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**2012 Annual Conference
Announcement & Call for Symposia
*Northern People and Landscapes in
Times of Change***

February 29-March 3, 2012, Seattle,
Washington

Sensitivity to change has always been a hallmark of Northern communities. The anthropological/archaeological/historical record gives witness to tremendous endurance, creativity, and resilience in the face of climate, ecological, and social change. This record also provides insights into the limits of resilience, wrenching conflicts and profound tragedies from broad to very local and personal scales. For the 2012 annual meeting, we encourage symposia and individual presentations focusing on the ever more pressing need to understand the human dimensions of changing landscapes. Welcoming the eclectic mix of presentations that makes every aaa annual meeting fresh and engaging, we look especially for contributions that seek to draw lessons for the future from research into the peoples and cultures of past and present.

**Deadline for Organized Symposium
Submission: November 30, 2011**

Link for symposium abstract submission:
<https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/fitzhugh/139763>

Dinner Speaker

Dr. Charlotte Coté (Nuu-chah-nulth)

**Associate Professor American Indian
Studies
University of Washington**



Dr. Coté has been teaching in the University of Washington American Studies Institute since 2001, and has been an Associate Professor since 2009. She has an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Comparative Ethnic Studies from the University of California at Berkeley and a Diploma in Broadcast Communications from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. Dr. Coté's research examines issues around Native governance, politics, law, and sovereignty in the United States and Canada. Her numerous published articles address issues such as traditional Indian law and justice systems, the Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth whaling tradition and the northwest coast Guardian Spirit Complex. In 2010, Dr. Coté published *Spirits of Our Whaling Ancestors: Revitalizing Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth Traditions*. Her current project is a second book that examines indigenous food sovereignty issues.

Luncheon Speaker

Dr. Andrzej Weber

**Professor, Department of
Anthropology
University of Alberta-Edmonton**



Dr. Weber is a Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Alberta. He received an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Archaeology from the University of A Mickiewicz, Poland. Professor Weber's research interests include foraging adaptations of the Mesolithic and Neolithic populations of the Lake Baikal region, Siberia and Hokkaido, Japan involving subsistence activities, mobility patterns, burial ritual and social organization, and human skeletal biology. Dr. Weber has led the Baikal Archaeology Project since 2001. That work expanded in 2011 with the inception of the Baikal-Hokkaido Archaeology Project (<http://baikal.arts.ualberta.ca>). Recent publications include the books *Prehistoric Hunter-Gatherers of the Baikal Region, Siberia: Bioarchaeological Studies of Past Lifeways*, co-edited with M.A. Katzenberg and T.G. Schurr and *KHUZHIR-NUGE XIV, a Middle Holocene Hunter-Gatherer Cemetery on Lake Baikal, Siberia: Archaeological Materials*, co-edited with O.I. Goriunova and H.G. McKenzie.

Hosts/sponsors of the 2012 Meetings are the University of Washington, Department of Anthropology and the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture.

The venue for the Meetings will be the **Hotel Deca**. 4507 Brooklyn Avenue Northeast Seattle, WA 98105
<http://www.hoteldeca.com/>

Room reservations should be made now or as soon as possible for the Meetings.

Hotel rooms

Book early to get the discounted rate of \$135/night plus tax for a Deluxe Guest Room or \$155/night for a Junior Suite. No student rate is available, but room sharing is expected. The University of Washington is working on identifying local homes for students to throw a sleeping bag, but student groups should book Deca Hotel rooms to be certain of *aaa* discount rates.

Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 1.800.899.0251 between the hours of 8a.m. – 7p.m (PDT) Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. – 4p.m. (PDT) on Saturday and Sunday, or by faxing reservations to 1.206.545.2103, or emailing requests to reservations@hoteldeca.com. To guarantee rate and room type, mention that you are attending the **Alaska Anthropological Association** conference and indicate your arrival and departure dates, and room type. Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.



Hotel Deca, Seattle, Washington.

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

The membership cycle begins each year on January 1. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$40.00 for student members and \$75.00 for regular members. Checks or money orders, in US dollars, should be made out to the Alaska Anthropological Association. To become a member, send a membership form and payment to the Alaska Anthropological Association at P.O. Box 241686, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-1686, USA. Items for the newsletter may be sent to the editor, Pat McClenahan, at the above address, attention "Newsletter Editor," or to plmcclenahan@gci.net.

