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# NEW SECTION IN THE ALASKA JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGY Recent Research Notes

Anne Jensen

We would like to announce the creation of a new column in the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Recent Research Notes will be composed of brief (1-3 paragraphs maximum) reports on recent projects, radiocarbon dates or laboratory findings that might be on interest to the Arctic and Sub-Arctic research community. While the central focus is on Alaska, notes from other areas that may be of relevance are also welcomed. Emphasis is on timeliness (submit from the field if you have the connectivity) and brevity. Individuals can submit multiple notes if they have different subjects.

This column is not intended to replace the Research Reports, and longer documents should continue to be submitted to the editor. Submissions should be offered to Anne Jensen (anne.jensen@uicscience.org), the compiler of the column. Electronic submissions (following the AJA style guide) are strongly preferred.

The Recent Research section of the Alaska Anthropological Association Newsletter has proven a useful venue for making colleagues aware of up-coming, on-going or recently completed research, and for disseminating brief notes of new 14C assays (calibration preferred) as well as provocative or unique discoveries. With the transition to an all-digital format, there are some concerns regarding long-term stability of URLs for citation purposes. Since such brief reporting may be the only extant reference for certain dates or finds for extended periods of time, it seems timely to provide a place for such research notes in the AJA, where they will be available in hard-copy as well as on-line and will reach a broader audience than just current Alaska Anthropological Association members.

# GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS

Rita Eagle

The Alaska Anthropological Association would like to thank the following members for their generous donations.

# Grateful Acknowledgement of Donations, Continued.

Here is a list of donations made since the last newsletter.

Terence Fifield Student Scholarships
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# DENE-YENISEIAN AND APUA NEWS LINKS

Jim Kari

The APUA issue, "the Dene-Yeniseian Connection," has generated several new electronic links that readers might be interested in. Here are some Dene-Yeniseian & APUA news links

Ordering information, table of contents: www.uaf.edu/anthro/apua/ Price \$40 +s/h

DY News postings at ANLC site http://anlc.uaf.edu/dy.html

late August, Revised Dene-Yeniseian entry at Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Den%C3%A9-Yeniseian\_languages

# DR. KATHERINE ARNDT IS NAMED TO NEW POST IN UAF'S RASMUSON LIBRARY

Bridget Burke, Department Head, Alaska and Polar Regions Collections

I am pleased to announce the faculty appointment of Dr. Katherine Arndt as Alaska & Polar Regions Bibliographer and Curator of Rare Books at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks. Many of you know Kathy through her work in the manuscripts and archives unit of APR, or through her accomplishments as an historian of Russian America. Kathy brings a deep knowledge of Alaska history, APR collections, and the international scholarly community to this position. Her exceptional talents make her uniquely qualified to assess and build APR's research collections.

Katherine begins her appointment on Monday, September 13. Her office will be in Room 231. Please welcome Kathy to her new role as Assistant Professor and APR Bibliographer! Editor's note: Professor Arndt can be reached at klarndt@alaska.edu

# ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

# Monday September 27, 2010

Submitted by Karlene Leeper

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center in Anchorage at 3:00pm on 27 September 2010.

II. PRESENT Aron Crowell (President), Joan Dale, Karlene Leeper, Monty Rogers, Dan Monteith , Amy Steffian(Directors). Rita Eagle (Treasurer). Ben Potter of UAF joined at 3:25 pm on the phone to discuss the 2011 annual meetings.

# **III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (26 March 2010) were accepted without changes.

**IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** There were no items added to the agenda.

### **V. REPORTS**

**A. Presidents Report** (Aron Crowell) In an attempt to obtain more institutional subscriptions for the journal, Monty Rogers, Owen Mason, Kerry Feldman and Teresa Thibault compiled a list of potential institutional subscribers and sent solicitations for them to subscribe. The board thanks all involved for their excellent effort.

Upcoming elections: Board positions now held by Amy Steffian and Dan Monteith will be open in 2011, since both have served two terms. Monty Rogers is completing his first term and will run for reelection to the third open seat for 2011. The position of President will also be open. Please contact Aron Crowell if you would like to nominate yourself or others for positions on the board or for President.

