) and Edward Berg (Kenai National Wildlife Refuge) Dating Historic Structures Using Tree-Rings or Dendroarchaeology on the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska
- 10:10-10:30am Linda Finn Yarborough (Cultural Resource Consultants) and Catherine Pendleton (Cultural Resource Consultants) Homesteads and Landscapes in Two Areas of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Southcentral Alaska 10:30-10:45am Break

- 10:45-10:50 Fran Seager-Boss (Matanuska-Susitna Borough) Introductory remarks
- 10:50-11:10am Daniel E. Stone (Matanuska-Susitna Borough), Fran Seager-Boss (Matanuska-Susitna Borough), and David Yesner (University of Alaska Anchorage) K'enaht'ana Dena'ina in the Undiscovered Country: Social Change Due to Euro-American Influx
- 11:10-11:30am David R. Yesner (University of Alaska Anchorage), Daniel E. Stone (Matanuska-Susitna Borough), and Fran Seager-Boss (Matanuska-Susitna Borough) Inside and Outside: Artifact Distributions and Discard Patterns at the Knik Queshqa House
- 11:30-11:50am Fran Seager-Boss (Matanuska-Susitna Borough), David Yesner (University of Alaska Anchorage) and Dan Stone (Matanuska-Susitna Borough) Transition from Trading Post to Townsite

# Lunch 11:50- 1:30

Lunch on your own

**Scampering Hominids Nano-marathon** (2.62 mile walk/run – register at registration desk) - Meet in the Millennium Parking Lot 12:30pm

Public Education Group No-Host Luncheon - Flying Machine Restaurant, Millennium Hotel 12:00n

Alaska Journal of Anthropology Editorial Board Luncheon and Meeting - Place/time to be announced

**Lecture and book signing by Brian Fagan** (for his recently release book *Cro-Magnon*) - UAA Bookstore 1:00-3:00pm (This time may change)



The Scampering Hominids are alive and well in Alaska

Please join them for a run around scenic Lake Spenard Thursday, March 25 12:30pm leaving from Millennium parking lot

There will be bibs and medals!

# Thursday Afternoon

# Lake Spenard 1

### **Posters**

Afternoon poster presenters will be available from 2:00-3:00pm

Fawn Carter (University of Alaska Museum of the North/University of Alaska Fairbanks) An Examination of Osseous Materials from a Meat Cache at Kukulik St. Lawrence Island, AK

Christopher Ciancibelli (National Park Service) and Phoebe Gilbert (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Kobuk River Land Use Archaeological Inventory

Stephanie Cullers (University of Alaska Anchorage) The Impacts of Globalization on the Women of Japan: A Mixed Bag Desiree Downey and Erica Hill (University of Alaska Southeast Juneau) Walrus: It's what's for dinner

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

Margan Allyn Grover (Bold Peak Archaeological Services) Artels, Zimov'ie, Odinochta, Forts and Other Sites in Russian America

Lacy Hamner, R. Joan Dale, Nikki Tozzi (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) Why Datum and Projection are Important Considerations When Setting Up Your GPS

Megan A. Partlow (Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA) and Eric Munk (NOAA Fisheries, Kodiak, AK) Regression Formulae for Estimating Lengths of Saffron Cod (*Eleginus gracilis*) from Archaeological Bones

Fran Seager-Boss, Elizabeth Grover, and Lisa Graham (Alaska Association for Historic Preservation) Alaska's 10 Most Endangered Historic Buildings

# **Redington 1**

# **General Session – Arctic**

Chair: (TBA)

- 1:40-2:00pm Owen K. Mason (Geoarch Alaska) and Peter M. Bowers (Northern Land Use Research) The Origin of Thule is Always Elsewhere: Kotzebue Sound, Cul de sac or Nursery?
- 2:00-2:20pm Herbert D. G Maschner (Idaho State University) Prolegomenon to Arctic Prehistory: Or Why the North Pacific Matters to the Origins of the Eskimo and Aleut
- 2:20-2:40pm Bill Hedman (Bureau of Land Management) Raven Bluff: A Late Pleistocene Site in Arctic Alaska
- 2:40-3:00pm John F. Hoffecker (Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado at Boulder), Owen K. Mason (Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado at Boulder), Nancy H. Bigelow (University of Alaska at Fairbanks), Christyann M. Darwent (University of California at Davis), Claire Alix (University of Alaska at Fairbanks, CNRS/Universite de Paris), John Darwent (University of California at Davis); Scott A. Elias (Royal Holloway, University of London) Changing Climates and Human Settlement at Cape Espenberg: AD 800 1400
- 3:00-3:20pm Roger Harritt (RK Harritt and Associates) The Ethnohistory of Sledge Island, Alaska
- 3:20-3:40pm Michael Kunz (Bureau of Land Management/Arctic Field Office) Blades and Microblades: Same Genus, Different
- 3:40-4:00pm Shelby L. Anderson (University of Washington) Late Prehistoric Social Organization in Northwest Alaska: Preliminary Results of Ceramic Sourcing

### **Redington 2**

# Seasonal assemblage variability

Organizer: Brian T. Wygal

This symposium presents a range of theoretical approaches which interpret seasonality from the archaeological record. Prehistoric societies in the north were likely highly mobile, an adaptation which facilitated access to a logistically difficult resource base. Different tool types, structure styles, or fauna assemblages may not have been produced by ethnically different people. Prehistoric northerners likely switched between various strategies based on the widely divergent seasonal conditions typical of the north. New methods and theoretic frameworks for identifying and interpreting the importance of seasons to technological organization, mobility, and subsistence are essential to addressing prehistoric behavioral patterns in the north.