Sponsoring the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Sponsorships are encouraged to bring down the cost of individual registration, especially for student members. The 2012 Annual Meeting organizers ask your help in identifying potential businesses or organizations who might like to sponsor a portion of the meeting. Sponsorships are sought at three levels: Refreshment Tables (\$500+), Program (\$200+), or Supporter (\$50+). Refreshment Table sponsors will be prominently named on the refreshment tables during break sessions and can place a 1/4 page ad in the conference program. Program sponsors may place a 1/4 page ad in the conference program. Supporting Sponsors, Program Sponsors, and Refreshment Table Sponsors will be acknowledged at the Annual Business Meeting and will receive a thank you letter from the conference organizing committee. Please contact Natasha Slobodina (nataslo@uw.edu) to express interest in a sponsorship or to recommend potential sponsors.

Exhibiting at the 2012 Annual Meeting

There will be an exhibition space at the Annual meeting for publishers and other exhibitors. If you would like to register for a exhibition table, please contact Ben Fitzhugh (fitzhugh@uw.edu) and indicate the dates you would like to reserve a table, and how much space you think you need. There will be no exhibition fee but exhibitors are asked to register for the conference.

Meet Our Association Officers

Editor's Note: As part of the series on past Association Presidents, this month we're publishing a paper on the early history of the Association.

Kerry Feldman, Department of Anthropology,
University of Alaska Anchorage
Presented at the Alaska Anthropological
Meetings
April 9, 1992
Anchorage Hilton
Banquet "History of the Association"

"Feasting With the Ancestors"

In a sense, an annual conference such as our Alaskan Anthropological Association, complete with this banquet, could be experienced as feasting with the ancestors. We come here year after year not to celebrate ourselves but

to celebrate through intellectual gifts and hard work the ancestors both of our Alaskan Native peoples and others, and our own anthropological ancestors.

We stand on their shoulders. We think about things they thought about. Their ideas, questions, quests, partly form our minds and hearts, and perhaps make us feel a bit loony at times. Surely they did, too. Alaska is not an easy place in which to carve out a living, or house pit for research.

For twenty years we have come. This year there are a few new faces. We hope they return. Some chairs are empty; some ancestors who used to come to feast and talk with us have died. They live in us just as the ancestors of our Alaskan Native friends and colleagues live in them.

These meetings began in the Spring of 1974, in Building K of the former Anchorage Community College. Not very glorious digs. Twenty-nine papers made up the feast that year. William Laughlin was our featured speaker. We have had 29 other featured speakers since then and have appreciated their kindness to take the time to come north. The background of that first conference went like this: Jack Lobdell and I were new arrivals at UAA (split then into Anchorage Community College [ACC] and the Senior College – Jack was with ACC and I with the Senior College). We had first met the year before in Toronto, at a meeting of the American Anthropological Association. He was finishing his MA in Wyoming, and I was finishing a PhD at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He called me in Boulder about a one year position that opened up when Dr. Nancy Davis took a year's leave from the Senior College. We decided to take a trip in the Fall after to Fairbanks and get acquainted with the folks at UAF, the mothership of UA as it is sometimes referred to. One thing we noticed right away: this is one HUGE state. On the way we stopped at a wedding at some military place of an anthropologist we'd get to know later: Art Hippler. We thought after meeting him: hm, this is an interesting place. Wonder what we'll find in Fairbanks. We found a very different group, very delightful: John Cook, Anne Shinkwin, Roger Powers, Fred Milan and the new kid on the block (as we were) G. Richard Scott. As we drove back to Anchorage in that snow-filled Fall, just a few miles past Santa's house outside of Fairbanks, I said to Jack, "These people must never see each other –

this state is too big to stay in contact easily. I think we need a conference, a professional one." Jack said he'd been thinking the same thing. We began to cook it up, as Jack helped me avoid running over all the bunnies that were mating or something near Santa's house that winter.

Back in Anchorage, the other ACC faculty jumped in, led by Linda Ellanna. They also included Leslie Richards and Robert Mack. The conference lunch we had was served at the Cuddy Center.