The IRS has erroneously been listing the AAA as a non-profit that is about to lose its 501c3 listing. Aron corrected this error with IRS. The listing referred to the Association's old EIN number, not the new EIN issued in 2008 when the organization was reinstated.

# **B. Treasurer and Webmaster Report** (Rita Eagle)

We now have 263 members, up from 205. Rita distributed the income and loss report for January-September 2010. The annual meetings cost \$34,131.41 and brought in income of \$31.721.00. There is \$15,050.00 in the bank account and \$81,893.80 in the Vanguard account.

Following the meeting the Board voted unanimously to transfer \$8000 from the Vanguard account to the bank account to bring this year's operating budget into balance. The Board had previously authorized (in 2009) that *up to* \$12,000 could be transferred to cover the extra cost of *AJA* Vol. 6(1-2); that transfer was never made, pending recovery of the mutual fund balance.

# C. Journal Report and Aurora

AJA Editor Owen Mason could not attend.

Through Brian Hoffman's efforts, the Bureau of Land Management has donated \$12,000 to the Association to edit and publish a double issue of the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* focusing on recent research on the Alaska Peninsula.

The Board discussed free access to digital versions of back issues of the *AJA*, which was proposed at the annual meeting. The Association's income from online .pdf sales of back issues is less than \$200/yr. Tabled for further discussion with Owen Mason.

In response to recent requests, the Association will seek clarification from Rick Reanier regarding *Aurora* author contract provisions, including the number of copies to be provided free to authors.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

# A. Cultural Resources Management Award in honor of Stefanie Ludwig

All were saddened by the recent loss of Stephanie Ludwig. Alan Depew of the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) has proposed a professional award or scholarship in her honor recognizing Excellence in Cultural Resource Management. Aron Crowell will solicit additional information from OHA regarding the proposed award.

# B. Honoring Tiger Burch and Herb Anungazuk

The Board deeply regrets the recent passing of Tiger Burch and Herb Anungazuk. Igor Krupnik

has proposed a special session at the Fairbanks annual meeting to honor Tiger. The Board will work with the Fairbanks organizing committee to recognize the great contributions of both of our late colleagues.

### C. Archiving Records of the Alaska Anthropological Association

Kathy Arndt of UAF and Karlene Leeper have discussed updating the Association's records, which are archived in Fairbanks at the Rasmuson Library. The last update was about ten years ago. Amy Steffian asked about the costs of organizing and submitting records to the UAF archives. She also said that as a non-profit organization, the AAA is required to have a document retention plan. Joan Dale volunteered to develop the retention plan and Karlene Leeper will follow up with the UAF archives.

# D. Annual meetings in 2011

The University of Alaska Fairbanks
Anthropology department is organizing the annual meetings for 2011, which will be held in Fairbanks, 9-12 March 2011. The conference committee has submitted the conference theme: "Human responses to vulnerable and changing social and ecological systems.". As anthropologists, we are in a position to bridge current research (often framed in interdisciplinary contexts) on global, regional and local community-scale human-environment interactions and bring our holistic perspective to policy makers vested in generating mitigation strategies.

The organizers encourage symposium and paper submissions that examine human social and biological responses to natural and social environmental change, with a particular focus on Arctic, Subarctic, and Northwest Coast regions. Ben Potter has compiled a list of potential keynote speakers and has contacted them.

Ben is in the process of negotiating with the hotel and conference centers. Rita will send the conference expense report from the 2010 meetings to Ben to help him predict costs and budget for the 2011 meetings.

### E. Annual Meetings in 2012

The venue for 2012 is still undetermined. The Seattle proposal made by Ben Fitzhugh of the University of Washington needs to be revisited along with Anchorage and other alternatives.