- 1:40-2:00pm Pat McClenahan, (Pacific Northwest Resources Consultants) Seasonal Subsistence-Settlement Strategies on the Central Alaska Peninsula: The Past 1,000 Years.
- 2:00-2:20pm Andrew Tremayne (University of Wyoming and National Park Service) A Report on Seasonality Markers from a Denbigh Flint Complex Camp at Matcharak Lake (AMR-186), Alaska
- 2:20-2:40pm Scott Shirar (University of Alaska Museum of the North) Interpreting Seasonal Occupation: A Late Holocene Example From NW Alaska
- 2:40-3:00pm John Darwent (Department of Anthropology, University of California, Davis), Christyann Darwent (Department of Anthropology, University of California, Davis), Genevieve LeMoine (Peary MacMillan Arctic Museum, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine), Hans Lange (Greenland National Museum and Archives, Nuuk) Mapping the Landscape: Seasonal Movements of Paleoeskimo and Thule-Inughuit in Northwest Greenland
- 3:00-3:20pm Break
- 3:20-3:40pm Brian T. Wygal (Bureau of Land Management) Modeling Seasonality from Assemblage Variability in Central and Southcentral Alaska
- 3:40-4:00pm David R. Yesner (University of Alaska Anchorage) Seasonal Settlement Patterns in Eastern Beringia: Implications from the Broken Mammoth Site
- 4:00-4:20pm Ted Goebel (Center for the Study of the First Americans) Does the Microblade/Non-Microblade Dichotomy in Terminal-Pleistocene Beringia Represent Seasonal Variation?
- 4:20- 4:40pm Break

### Special Session Introducing the Dene-Yeniseian Connection

4:40-5:20pm

Presenters: Edward Vajda (Western Washington University), James Kari (University of Alaska Fairbanks, ANLC), Ben A. Potter (University of Alaska Fairbanks, Anthropology)

The Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska (APUA) will publish a monograph dedicated to the Dene-Yeniseian connection this spring. A total of 18 papers by international scholars provide multiple interdisciplinary perspectives on this problem. These include the lead paper by Ed Vajda establishing the connection as well as perspectives from linguistics (proof of relationship, cognates, linguistic conservativism), archaeology (time-depth, material culture patterning, migration patterning), and biology (genetic relationships, peopling of the New World). This presentation will provide an overview of this landmark publication which we believe will stimulate new directions in anthropology and historical linguistics in the far north.

### **Redington 3**

### Contributions to the Historical Archaeology of Western Mining

Organizers: Paul White (University of Alaska Anchorage), Robin Mills (Bureau of Land Management)

The North American mineral rushes of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries are well recognized as heralding momentous social and physical transformations, whether one considers this in terms of population shifts, infrastructure changes, industrial growth, land dispossession, environmental impacts, or in the literally hundreds of thousands of mines and prospects evident throughout former mining districts. Contributors to this session present archaeological perspectives on this sizable and complex legacy. This includes papers addressing methodological approaches for categorizing mining-related features better, as well as exploratory papers documenting known, but seldom recorded, sustained interactions between mining operations and indigenous communities.

- 1:40-2:00pm Robin O. Mills (Bureau of Land Management) and Catherine Spude (Montana Dawn Enterprises) Interpreting Occupancy Using Multiple Regression Analysis on Historic Log Cabin Foundations in the Koyukuk Mining District, Alaska.
- 2:00-2:20pm Robert M. Dean (Chugach National Forest / University of Alaska Anchorage) Understanding Landscape Relationships and Changes in the Kenai Star Mining District
- 2:20-2:40pm Paul White (University of Alaska Anchorage) A Reappraisal of Historic Mining, Land Claiming, and Shoshonean Culture Change
- 2:40-3:00pm James Whitney (University of Alaska Museum of the North) Historical Archaeology of Snare Creek: Documenting the History of a Han Athabascan Community in the Coal Creek Mining District.
  3:00-3:20pm - Break

### **Public Education Symposium**

Organizers: Jennifer Tobey (ASRC Energy Services) and Richard VanderHoek (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) Public Education is a necessary part of modern anthropology/archaeology. It gives public relevance to our jobs, increases public interest in what we do, and increases public awareness of our subject material's values. Public Education may inform relations among cultures and aid in the protection of cultural values and cultural heritage. Thus, increasing public understanding of anthropology through Public Education is vitally important to the permanence of our field. Participants in this symposium will share their public activities and pass on the lessons learned.

- 3:20-3:40pm Roberta Gordaoff (USDA Forest Service, Chugach Forest & Chenega Corporation) and Jared Selanoff (Chugach Alaska Corporation) Using Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to Share Culture 3:40-4:00pm Chris Houlette (University of Alaska Museum, Archaeology) ASRA 2009, Archaeology for Ambitious High-Schoolers
- 4:00-4:20pm Anne M. Jensen (UIC Science LLC) Culture and Change: Learning from the Past on the North Slope 4:20-4:40pm Erika Malo (University of Alaska Anchorage) Public Outreach from the Central Aleutians Inland Sites Survey

4:40-5:00pm Chris Wooley (Chumis Cultural Resource Services), Justin Hays, Darien Thomas, Josh Reuther, Molly Proue, David John and Jason Rogers Crooked Creek Community Archaeology on the Middle Kuskokwim River, 2009

# Lake Spenard 1

Roundtable - Alaska Maritime Society: To Be or Not To Be

Organizers: Jenya Anichenko (Anchorage Museum) and Dave McMahan (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) Maritime Societies of the United States, Canada and Europe have created impetus for a wide array of educational, archaeological and preservation initiatives. How can these successful models be applied to the state of Alaska? What should the mission of the Alaska Maritime Society be? What are the financial realities of this initiative? What are potential benefits of creating this type of organization? Join Jacques Marc of Underwater Archaeological Society of British Colombia, as well as state and federal representatives, archaeologists, historians, divers and other maritime enthusiasts to discuss the potential of Alaska Maritime Society and decide its fate.