There were 20 papers presented in cultural anthropology, 6 in Archeology, 2 in linguistics and 1 in biological anthropology.

A meeting was held after the last session and since John Cook took the floor, he ran the meeting. It was decided to have a totally open membership. G. Richard Scott was elected interim president and five interim board members were elected to organize an association and write a constitution. We owe Richard Scott a debt of gratitude for the work he did that year. It was decided to hold the meetings every other year in Fairbanks. Wally Olson proposed meetings in Juneau, but.....the legislature meets there.

Students at ACC and the Senior College really did the hard work on that first conference, as they often do. Theresa Thibault, who heads the conference planning committee this year, cut her teeth working with us on the early conferences. She's done a fantastic job on this one – she and her co-workers. The rest is, as they say, history. UAF hosted the conference the next year and the number of papers jumped to 35 (17 in archeology but only 4 in cultural anthropology). Wendell Oswald was our featured speaker. We were...real. William Workman was elected as our first official president.

We began to invite some of the great names in northern anthropology to feast with us and give featured lectures: VanStone, McKennan, Pelto, deLaguna, Dumond, Larsen, Rainey, Lantis, McGhee, Freeman, Ackerman. We drew on our ancestors whose work touched on other parts of the world but which interested us also in the Far North: Rappaport, Asch, Fagan, Hymes, Chagnon, Jochim, Annette Clark, Dietz, Pope, Nichols, Lynch, and now Fred Limp and Jane Buikstra. One marvelous name, though, stands out for me amid these luminaries who were our featured speakers: Elsie Mather, the

Yup'ik scholar from Bethel (who returned to say hi to us this year). I hope she feels one of us. We certainly feel one with her. And this year we are honored to have members of the Alaskan Eskimo Whaling Commission with us, sharing their knowledge and probably wondering what the heck all these ANTHROS do for a living!

Each of us has her or his own special memories of past conferences. Since I was asked to deliver this talk, I'll mention one of mine. It was meeting Roy "Skip" Rappaport from the University of Michigan. He stopped over in Anchorage for a day after Richard Scott arranged a plane for him to fly around Fairbanks and surroundings. The flight took about 5 minutes, I guess. In Anchorage we had a party for him at my home. Little did I know that my wife had invited a belly dancer as a surprise for my birthday party – she told me it was for Skip Rappaport. I went along with it, wondering what Bill Workman would think of that particular form of culture. Skip turned out to be an aficionado of that form of dancing. As we drove down Turnagain Arm the next day he said to me about his earlier cultural ecology research, which had made him quite famous: "I was an empiricist gone beserk" (he used another adjective instead of beserk but he would not appreciate my verbatim quoting here). I learned something in that exchange: ancestors change their minds. Ancestors grow. Ancestors...outgrow their own ancestors. And I began to feel it was ok to outgrow mine, yet to treasure what they had taught me. As all of us would urge our students, I'm sure: don't end your questions with those given to you. In five years, we probably won't have the same ones – or we shouldn't. Even Boas probably would not be a Boasian today – a lot of the work he saw as needing to be done, has been done. We move on now to new questions. I wonder what questions he would be asking in this era of deconstruction, semiotic analysis, understanding how positioned subjects conduct their science, feminist anthropology, feminist archaeology, queries about actors and gender rather than systems and carrying capacity, reflexive ethnography, borderland antagonism at colonialist anthropology, reinterment issues, and a president of the U.S. who says he puffed but...did not inhale.

The first discussion forum we held at these meetings is still a topic we, as an association, have only weakly addressed. Linda Ellanna organized and chaired that forum. It was

entitled: "We talk, you listen: Alaskan Native views on Anthropology."

Hopefully in the next twenty years we will get to that one. It will be one of our lasting contributions to the north, whether are aware of it or not. What we do will belong to all the people of Alaska and the north.

Here is a list I prepared of the speakers and number of papers given at our meetings for the past twenty years.

A final word of thanks to the editors of our *Newsletter*. It has grown from its humble but excellent beginnings under the guidance of Bill and Karen Workman to a very important communications link among ourselves. It is probably the hardest task of all, and the least appreciated. Would all the past editors or co-editors, anyone who has helped put out the *Newsletter* please stand?