# **VII.** Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

### The Archaeological Survey for Upland Sites on Adak Island

Submitted by Diane K. Hanson, Assistant Professor, University of Alaska Anchorage

The archaeological survey for upland sites on Adak Island continued for the fourth season this summer. Ten new sites were added to the record. We conducted test excavations on two of the sites. One was a single rectangular cultural depression tucked into a small valley shielded from a nearby site by hills. Because it is upland, bone did not preserve in the acidic volcanic sediments although a wood fragment and two small octopus beaks were recovered. A stone wedge, grinding stone, and several flaked basalt and chert artifacts came from the 1x1m test unit inside of the depression. Another site on top a 250-foot high hill overlooking the neighboring strait was also tested. This site sat in a small depression near a pond. The excavation revealed an excellent cross-section of the house pit and several occupation floors. A small obsidian flake is being analyzed to determine the source of the stone. We will be sending the charcoal samples and tephra samples in this month to help us date the sites. Based on the artifacts and the deposits under what is assumed to be a contact period ash deposit, eight of the sites are pre-Russian period sites, and two are historic period sites with metal artifacts. The work will continue next year when we excavated one of the larger sites in an attempt to understand the purpose of the sites.

# US Fish and Wildlife Service Archaeology in 2010

Submitted by Debbie Corbett, Alaska Regional Archaeologist and Senior Scientist

At long last the Western Aleutians
Archaeological and Biological Project and
Aurora have published The People at the End
of the World: The Western Aleutians Project
and the Archaeology of Shemya Island. This is
the first monograph length report on the
archaeology of the Aleutian Islands since the
1970's. The book can be ordered off the
Alaska Anthropological Association web page
as soon as someone over there posts it!

Most of the work on Alaska's wildlife refuges this summer was accomplished by partners. Thanks to all of you who undertook work on our largely unexplored refuge lands.

Two projects were funded through Challenge Cost Share grants. UAA graduate student Jacob Anders and a crew of volunteers completed the first archaeological survey in the Wilderness Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in nearly a half-century, with impressive results. In 10 days the crew located 9 new archaeological sites, which exponentially increased the number of documented sites in the area. The survey was conducted on foot, with the crew hiking to and examining areas of high archaeological potential in elevated areas along creeks and rivers in the Sadlerochit Mountains. The new archaeological sites largely consist of waste material from the manufacture of stone tools.

The University of Alaska Museum of the North fielded a crew to the Koyukuk National Wildlife refuge. This crew worked along the Koyukuk River between Hughes and Huslia. In another archaeological tour de force this team found about 10 buried archaeological sites, one with substantial flaking debris.

Fieldwork for a third Challenge Grant project will take place in late September on the Innoko NWR where graduate student Heather Ralston will be searching out some long lost roadhouses associated with the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

Diane Hanson led a field school to the Bay of Islands on Adak. The crew searched for upland sites on the Caribou Peninsula, finding around 9 sites with obviously different functions. Most were tested and two yielded substantial remains. An archaeologist from Memorial University of Newfoundland tested a substantial midden site on Kiska Island as part of a long term study of climate and biotic change. A third Aleutian project was the cooperative National Park Service, Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska and FWS Lost Villages oral history expedition. We took elders from the villages of Kashega and Biorka back to those sites to reminisce about life in the small communities before the disastrous forced evacuation during World War II.

In July 2010, Margan Grover (Bold Peak Archaeological Services) and Erin Ryder (US Army Corps of Engineers / US Fish and Wildlife Service) conducted a survey of the coast of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge between Flaxman Island and Demarcation Bay. The goal was to re-examine previously reported sites and document impacts from coastal erosion and storm damage. Using a combination of traditional archaeological survey methods and a high-accuracy Trimble handheld GeoXH, they examined approximately 80 locations. One-third of the sites have disappeared and many others show some erosion impacts. A report will be available from the Corps in the spring.

It's not archaeology but it's old and it's exciting. A Challenge Grant project with the UAF Museum Paleontology Department sent a dinosaur hunting expedition to the Alaska Peninsula NWR. Curator Patrick Druckenmiller and his team were searching for footprints reported in the 1970's. The footprints are of a human sized, bipedal carnivore from 150 million years ago. They are the oldest dinosaurs known from Alaska. As a bonus the team also found footprints of a large sauropod (think brontosaurus). These are the only record for this beast in northwestern North America.