Special Thanks

37th Annual Alaska Anthropological Association

Conference

Coffee Break Sponsors

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Mark Cassell - Territory Heritage Resource Consulting
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# Friday, March 26

Morning
Registration 8:00am in the lobby
Book sales in the lobby all day

# Reddington 1

# In and Around the House: Transforming Domestic Space in Arctic Alaska and the Russian Far East

Organizers: Amber Lincoln (University of Aberdeen), Peter Schweitzer (University of Alaska Fairbanks) and Sveta Yamin-Pasternak (University of Alaska Fairbanks)

This session questions the continuities between home, household, settlement, and community from the perspective of spatial arrangements documented during recent ethnographic research in Alaska and Russia. As an anthropological focus, each of these entities is located along the continuum of private and public realms, inhabited by family and neighbors and also by regulating agencies and politicians. Comparing the trajectories of modifications in the living spaces that emerge at the junction of cultural processes and policy-driven changes, the papers in this session explore how the aesthetic, structure, and everyday use of space articulate different aspects of social transition.

- 8:10-8:30am Peter Schweitzer (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Introduction
- 8:30-8:50am Tobias Holzlehner (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Living Inside the Belly of the Beast: Architectural transformations in the Russian Far East
- 8:50-9:10am Sveta Yamin-Pasternak (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Surviving "The Gift:" Resilience, Rejection, and Adaptation Inspired by Government Built Homes, a Case from Chukotka.
- 9:10-9:30am Amber Lincoln (University of Aberdeen) Storage, Keepsakes, and Stories in the Homes of Northwest Alaska 9:30-9:50am Patrick Durrer (University of Neuchatel, Switzerland and University of Alaska Fairbanks) An Island as Home: Considering the Domestic Space from the House to the Land in Kivalina, Alaska.
- 9:50-10:10am Break
- 10:10-10:30am Molly Lee (University of Alaska Fairbanks) *Itchalik* and *Irvulik*: Traditional House Form as Sources for Contemporary Native American Architecture, a Case Study.
- 10:30-10:50am Aaron Cooke (Cold Climate Housing Research Center) Sustainable Northern Shelter
- 10:50-11:10am Elizabeth Mikow (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Negotiating Relocation(s): Perspectives from Kaktovik, Alaska
- 11:10-11:30am Sean Mack, Liza Mack, Andrew Kliskey, Lilian Alessa (University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, RAM Group) The Integration of Digital Terrain Visualization in Ethnography: The Historic Village of Belkofski, Alaska
- 11:30-11:50am Discussion

# Redington 2

# Recent Archaeological Research in the Western Subarctic

Organizer: Ben A. Potter (University of Alaska Fairbanks)

This session encompasses recent archaeological work in the Western Subarctic (Alaskan and Canadian). Subarctic environments pose special problems for site location and interpretation, and basic questions of culture history, technological variability, and landscape use persist. This session highlights recent multi-disciplinary work addressing long-standing questions (and adding new ones) to current frameworks of the prehistory of the region. The presentations are inclusive, including results from recent field and laboratory work, methodological advances, and broader regional considerations. All time periods are represented, from Late Pleistocene to Late Holocene.

- 8:10-8:30am H. Kory Cooper (Purdue University) Native Copper in Northwest North America
- 8:30-8:50am John Jangala (Bureau of Land Management, Glennallen Field Office) Fieldwork in The Delta Wild and Scenic River Corridor: Evidence for a Long Term Travel Route Between The Copper River Basin and the Tanana Valley
- 8:50-9:10am Justin M. Hays (Northern Land Use Research, Inc.), Molly M. Proue (Northern Land Use Research, Inc.), Josh D. Reuther, Northern Land Use Research, Inc.) Jason S. Rogers (Alaska Maritima), Chris B. Wooley (Chumis Cultural Resources Services) Excavation of a Prehistoric House Pit Along the Middle Kuskokwim River
- 9:10-9:30am Julie A. Esdale (Alaska Heritage Preservation) and Robin O.Mills (Bureau of Land Management) Lithic Procurement and Tool Production Strategies at the Late Prehistoric U.S. Creek Site

- 9:30-9:50am Carol Gelvin-Reymiller (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Joshua Reuther (University of Arizona Tucson), David Klein (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Shaw Creek Flats East Project: Preliminary Overview of Four Sites at Quartz Lake
- 9:50-10:10am Break
- 10:10-10:30am Charles Holmes (University of Alaska Anchorage), Joshua D. Reuther (University of Arizona/Northern Land Use Research), and Peter Bowers (Northern Land Use Research) The Eroadaway Site: Early Holocene Lithic Technological Variability in the Central Alaska Range
- 10:30-10:50am Sam Coffman (University of Alaska Fairbanks) and Ben A. Potter (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Holocene Archaeology at Teklanika West, Central Alaska.
- 10:50-11:10am Norman Alexander Easton (Yukon College), Camille Sanford, Katie Hannigan Toye, David R. Yesner, Vance Hutchinson. Chindadn Type 2.5: 2009 Field Research on the Yukon -Alaska Borderlands
- 11:10-11:30am Ted Goebel (Center for the Study of First Americans, Texas A&M University)The Fluted-Point Locality at Serpentine Hot Springs, Bering Land Bridge Preserve, Alaska
- 11:30-11:50am Kelly E Graf and Ted Goebel (Center for the Study of First Americans, Texas A&M University) New Excavations at the Owl Ridge Site: An Update

# **Redington 3**

# Film Room

Organizer: Erika Malo (University of Alaska Anchorage and Public Trowel)

8:10-8:30am Introduction by Erika Malo

8:30-9:50am Ellen Frankenstein (Frankenstein Productions) Eating Alaska (60 min)