Would all those who served on the Board of Directors at any time please stand so we can thank you.

Would all our past presidents please stand so we can thank you.

Would our Native Alaskan guests stand so we can thank you?

Now, would I sit down and let our feast for the ancestors continue.

A table of statistics follows this article on pages 8 and 9.

Recent Publications of Interest

Submitted by Richard Stern

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

publication information with Richard Stern (DStern8107@aol.com)

Anderson, Shelby L., Matthew T. Boulanger and Michael D. Glascock 2011 A New Perspective on Late Holocene Social Interaction in Northwest Alaska: Results of a Preliminary Ceramic Sourcing Study. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 38: 943-955.

Barr, Susan and Paul Chaplin (editors) 2011 *Polar Settlements - Location, Techniques and Conservation*. International Polar Heritage Committee (IPHC), Oslo, Norway.

Coté, Charlotte and foreword by Micah McCarty 2010 *Spirits of Our Whaling Ancestors: Revitalizing Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth Traditions*. University of Washington Press, Seattle and London.

Erlandson, Jon M., Torben C. Rick, Todd J. Braje, Molly Casperson, Brendan Culleton, Brian Fulfrost, Tracy Garcia, Daniel A. Guthrie, Nicholas Jew, Douglas J. Kennett, Madonna L. Moss, Leslie Reeder, Craig Skinner, Jack Watts and Lauren Willis 2011 Paleoindian Seafaring, Maritime Technologies, and Coastal Foraging on California's Channel Islands. *Science* 331: 1181-1185.

Evanoff, Karen E. (editor) 2010 *Dena'ina Elnena: A Celebration-Voices of the Dena'ina*. Research/Resource Management Report NPS/AR/CCR/2010-75. USDO, National Park Service, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, Anchorage, Alaska.

Higgs, Andrew S. and Robert A. Sattler 2011 Cabin Comforts: The Archaeology of Bachelor Cabins on Fish Creek, Alaska. In *Eldorado! The Historical Archaeology of Gold Mining in the Far North*, edited by C. Spude, R. Mills, K. Gurcke and R. Sprague. University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Hunn, Eugene S. and Thomas F. Thornton 2010 Tlingit Birds: An Annotated List with a Statistical Comparative Analysis. In *Ethno-Ornithology: Birds, Indigenous Peoples, Cultures, and Society*, edited by S. Tidemann and A. Gosler, pp. 181-210. Earthscan, LLC, Washington, D.C.

Moss, Madonna L. 2011 *Northwest Coast: Archaeology as Deep History*. SAA Press, Washington, D.C. 2011 Fishing Traps and Weirs on the Northwest Coast of North America: New

Recent Publications of Interest, Continued

Approaches and New Insights. In *Oxford Handbook of Wetland Archaeology*, edited by F. Menotti and A. O'Sullivan, pp. in press. University of Oxford Press, Oxford.

Moss, Madonna L. and Robert J. Losey 2011 Native American Use of Seals, Sea Lions, and Sea Otters in Estuaries of Northern Oregon and Southern Washington. In *Human Impacts on Seals, Sea Lions, and Sea Otters: Integrating Archaeology and Ecology in the Northeast Pacific*, edited by T. J. Braje and T. C. Rick, pp. 167-195. University of California Press, Berkeley, CA.

Moss, Madonna L. and Aubrey Cannon (editors) 2011 *The Archaeology of North Pacific Fisheries*. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Moss, Madonna L., Virginia L. Butler and J. TaitElder In Press. Herring Bones in Southeast Alaskan Archaeological Sites: The Record of Tlingit Use of *Yaaw* (Pacific Herring). In *The Archaeology of North Pacific Fisheries*, edited by M. L. Moss and A. Cannon. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Other Meetings of Interest

Third International Glacial Archaeology Conference

3rd International Glacial Archaeology Symposium: Frozen Pasts
3-8 June 2012
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada

Symposium organizers announce a call for papers. Following the success of the two previous symposiums in Berne, Switzerland in 2008 and Trondheim, Norway in 2010, the 2012 conference will highlight the discoveries of North American glacial archaeologists and showcase the opening of a major new Yukon First Nation Cultural Centre featuring ice patch discoveries. The 3rd International Glacial Archaeology Conference will be hosted by Kwanlin Dun First Nation and the Government of Yukon.