# The University Honors College, University of Alaska Anchorage, Announces the Fran Ulmer Transformative Research Award.

Submitted by Dr. Marie Lowe, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Public Policy, University of Alaska Anchorage ISER

The University Honors College, Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OURS) announces the new Fran Ulmer Transformative Research Award. This award seeks to fund significant undergraduate research and creative projects in areas with the potential to transform the way we live, work, and see the world. Broad topics of particular interest include Sustainability, Complexity, Climate Change, and Social and Public Policy. Proposals are accepted from undergraduate students under the guidance of a faculty mentor or mentors in both the fall and the spring. The award funds the student's project costs of up to \$5000 plus a \$1500 stipend.

OURS is also soliciting proposals for many other undergraduate research grants this semester. Deadlines are in October. All students are eligible to submit proposals but must have a faculty mentor for the project.

A summary of the research opportunities available at UAA is listed below.

FRAN ULMER TRANSFORMATIVE RESEARCH AWARD These grants fund significant undergraduate research and creative projects in areas with the potential to transform the way we live, work, and see the world. Broad topics of particular interest include Sustainability, Complexity, Climate Change, and Social and Public Policy. Grants fund actual costs of a project up to \$5000 plus a \$1500 stipend. Proposals are accepted in both the fall and the spring semesters. The fall 2010 deadline is 5pm on October 26.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS
These grants fund significant undergraduate
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The fall 2010 deadline is 5pm on October 26.

### ISER POLICY RESEARCH AWARD

These awards are presented to outstanding students in the social sciences and other applicable fields interested in the analysis of public policy issues. The selected student will contribute research and analysis skills to a study conducted at the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) and will be awarded a \$1500 stipend. Applications are accepted in both the fall and the spring semesters. Fall award recipients will conduct research during spring 2011. The fall 2010 deadline is 5pm on October 12.

ISER EDUCATION POLICY RESEARCH AWARD This award is presented to an outstanding student in the social sciences or other applicable fields interested in education policy research. The selected student will contribute research and analysis skills to an education policy study conducted at the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) and will be awarded a \$1500 stipend. Applications are accepted in only fall 2010 and spring 2011. Fall award recipients will conduct research during spring 2011 and spring recipients will conduct research during fall 2012. The fall 2010 deadline is 5pm on October 12.

ALASKA HEART INSTITUTE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS These grants fund significant undergraduate biomedical research projects under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Each grant supports up to \$5000 in project costs, tuition for up to 6 credits of HNRS A497 (Individual Research) and a \$1500 student stipend upon completion of the project. Proposals are accepted in both the fall and the spring semesters.

The fall 2010 deadline is 5pm on October 19.

DR. ALEX HILLS ENGINEERING RESEARCH AWARD This competitive grant supports a significant undergraduate engineering research project showing exceptional merit. The grant funds the actual cost of a project up to \$2000 plus a \$500 stipend. Research must be under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Proposals are only accepted in the fall semester. The fall 2010 deadline is 5pm on October 19. UAA UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH IN THE COMMUNITY AWARD This grant supports UAA's partnerships in the community and encourages the practical application of scholarly inquiry. Research, conducted under the guidance of a faculty member and developed with a community agency, will address a specific need in the Anchorage community. The final project will be delivered to the partnering agency for use in planning or program development. Awards will fund up to \$2000 for project expenses plus a \$500 stipend. Proposals are accepted in both the fall and the spring semesters. The fall 2010 deadline is 5pm on October 26.

### **DISCOVERY GRANTS**

This grant program contributes support to ongoing undergraduate research and creative projects. Grants can be used for travel for the acquisition or processing of data/samples and/or to present research findings at conferences or seminars. Students may apply for Discovery Grants on a year round basis via the online application process.

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# Heritage Ethnography Field School

Professor Marie Lowe, UAA

7 WEEK PROGRAM: May 22 – July 9, 2011 Yucatán, Mexico

OSEA is pleased to announce two programs offered in addition to the Heritage Ethnography Field School.

In 2010 OSEA initiated the **Teaching English Service Learning Program** for students who seek on-site, field practicum experience in second language teaching, bi-lingual education, and educational ethnography. By

teaching English and documenting the educational process, students participate in a collaborative Community Action Research Project.

For more information visit <a href="www.osea-cite.org/program/selt\_overview.php">www.osea-cite.org/program/selt\_overview.php</a> or download the SELT Teaching English Service Learning Brochure .