9:50-10:10am Break

10:10-10:50am Gry Elisabeth Mortensen (Visual Cultural Studies, University of Tromsø, Norway) Doing the Norway (30 min)

10:50-11:40am Laura Bliss Spaan (Bliss MultiMedia) Reunion Under Mount Saint Elias The Return of Frederica De Laguna to Yakutat, Alaska (30min)

11:40-11:50 Discussion

# Lunch 12:00n - 2:00 pm

Lunch on your own

Behind the Scenes Tour to the Alaska Heritage Museum at Wells Fargo Bank - Shuttle Bus leaves at 12:15

# Friday Afternoon

# **Redington 1**

### **Northwest Coast Archaeology**

Organizers: Risa Carlson (University of Cambridge) & Ottar Mobley (Heritage Consulting Service)

Each new field session brings new archaeological discoveries in Southeast Alaska and the Northwest Coast. This session is dedicated to reporting these discoveries in a timely way to the archaeological community.

- 2:00-2:20pm J.F. Baichtal (Geologist, U.S. Forest Service, Tongass National Forest) and R.J. Carlson (U.S. Forest Service/ University of Cambridge) Development of a Model to Predict the Location of Early Holocene Habitation Sites along the Western Coast of Prince of Wales Island and the Outer Islands, Southeast Alaska
- 2:20-2:40pm Kelly Monteleone and E. James Dixon (Department of Anthropology and Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico) GIS Modeling to Locate Prehistoric Submerged Archaeological Sites in Southeastern, Alaska's Alexander Archipelago.
- 2:40- 3:00pm R.J. Carlson (U.S. Forest Service/University of Cambridge) and J.F. Baichtal (Geologist, U.S. Forest Service, Tongass National Forest) Four New Early Holocene Microblade Sites in the Alexander Archipelago located using a Predictive Model based on Raised Marine Beach C14 Dates and Elevations

- 3:00-3:20pm E. James Dixon (Maxwell Museum of Anthropology and Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico) Late Pleistocene Colonization Corridors Identified Through Large–scale Paleogeographic Reconstructions
- 3:20-3:40pm Break
- 3:40-4:00pm Daniel Monteith (University of Alaska Southeast) Re-examining Old School Hypotheses and Assumptions in Southeast Alaska
- 4:00-4:20pm Susan J. Crockford (Pacific Identifications Inc.) and Madonna L. Moss (University of Oregon) Indigenous Dogs from Prince of Wales Archipelago, Alaska
- 4:20-4:40pm Shona Pierce (Western Washington University) Bivalve Growth-Stages As A Measure of Site Occupation Type: Application On The Southern Northwest Coast
- 4:40-5:00pm Discussion Madonna Moss (University of Oregon)

# **Redington 2**

# **Recent Archaeological Research in the Western Subarctic (continued)**

- 2:00-2:20pm Ben A. Potter (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Phoebe Gilbert (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Charles Holmes (University of Alaska Anchorage), and Barbara Crass (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh) The Mead Site, a Late Pleistocene-Holocene Stratified Site in Central Alaska: Preliminary Results from the 2009 Excavation
- 2:20-2:40pm Stephan M. Heidenreich (University of Cologne, Germany) Approaching Intraassemblage Diversity and Interassemblage Variability of Late Pleistocene Eastern Beringia from a European Systematic Perspective Methodology and Preliminary Results of Stone Artifact Analysis
- 2:40-3:00pm Joshua D. Reuther (University of Arizona) and Ben A. Potter (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Reliability Assessment of Bone-collagen Dating Using Ultrafiltration and Modified Longin Pretreatment Methods
- 3:00-3:20pm Jeff Rasic (National Park Service, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve), P. Gregory Hare (Cultural Services Branch, Department of Tourism & Culture, Government of Yukon), Chris Houlette (University of Alaska Museum of the North, Archaeology Department), Jeff Speakman (Smithsonian Institution, Museum Conservation Institute) Preferential Use of Exotic Obsidian in the Southern Yukon Territory
- 3:20-3:40pm Break

# General Session - Athabascan Anthropology

Chair: TBA

- 3:40-4:00pm Aaron Leggett (Alaska Native Heritage Center) Tuk'ezitnu Tsa'un Chix: "Fish-stranded-in-the-tide Cave Painting"
- 4:00-4:20pm Emily Youatt (Reed College, Portland, Oregon) Norman Alexander Easton (Yukon College, Whitehorse) "The Reports of My Death Have Been Greatly Exaggerated" Maintaining the *Dineh Way* on the Yukon-Alaska Borderlands.
- 4:20-4:40pm D. Roy Mitchell, IV and Aaron Leggett (Alaska Native Heritage Center) Current Efforts at Dena'ina Language Revitalization
- 4:40-5:00pm Constance Ann Friend, Ellen Demit, David Joe, Irene Arnold, and Richard Thoman (Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge) The Adventures of *Yaabaa Teshaay* First Man Stories from Healy Lake

### **Redington 3**

### Film Room (continued)

- 2:00-2:20pm Patrick Saltonstall (Alutiiq Museum) Archaeological Field Research and Video Documentation: An Example from the Alutiiq Museum (15 min)
- 2:20-2:40pm Jerry Walton (Alaska Army National Guard), Paul Gray (Exploring Alaska) Eye to Eye with Ivan and the Ice Curtain (15 min)
- 2:40-3:00p Kelly Gwynn (University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Native Heritage Center) A Day in the Life of a Dancer (15 min)
- 3:00-3:20pm Discussion
- 3:20-3:40pm Break
- 3:40-3:50pm Kelly Gwynn (University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Native Heritage Center) and Lisa Schwarzburg (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Findings from the Field: Iñupiaq Eskimo Moms in the Lens (2.5 min)

3:50-4:00 pm Max Fraser (Max Fraser Video Productions), Norman Alexander Easton (Yukon College), and White River First Nation. Little John Country