Researchers and participants in glacial archaeology studies are invited

to submit proposals for session topics, papers, and posters. The complete call for papers is available at:

<http://www.kwanlindunculturalcentre.com/frozenpasts/call-for-papers/>.

Submission deadline: 31 October 2011.

For further information, please go to:

<http://www.kwanlindunculturalcentre.com/frozenpasts/>.

I think the meetings would be of interest to a number of the aaa members and we hope people join us to share results from the Alaskan side of things.

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15th International Congress on Circumpolar Health

August 5 -12, 2012
Fairbanks, Alaska
www.icch15.com

The health and wellness of northern peoples are the focus of the International Congress on Circumpolar Health (ICCH), the world's premier circumpolar health event. Hosted every three years by the International Union for Circumpolar Health, the 15th ICCH will take place in Fairbanks, Alaska, USA from August 5-10, 2012. Fairbanks was the site of the 1st ICCH in 1967, and as such is the ideal venue for assessing progress and next steps in health-related research throughout the circumpolar regions.

The exciting scientific program is expected to bring 600-800 health care leaders, decision-makers, and researchers from all over the world to Fairbanks. Hundreds of papers and posters will be presented in a variety of topic areas. Dynamic keynote speakers, poster sessions, and networking events will round out the program. ICCH15 will be co-hosted and organized by the American Society for Circumpolar Health and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Call for Papers – deadline Jan. 31, 2012.

Table of AAA Annual Meeting Invited Speakers 1974 - 1993							
Speaker(s)	Year	AAA Meeting Location	Number of Papers	Number of Papers for each Subdiscipline			
				Archaeological	Cultural	Linguistic	Biophysical
William Laughlin	1974	Anchorage	29	6	20	2	1
Wendell Oswalt	1975	Fairbanks	35	17	14	4	0
James VanStone	1976	Anchorage	49	16	29	4	0
Roy Rappaport	1977	Fairbanks	53	18	27	7	1
Robert McKennan	1978	Anchorage	44	25	12	3	4
Perti Peltto	1979	Fairbanks	31	21	8	2	0
Frederica deLaguna	1980	Anchorage	44	26	18	0	0
Helge Larsen	1981	Anchorage	54	35	18	1	0
Froelich Rainey	1982	Fairbanks	48	33	14	1	0
Margaret Lantis	1983	Anchorage	61	28	26	0	7
J. Schaeffer	1984						
Michael I. Asch	1984	Fairbanks	49	23	26	0	0
Robert McGhee	1985	Anchorage	71	36	33	1	1
William Workman	1986						
Milton Freeman	1986	Fairbanks	101	35	52	14	0
Don E. Dumond	1987	Anchorage	97	32	64	0	1
Dell Hymes	1988						
Brian Fagan	1988	Fairbanks	95	40	47	7	1
Napoleon Chagnon	1989						
Michael Jochim	1989	Anchorage	87	48	34	0	5
Annette McFayden Clark	1990						
Geoffrey Pope	1990						
James Dietz	1990	Fairbanks	35	19	15	1	0
Elsie Mather	1991						
Robert Ackerman	1991	Anchorage	62	38	22	0	2
Johanna Nichols	1992						
Thomas Lynch	1992	Fairbanks	76	39	31	6	0
W. Fredrick Limp	1993						
Jane Buikstra	1993	Anchorage	80	43	31	1	5
Totals (99.98% totals)			Papers - 1,201	Archaeol – 578 (48.12%)	Cultural – 541 (45.04%)	Linguistics – 54 (04.49%)	Bio – 28 (02.33%)

Speakers' Backgrounds: Archaeology – 13; Cultural Anthropology – 13; Linguistics – 2; Biological Anthropology – 3
Anchorage Meetings: 11 Fairbanks Meetings: 9 Forums: 42

Average number of papers at meetings: 60

Film screenings not enumerated.