The Summer Intensive Maya Language Immersion Program is now in its third year. This program is developed for students seeking to communicative proficiency in Yucatec Maya. This program is ideal for those whose areas of study require fieldwork in and with Maya speaking communities. The program is entirely conducted in a rural Maya community and based on total linguistic and cultural immersion. OSEA provides highly individuated learning with trained native speakers as language trainers who work one-on-one with students.

For more information visit <a href="www.osea-cite.org/program/">www.osea-cite.org/program/</a> to download the OSEA Summer Intensive Maya Language Immersion Program.

OSEA Field School Programs are Based in Pisté and Maya Communities surrounding Chichén Itzá, One of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

### OSEA Program Fees include:

Direct Enrollment with Accredited University Transcript Food & Lodging, Homestays with Maya families in Pisté Local Field Trips to Chichén Itzá, Ek Balam, Yaxuna, Cenote Dzitnup, & jungle caves Mid-Program Break (4-night/5 day) to allow participants free-time to explore Yucatán on their own (not included in program fees).

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Open to Undergraduates in sophomore year and higher, with any social science & humanities major
Open to Graduate Students in any social science and humanities fields.

~Minimum 1-year college-level
Spanish

~GPA of 2.5 or higher

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# The U.S. Federal Office of Postsecondary Education Announces Fullbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

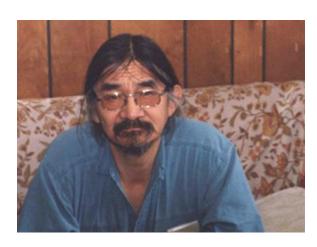
Applications Available: September 24, 2010. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: October 26, 2010. Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: December 27, 2010.

Purpose of Program: The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Projects are short-term and include seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Guilfoil, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6098, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7625 or by e-mail: michelle.guilfoil@ed.gov. The agency contact person does not mail application materials and does not accept applications. If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339.



Herbert O. Anungazuk (1945 - 2010)



Submitted by Carol Zane Jolles

It is with profound sadness that I write this remembrance of my dear friend and colleague, Herbert O. [né Agiyaghaq] Anungazuk. I first met Herbert in 1992. In 1994, we worked together for the first time and, by 1997, we had begun a research partnership that ended only with his passing in August of this year. In 1992, Herb had already been employed by the National Park Service, Alaska Region [NPS-AK], since 1985. His first position, held only briefly, had been as mail clerk [he used to joke about this], but when I met him he was the Native Liaison and Heritage Specialist for Cultural Resources. Several years later, he was promoted to Cultural Anthropologist in the Cultural Resources Division, a position he held until his death. Herb, who learned Iñupiaq as a child, was not only a fluent speaker, but also a gifted translator and interpreter, who delighted in the beauty and nuances of his first language. He also had an extensive knowledge of Iñupiag history in the Bering Strait region and remained throughout his life an avid student of traditional history and the lifeways of his Iñupiag ancestors. The teachers he revered were his elders. Herb once remarked in print that "my work with elders is feeding my soul". Later he broadened and deepened his knowledge as he traveled throughout the

Arctic. Over the course of his career, Herbert knew and collaborated with many whose life passion is Alaska and its peoples. Those who come to mind are: Barbara Bodenhorn, Tiger Burch, Don Callaway, Susie Fair, Evgeny Golovko, Roger Harritt, Carol Jolles, Igor Krupnik, Steve Langdon, Allen McCartney, Jean Schaaf and Peter Schweitzer. I'm sure there are others. Often, when conversation turns to Alaska Native research, someone mentions Herb's contributions, whether the subject is the history of Alaska's indigenous peoples, elements of socio-religious life and traditional livelihoods, ethnography, language, or politics; or, perhaps, archaeology, geography, natural history, marine environment or ecology. So many times, a study depended on his mastery of the intricacies of the Iñupiaq language, and his amazing encyclopedic knowledge of Iñupiag history and culture. Herbert's own passion, founded on his deep respect for his elders, was his joy in working with the elders themselves. They had been his first and most enduring teachers. When Herb spoke of the years ahead when he would become an elder, he worried that he had much to do to prepare himself for that monumental task.