4:00-4:30pm Liz O'Connell (WonderVisions) Lake Matcharak, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, Vodcasts (28 min)

4:30-5:00pm - Discussion

# **Evening**

6:00pm – 10:00pm Cash Bar, Dinner, Awards and Keynote Address Redington Banquet Room

Speaker: Brian Fagan Emeritus Professor, Department of Anthropology University of California Santa Barbara Come Let Me Tell You a Tale

# Saturday, March 27

# Morning Registration 8:00 am in the lobby Book sales in the lobby all day

# Redington 1

### **Student Session**

Organizers: Tiffany Ann Curtis and Monty Rogers (University of Alaska Anchorage)

Undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students in all anthropological fields conduct fieldwork and present their research on a broad array of topics. This symposium provides a low-pressure setting for presenting student research at the aaa conference. All topics are welcome and encouraged. First time presenters are also strongly encouraged.

- 8:10-8:30am Rhea Hood (University of Alaska Anchorage/National Park Service), Loukas Barton (National Park Service), Linda Chisholm (University of Minnesota) Early Kachemak on the Katmai Coast
- 8:30-8:50am Stephanie Schrodt and Herbert D. G. Maschner (Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University) A Western Gulf of Alaska Chronology of Bone Harvesting and Processing Technologies
- 8:50-9:10am Jake Anders (Clarus Environmental Services, LLC/University of Alaska Anchorage) Aspects of Landscape Use on the Southern Seward Peninsula: Caribou Drives at Glacial and Salmon Lakes
- 9:10-9:30am Travis Shinabarger (University of Alaska Anchorage) Archaeology Through a Snorkel: Searching for Evidence of Waterborne Caribou Hunting Activities in the Central Brooks Range
- 9:30-9:50am Monty Rogers and Daniel Stone (University of Alaska Anchorage) Looking Beyond House Pits and Cache pits 9:50-10:10am Break
- 10:10-10:30am Mike Burwell (University of Alaska Anchorage/Minerals Management Service) From Wreck to Relic to Meaning: A Semiotic Analysis of the Russian Steamer *Politkofsky's* Artifacts
- 10:30-10:50am Kate Worthington (University of Alaska Anchorage) Student at St. Michael; The Gold Rush Steamers
- 10:50-11:10am Thomas Allen (University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Anchorage) Initial Analysis of Lithic Materials on Adak
- 11:10-11:30am Alain Beauparlant (University of Alaska Anchorage) From Periphery to Center: The Indigenous Peoples of Alaska and Chukotka During The Cold War

# **Redington 2**

# **Anthropology of Health**

Organizers Sally Carraher (McMaster University) or Kim Fleming (Fish and Wildlife Service)

By engaging in discussions of medicine and health as viewed through an anthropological lens we can illuminate, troubleshoot and otherwise come to develop a greater understanding of the ways in which health and healthcare impact our cultures and conversely, the ways in which cultures affect our health and the implementation and practice of medicine. Discussions in the Anthropology of Health will present inquiries into the dynamic margins of medical anthropology and related fields which employ the use of qualitative, quantitative and ethnographic methods in clinical health and epidemiological research, public health initiatives, health care analysis and health care delivery.

- 8:10-8:30am Sally Carraher (McMaster University) Getting to the Gut of the Issue: Toward an Ecosocial Perspective on *Helicobacter pylori*-Related Stomach Cancer in Circumpolar Populations.
- 8:30-8:50am Michael Nowak (Colorado College) TV Dinners: A Quick Look at the Diet of Alaska's Rural Youth
- 8:50-9:10am Lisa Schwarzburg (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Special Delivery: Transporting Iñupiat Mothers and Babies in Northwest Alaska
- 9:10-9:30am Robin Oakley, Sasicoumar Brumont and Suresh Chandrakesan Mantra to Cool the Body: Healing and Discourse Among Tamil Siddha Practitioners
- 9:30-9:50am Rosellen Rosich (Psychology Department, University of Alaska Anchorage) and Christine Hanson (Anthropology Department, University of Alaska Anchorage). Cross Cultural Perspectives On Aging

9:50-10:10 - Break

# General Session - Physical Anthropology

Chair: Christine Hanson (University of Alaska Anchorage)

- 10:10-10:30am Alexandra Edwards (University of Alaska Anchorage) Different Paths to the Same Goal: Repatriation Issues in New Zealand, Norway, and the United States
- 10:30-10:50am M Geoffrey Hayes (Departments of Medicine and Anthropology, Northwestern University, Chicago) and Margarita Rzhetskaya (Department of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago) The Thule Migration: Genetic Perspectives from the North Alaskan Slope.
- 10:50-11:10am Zack Lassiter (University of Alaska Anchorage) Making a Sour Face
- 11:10-11:30am Erin Ryder (Fish & Wildlife Service) Analysis of KEN-0523, "The Palm Site" Human Skeletal Remains

### **Redington 3**

### Papers in Honor of Lydia: Lydia T. Black's Contributions to Alaska Archaeology

Organizers: Allison Young McLain and Robin Mills

This symposium includes papers from students, colleagues and others whose work was influenced by the anthropology and scholarship of Lydia T. Black. The papers review Lydia's contributions to Alaska Anthropology and reflect how Dr. Black influenced or inspired research, thus building on her legacy of scholarship in Russian America and Alaska Native ethnography and history.

- 8:10-8:30am Introduction by Allison McLain
- 8:30-8:50am Erik Deforest Hilsinger Three Accounting Registers by Igor Popov, Ivan Fomin Popov, and Ivan Gumishev: A Document from the Collection of Lydia Black
- 8:50-9:10am Katherine L. Arndt Misplaced History: A Confrontation near Chignik Bay, Alaska, June-July 1782
- 9:10-9:30am Patrick Saltonstall (Alutiiq Museum), Mark Rusk (Alutiiq Museum), and Amy Margaris (Oberlin College) The Archaeology of *Miktsqaaq Angayuk* Alutiiq Life beside Womens Bay, 1820
- 9:30-9:50am 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 (Taltsi Museum of Architecture and Ethnography) Exploring China's Tea Road to Russian America: Investigations on the Mongolian-Russian Border

9:50-10:10am - Break

10:10-10:30am Ken Pratt (Bureau of Indian Affairs, ANCSA) Riddles of the "Killing Bank"

10:30-10:50am Matt Ganley Caribou Hunting Sites on Alaska's Seward Peninsula: A Rumination on Site Types and Use

10:40-11:10am Rose Speranza Some Biogeographical Aspects of Dene-Yeniseian

11:10-11:30am Debbie Corbett (Fish and Wildlife Service) Birds of Power

11:30am – 1:30pm Luncheon and Keynote Address Lake Spenard Room

Speaker: Ann Fienup-Riordan

The Past is Old, the Future is Traditional:

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# Saturday Afternoon

# **Redington 1**

### **Student Session (continued)**

1:40-2:00pm Christopher Roe (University of Alaska Anchorage) Feeding the U. S. Armed Forces in Alaska During World War II

2:00-2:20pm Heather Ralston (University of Alaska Anchorage) Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest Archaeology

2:20-2:40-pm Sarah Cullers (University of Alaska Anchorage) Title TBA

2:40-3:00pm Kyle Allan Wark/Glak.wa eesh (University of Alaska Anchorage) The Copper Age on the Northwest Coast: Early Indigenous Metalworking

3:00-3:20pm Break

3:20-3:40pm Nadia Jackinsky-Horrell (University of Washington) Contemporary Alutiiq Mask Making

3:40-4:00pm Yoko Kugo (University of Alaska Southeast) An Examination of Changes in Gathering and Weaving Techniques

4:00-4:20pm Michelle Fournet (University of Alaska Southeast) Ruth Benedict: Blazing the Path from Intention to Action

4:20-4:40pm - Break

# **General Session – Cultural Anthropology**

Chair: Davin Holen (University of Alaska Fairbanks/Alaska Department of Fish and Game)

4:40-5:00pm Davin Holen (University of Alaska Fairbanks/Alaska Department of Fish and Game) The Praxis of Fish as Culture: Long-Term Viability of Fishing Communities in Rural Alaska

5:00-5:20pm Drew Gerkey (Rutgers University) Cooperation in Experimental and Natural Contexts Among Salmon Fishers and Reindeer Herders in Kamchatka, Russia.

5:20-5:40pm Gregory A. Reinhardt (University of Indianapolis) Yankee Doodle American Indians

# **Redington 2**

# Zooarchaeology

Organizers: Diane Hanson (University of Alaska Anchorage) and Linda Yarborough (Cultural Resource Consultants)

Papers cover coastal and inland zooarchaeology of Alaska and the Arctic.

- 1:40-2:00pm Michelle Ridgway (Oceanus Alaska) and Nora R. Foster (NRF Taxonomic Services) Beringian Margin Paleo and Modern Ecological Investigations
- 2:00-2:20pm Christyann Darwent (Department of Anthropology, University of California, Davis), Sarah Brown (Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, University of California, Davis), Joanne McKenney (Department of Anthropology, University of California), Jennifer Bencze (Department of Anthropology, University of California) Another Reason Why "Dog is Man's Best Friend": Use of Thule Sled Dogs Over the Long, Dark Winter in NW Greenland
- 2:20-2:40pm Neal Endacott and Robert E. Ackerman (Washington State University) Determination of the Primary
  Taphonomic Agents in the Formation of The Lime Hills Cave Caribou Assemblage through Surface Modification
  Attribute Analysis

- 2:40-3:00pm Kenneth Frank and Craig Mishler Vasagitsak's Hat and Scarf: Gwich'in Caribou Anatomy
- 3:00-3:20pm Break
- 3:20-3:40pm Kelly A. Eldridge and Douglas W. Veltre (University of Alaska Anchorage) Analysis of Archaeofauna from a late 18<sup>th</sup> Century Camp in the Pribilof Islands
- 3:40-4:00pm Herbert D. G., Maschner (Idaho State University), Matthew Betts (Canadian Museum of Civilization), Nicole Misarti(Idaho State University), Amber Tews (Idaho State University), Veronica Lech (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Julie Kramer (Idaho State University), The Zooarchaeology of Sanak Island, Alaska
- 4:00-4:20pm Julie Kramer (Idaho State University) An Analysis of Bird Bone Tools from Sanak Island, Alaska: An Exploration in Size Class and Stage Production Determinations
- 4:20-4:40pm Diane K. Hanson (University of Alaska Anchorage) and Aron L. Crowell (Smithsonian Institution) Finding Cod in the Trenches: Fish Remains from Two Aialik Bay Sites
- 4:40-5:00pm Holly J. McKinney (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Temporal Variability of Mink Island (XMK-030) Fish Bone Preservation and Contamination Levels: Implications for Biogeochemical Analysis.
- 5:00-5:20pm Molly Odell (University of Washington) Late Prehistoric and Historic Shellfish Use at Mitks'qaaq Angayuk (KOD-014) on Kodiak Island

### **Redington 3**

Papers in Honor of Lydia: Lydia T. Black's Contributions to Alaska Archaeology (continued)