Becoming a cultural anthropologist was probably far from Herbert's mind as a boy in Wales, Alaska, where he was born on July 16, 1945. He was the eldest of twelve and grew up in Wales where he attended elementary school; he went on to Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka and from there to Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. In 1968, Herb's life was interrupted by the military draft and he, with so many others, found himself in Vietnam. The Vietnam experience had a lasting effect on him. When he returned home, two years later, he had been exposed to Agent Orange, was a heavy smoker, but was also enmeshed in a set of relationships that would gain strength and meaning in his later years, the bonds that tie together those who have fought and survived war in the name of their country. Once back in Wales, Herb worked with students as an outreach instructor and hunted with his family. Like most young men, his father and other men of his family "let" him learn to hunt under their guidance. As Herb

himself said, hunting required a lifetime of learning.

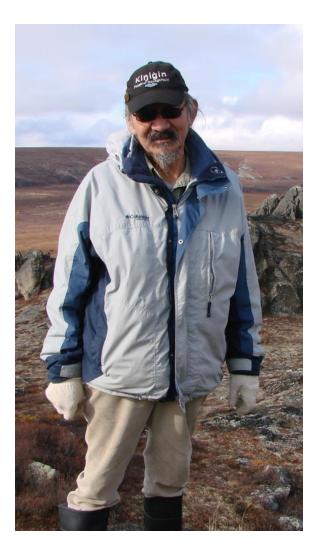
Herbert was especially eager to whale, but whaling in Wales had ceased just before he was born. According to Herb, there had been a terrible flu epidemic in Wales in November 1944 and many elders and crew members succumbed, effectively ending whaling for many years. Perhaps one of the most important events of Herb's young manhood after his return from Vietnam was renewal of the bowhead whale hunt in Wales in 1970. Herb was a member of that first whaling crew recruited by a school teacher from Utah who determined to reintroduce whaling in Wales. In fact, Herb was the striker on that boat, the first boat to engage in bowhead whale hunting in 26 years, and he was the striker when that boat successfully took a whale. Later, Herb served as striker on his father's boat. And, he continued to hunt until he moved to Anchorage. In 1983, he married Lena Riley and the two of them raised their combined families of six children. Their home was always open to family and friends. Whoever needed a welcoming place to stay, a good meal, friendship or long-term care could be found there.

Herbert Anungazuk was not simply a man who knew things, whose knowledge about Inupiaq culture and history was often sought; he was an extraordinary person whose life touched many. Over his lifetime he accomplished much, his accomplishments often unsung for he was a modest man. He was a hunter, a Native language expert, an historian of his people, always willing to sit down with someone and, drawing on his incredible knowledge of Iñupiaq kinship ties, pull together a kinship diagram for eager students of their own family history [something I saw him do again and again]. He had an extraordinary gift for language. When he spoke, the poetry and passion he felt for his homeland and for his Iñupiag heritage enthralled and captivated his audiences. Herbert gave meaning to the ways of the Inupiag life and through his work and his words he will live on in the hearts and minds of those he taught and those who read his words.

He was a special human being and I will miss him, as will all who knew him.



# Ernest S. (Tiger) Burch (1938 -2010)





Ernest S. "Tiger" Burch, 72, of Camp Hill, PA, passed away at home Thursday, September 16, 2010. He was the son of Elsie Lillard Burch and the late Ernest S. Burch Sr. He was born in New Haven, CT.

As a young boy Tiger attended the Harrisburg Academy. He was a graduate of the Hill School, Princeton, and received a MA and PHD Degrees in Anthropology at the University of Chicago. Tiger truly loved his work which was a study of the Inuit people of North West Alaska. He was one of the foremost experts in his field. The love for learning never left Tiger, he attended every conference possible in his field both in the US and Canada.

Tiger taught at the University of Manitoba from 1966-1974. Upon moving back to Pennsylvania, Tiger continued to take trips and do research in Alaska. He wrote many publications and books from his research. He served on the Board of the Harrisburg Academy for many years.