- 1:40-2:00pm Raymond Hudson Chiefs and Abandoned Villages: Lydia T. Black's Comments on Observations Made by Edward W. Nelson in the Aleutian Islands
- 2:00-2:20pm Miranda Wright (University of Alaska Fairbanks) Towards an Understanding of Sustainability in Alaska Native Communities
- 2:20-2:40pm Steve Henrikson Hats Off to Lydia Black: Thoughts on Native Headgear of the North Pacific
- 2:40-3:00pm Sven D. Haakanson, Jr. (Alutiiq Museum) Connecting with Collections Lydia Black and Alutiiq Heritage in Europe 3:00-3:20pm Break
- 3:20-3:40pm Richard Dauenhauer (University of Alaska Southeast) Remembering Lydia Black: Personal Memories and Thanks from Various Projects
- 3:40-4:00pm Alexandra A Maloney (University of Alaska Anchorage/MatSu Collete) Alaska -Ayan: A Failed Project
- 4:00-4:20pm Closing remarks by Robin Mills

# Hands-On Educational Activities, Ongoing Workshop

Organizer: Richard VanderHoek (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology)

4:20-5:20pm

Hands-on activities illustrating traditional skills or scientific techniques are good ways to engage the public in prehistoric lifeways and scientific research. This ongoing workshop will allow visitors to try different activities and come away with skills and documentation that will enable them to teach these activities in their communities.

Participants:

Tiffany Curtis (University of Alaska Anchorage) Introduction to Dendrochronology

Kelly A. Eldridge (University of Alaska Anchorage) Widgeons, Salmon and Bears, Oh My!: Demonstrating the Basics of Archaeofaunal Identification

W. Mark McCallum (Tongass National Forest) Painting the Past

Richard VanderHoek (Alaska Office of History and Archaeology) and Loukas Barton (National Park Service) Atlatl and Dart Construction

Tim Williams (National Park Service) Rocks of Ages

### **Evening**

6:00-7:00pm

Business Meeting, Alaska Anthropological Association

**Redington Room 2** 

7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Belzoni Society Meeting** 

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# Research Opportunity

# Bureau of Land Management - University of Alaska Museum

Archaeological Collections Research Fellowship

**Description and Eligibility:** The University of Alaska Museum (UAM) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Fairbanks are co-sponsoring a research fellowship to cover expenses to conduct research with existing archaeological collections at UAM. The museum's archaeological collections include significant holdings from all periods of human occupation of Alaska. In particular, the BLM has more than 1,300 accessioned collections at UAM, containing an estimated 500,000 to 700,000 artifacts. In their proposal (see Application Procedure, below), the successful candidate for this fellowship will use, at least in part, BLM collections at the museum. Applicants must be currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate students, and eligibility is NOT restricted to University of Alaska students. Research projects must be done primarily at the museum, using existing archaeological collections, although projects may also use other collections, including those from other UAM departments.

**Application Procedure:** Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Archaeology Collections Manager, James Whitney (<u>jwwhitney@alaska.edu</u>; 907-474-6943), to discuss prospective projects prior to submission for help in identifying an appropriate collection(s). They should then submit a proposal describing (1) their research questions and methods, (2) collections to be used, (3) proposed work schedule. Chosen students are responsible for making all of their own travel arrangements and accommodations.

The visit must be completed within a 1 month time frame prior to August 31, 2010. Awardees must submit a project description to be posted on the UAM website, two copies of a progress report outlining what was accomplished submitted by September 30, 2010, and two copies of a final report on their work once the research is completed.

Deadline: March 31, 2010

**Review Process and Selection Criteria:** Proposals will be reviewed by UAM and BLM staff and will be judged on the basis of academic quality and feasibility.

**Award:** The maximum award is \$4000 including travel, lodging, and per diem.

**Notification:** April 15, 2010

**Additional Information:** For additional information, please contact James Whitney, Archaeology Collections Manager at <a href="mailto:jwwhitney@alaska.edu">jwwhitney@alaska.edu</a>.

# **Upcoming Events**



Photo above is one of Spennemann's to appear in the exhibit.

# Alaska Archaeology Month poster focuses on WWII in the Aleutians

The poster for 2010 Alaska Archaeology Month will feature the battlefield landscape of Kiska National Historic Landmark. Dirk H.R. Spennemann, who created the poster design, has also produced a series of Kiska images to be displayed at the Anchorage Museum, beginning April 22. They will be included as part of an exhibit, entitled *Kiska and Adak: War in the Aleutians*. Spennemann will open the exhibit with a lecture on the challenges faced by historic preservationists when managing 20th century battlefields at the Anchorage Museum at 7pm on April 22.

# ALASKA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

# **Alaska Islands & Oceans Presentation**

On April 20, Tuesday (time: to be announced) the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge will be presenting "Hot and Cold: The Archaeology of Japanese World War II military bases in Micronesia and Kiska" by Dirk H.R. Spennemann at the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center, 95 Sterling Highway #1, Homer, Alaska.

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# **Another Alaska Archaeology Month Activity**

Patrick Saltonstall, Curator of the Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak, will be presenting two lectures. The first will be on April 8 at 7PM and will be titled *Excavations at Miktsqaaq Angayuk (Little Friend) - A Snapshot of Alutiiq Life on Womens Bay in 1820.* This lecture will cover the Alutiiq Museum's 2009 community archaeology excavation of an Alutiiq house and midden from around 1820. The second lecture will be on April 22 at 7PM and will be titled *The Antiquity of Alutiiq Whaling.* This lecture will also be a part of Kodiak's Whalefest celebration and will cover the archaeology, history and ethnography of Alutiiq whaling practices.

# **Conference on Russian America**

Sitka National Historical Park and the International Association of Specialists on the Study of Russian America are sponsoring a conference on Russian America at Sitka, Alaska, August 18-22, 2010. Proposals for papers are due by April 1. The emphasis will be on the lifeways of the several communities of people who constituted Russian America and how they interacted. More information and a draft agenda are available at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/sitk/anniversary-august-2010.htm">www.nps.gov/sitk/anniversary-august-2010.htm</a> or by contacting Dusty Kidd, John\_Kidd@nps.gov or 907.747.0129.

# **Obituaries**

# Albert Arch Dekin Jr.

Richard O. Stern

Albert Arch Dekin Jr. died unexpectedly January 28, 2010 at his home in Newark Valley, NY, the town where he had resided since 1976. He was 66 years old. Al was born January 24, 1944 in Hodge, LA to Frances and Albert Dekin, and spent his formative years in Maine. Like his parents, he dedicated himself to the ideal that education extends beyond the classroom, that the unknown should be discovered not feared, and that all learning is a journey not a destination. He earned an A.B. in Anthropology with Distinction from Dartmouth College in 1965 and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Michigan State University in 1975. His career as a teacher and researcher began and ended in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, beginning in 1968 at SUNY College at Potsdam and ending with his retirement in December, 2009 from Binghamton University.

His early fieldwork took him from the desert southwest to the woodlands of upstate New York and greater New England. A profound confluence of intellectual curiosity and wanderlust was reserved for the Arctic both in Alaska and in eastern Canada. He worked at numerous archaeological sites, as an undergraduate and graduate student, and later as a supervisor and project director. From 1975-76 he worked on the Alyeska Pipeline Archaeology project at UAF, where he and his young family relished the adventures of a winter in Alaska's Interior. He found great joy and intellectual challenges in finding features and relationships and interpreting past human behaviors from small-scale sites. Such adventures and challenges always culminated in technical reports and publications including an article in the June 1987 National Geographic about the multi-year excavations at Utqiagvik, Barrow, Alaska.

Join Richard Stern and Georgeie Reynolds at the Millennium Bar on Thursday, March 25, at 5 pm for drinks and to share stories about Al

His academic career was punctuated by multiple and different administrative roles from Department Chairmanships to Executive Director and Director of campus wide information technology initiatives at Binghamton. Each in his mind, was a fresh opportunity to explore and confront another challenge. Professionally, he was most proud of his contributions to graduate education in Anthropology and Archaeology. He served as committee member or chair for 32 doctoral candidates' dissertations and 45 masters theses. His favorite, and most challenging class to teach was Anthro 101 where he was most stimulated in his never-ending quest to open the eyes of undergraduate students to the anthropological world, using everrefreshed, self-referential, and often self-deprecating material. He was a teacher, colleague, mentor, and friend to many in Alaska.

He is survived by his son, Albert A. Dekin III of Lexington, MA; his daughters, Kelly Ann Kassela of Singapore, Kerry Lynn Brown of Mooresville, NC, and Kirsten Leigh Klanian of Middletown, RI, their spouses; 11 grandchildren; and Ruth D. Hoaglin, mother of his children.

The family received friends at the MacPherson Funeral Home, Newark Valley on Wednesday, February 3, 2010. A memorial service followed. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.macphersonfuneralhome.com. Or mail to the family can be sent to PO Box 505, Newark Valley NY 13811 (the forwarding is already in place), or to Al Dekin III, 27 Eliot Road, Lexington MA 02421. Memorial gifts may be made to Binghamton University for graduate student travel or to a charity of your own choosing. Gifts to Binghamton University should be sent to Binghamton University Foundation Memorial Account #10351. Please note "in memory of Albert Dekin Jr." in the memo section of your check. Mail to: Binghamton University Foundation, PO Box 6005, Binghamton, NY 13902-6005.

Former students, friends, and colleagues will celebrate Al's life and spirit at the March, 2010 meetings at an informal gathering. A more complete biography and obituary is planned for a future issue of Arctic.

# **Obituaries**

Zorro A. Bradley Zorro A. Bradley

Editor's Note: This obituary, written by Zorro before his death, appeared in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner 2-17-2010

Much to surprise of family, friends and himself, Zorro A. Bradley kicked the bucket on Feb. 14, 2010.

An archeologist who worked for more than 30 years for the National Park Service, he carried on his activities in several exotic southwestern national park areas, such as Tuziggot, Wupatki, Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde. He also did the archeological clearance in St. Louis prior to the construction of the Arch in Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. He also was pleased to be the first superintendent of Russell Cave National Monument in Alabama prior to being transferred to the assistant chief archeologist position in the park service headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he received the Department of the Interior Meritorious Service Award.

After almost 10 years in the latter position, he was able to escape to Alaska, taking up residency with his family in Fairbanks in 1972 and assuming the position of chief of the Cooperative Park Studies Unit on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus, where he also accepted the position of adjunct professor of archeology.

In addition to teaching classes in historic site preservation, his major tasks were to investigate archeological and historic sites for possible inclusion in the proposed new national park areas under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and to study, on behalf of the newly established Native regional corporations, the historic, subsistence, religious and cemetery sites for possible transfer to the corporations as part of their land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

After leaving the park service he became the Arctic regional director for the newly established Division of Subsistence in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game until 1983 when he got tired and retired again.

His student days at the University of New Mexico were interrupted by tours of duty with the U.S. Army in France in 1944 and '45, and again in Korea in 1950 and '51. As a combat infantry soldier he received the Combat Infantry Badge with Star, the Silver Star, Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, three Presidential Unit Citations and the President of Korea Medal of Valor. Among the ribbons were those medals of theater of actions and, to everyone's surprise, the Good Conduct Medal.

Zorro is survived by Nattalie Dodge Bradley, his childhood friend, later sweetheart and finally wife of 62 years; son, Martin Bradley of Fairbanks; daughter, Patricia Colbourn of Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada; five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Blanche and Willard Bradley, National Park Service regional

engineer; kid sister, Amber Greaf; and Col. Quintin Bradley, USMC.

A confirmed atheist, his ashes will be inurned without prayer in the National Cemetery in Sante Fe, N.M., with full military honors.

Services are with Fairbanks Funeral Home and Crematory.



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