Tiger is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Deanne; his children, Karen, (Eric), Sarah, (Greg) and David, (Theresa); his mother, Elsie; brother, John, (Judy), Lawrence, KS; his 6 grandchildren, Zed, Teague, Naomi, Alex, Regan and Ari; and his many loving relatives.

A Celebration of his life was held at Noon, Wednesday, September 22, 2010 in the West Shore Country Club, Camp Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Harrisburg Academy, 10 Erford Rd., Wormleysburg, PA 17043 or to the American Cancer Society. Editor's Note: This obituary was published in the Patriot-News on September 19, 2010. If you would like to submit photographs and/or brief remembrances of Tiger for the December Newsletter, please send them to plmcclenahan@qci.net

### **MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

# The 18<sup>th</sup> Arctic Conference November 12-13 at Bryn Mawr College

Rick Davis

The 18th annual Arctic Conference will be held at Bryn Mawr College, located in Bryn Mawr, PA, The conference will take place on November 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Sessions will take place in Dalton Hall, home of the Department of Anthropology. The conference will include a Friday afternoon visit to the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, on the University of Pennsylvania campus

The Arctic Conference has traditionally been an informal meeting, with no concurrent sessions, to maximize opportunities for information exchange across sub-regions and disciplines. Students are especially encouraged to present research results in a collegial atmosphere that includes senior archaeologists, anthropologists, ecologists, and geologists who gather once a year to share data and new findings and to plan collaborative research activities.

The conference website is: http://www.brynmawr.edu/anthropology/arctic /

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### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST**

Richard Stern, Northern Land Use Research

The purpose of this column is to bring recent publications in the field of Alaska anthropology to the attention of newsletter readers. Alaska anthropology is defined broadly to include the traditional four field approach to the subject matter. The Alaska region is similarly broadly defined to include Alaska, neighboring Canada, the Northwest Coast, Siberia, and more generally, the circumpolar North. Publications include published books, journal articles, web pages, unpublished reports ("grey literature"), or other information that may be of interest. Readers are urged to share publications which come to their attention with this column's compiler. The electronic format of the aaa Newsletter allows for inexpensive dissemination of this information. Richard Stern (DStern8107@aol.com)

Bamberger, Barbara, Michael Downs, Joseph Jorgensen, Michael Galginaitis, Donald Schug, Ron Scollon and Stephe Weidlich
2009 Researching Technical Dialogue with Alaskan Coastal Communities:
Analysis of the Social, Cultural, Linguistic, and Institutional Parametrs of Public/Agency Communication Patterns OCS Study MMS 2009-030.
USDOI, Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, Anchorage, Alaska.

### Blaszczyk, Regina Lee

2009 American Consumer Society, 1865-2005: From Hearth to HDTV. The American History Series. Harlan Davidson, Inc., Wheeling, Illinois.

- Coupland, Gary, Terence Clark and Amanda Palmer 2009 Hierarchy, Communalism and the Spatial Order of Northwest Coast Plank Houses: A Comparative Study. American Antiquity 74(1):77-106.
- Crate, Susan A. and Mark Nutall (editors)
  2009 Anthropology and Climate
  Change: From Encounters to Actions.
  Left Coast Press, Walnut Creek, CA.
- Dabbs, Gretchen R.

  2009 Is Dwight Right? Can the
  Maximum Height of the Scapula be
  used for Accurate Sex Estimation?

  Journal of Forensic Sciences
  54(3):529-530.
- Dekin, Albert A., Jr.
  2009 The Utqiagvik Archaeological
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In the upcoming elections, Board positions now held by Amy Steffian and Dan Monteith will be open in 2011, since both have served two terms. Monty Rogers is completing his first term and will run for reelection to the third open seat for 2011. The position of President, currently held by Aron Crowell, will also be open. Please contact Aron Crowell and the Elections Committee if you would like to nominate yourself or others for positions on the board or for President. **Remember that it is your responsibility to nominate only those willing to serve.** Nominees must be members of the association.

Please use this form to make nominations. The names of candidates who are nominated the most times (sometimes even it is only twice!) will appear on the ballot in the December newsletter. They will be asked to supply a few lines of biographical information.

Please send in the names of your nominees no later than November 15, 2010.

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