Alaska Anthropological Association President and Board Summary

29 members served as members of the Board of Directors between 1975 and 1993

First Board (Interim) 1975 – 1976: W. Olson, K. Feldman, W. Workman, M. Firmin, L. Naylor

The present Board (1993): Bob Shaw, Wendy Arundale, Ann Fienup-Riordan, Phyllis Morrow and Ed Hall

The first aaa president, on an interim basis, 1975 – 1976 membership year: G. Richard Scott

First Board: 1976 – 1977: W. Olson, K. Feldman, R. Scott, A. Shinkwin, F. Milan

Presidents	W. Workman	(76 - 78)(Archaeology)
	F. Milan	(78 - 79)(Biological Anthropology)
	K. Workman	(79 – 81)(Archaeology)
	D. Veltre	(81 – 83)(Archaeology)
	J. Lobdell	(83 – 85)(Archaeology)
	R. Shaw	(85 – 87)(Archaeology)
	J. Aigner	(87 – 89)(Archaeology)
	S. Langdon	(89 – 91)(Cultural Anthropology)
	J. Cook	(91 – 93)(Archaeology)

Subdisciplinary backgrounds of presidents: 7 Archaeologists, 1 Biological Anthropologist, 1 Cultural Anthropologist

Above information by Kerry Feldman 1993

This is a good time to check your membership status on-line and update if necessary. Click on the "members" button at the upper right corner of www.alaskaanthropology.org. You can become a member by clicking on the Membership button. The form can also be found on pages 15 and 16 of this Newsletter.

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Rita Eagle, Treasurer

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**2012 Call for Nominations for
Alaska Anthropological Association Awards and Scholarships**

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

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

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

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

Forms and supporting materials may be submitted on-line or printed and mailed to:

Awards and Scholarships
Alaska Anthropological Association
P.O. Box 241686
Anchorage, AK 99524-1686

Types of Awards and Scholarships that are Available

Professional Achievement Award

The Professional Achievement award recognizes individual accomplishment, leadership, and contributions to Alaskan anthropology. Excellence may be demonstrated in such areas as research and publication, applied programs, teaching, public education, exhibition curatorship, and community engagement. The award may reflect a lifetime of creative work or come mid-way in a productive career. Nominations are invited from all members of the Association.

Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service award recognizes dedicated volunteer assistance to the Association. Service in many areas may be considered, including organization of conferences; membership on boards; participation on committees and in offices; editorship of Association publications and newsletter; volunteer work during annual conferences; organization of educational outreach programs; and other contributions that support and advance the organization. Nominations are invited from all members of the Association.

Outstanding Current Contribution Award

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

Alaska Anthropological Association Scholarship Awards

The Association invites application for three annual student scholarships: the James W. VanStone Advanced Graduate award (Ph.D. level), the Beginning Graduate award (M.A. level); and the John E. Lobdell Undergraduate award. Each is for \$750.

These scholarships are designed to assist eligible students in their pursuit of an academic degree. Ordinarily a scholarship will be used for tuition and fees to help underwrite a program consisting of at least eight academic credits. If fewer credits are taken, it is required that the student be engaged in full-time work toward a degree. Scholarships are not intended to underwrite part-time studies or to cover expenses of doing fieldwork not directly connected with academic courses. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program and be members of the Alaska Anthropological Association (i.e., current year dues must be paid at or before time of application). The scholarship may be used at any appropriate institution.

The primary evaluation criterion will be evidence of promise in and commitment to the field of anthropology. All three awards are not necessarily made each year, depending on the number and quality of submissions. Applications must be received by **February 1** for awards to be announced at the annual meeting in March. Scholarship funds must be expended within one year of being granted and may not be used retroactively. The money will be made available after May 15 upon receipt of documentation from the registrar of the recipient's institution confirming enrollment for the coming semester.

Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition

The Alaska Anthropological Association invites entries in its annual competition for outstanding student paper, with the winner announced at the annual meeting. The prize is \$500.

Eligibility requires current enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate academic program and current membership in the Association. The prize is not necessarily awarded every year, depending on the number and quality of submissions. The deadline is **February 1**.

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

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

Papers entered in this competition must also be submitted for presentation at the Alaska Anthropological Association's annual meeting. Abstracts should be submitted separately to the meeting's organizers.

**ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD ELECTION
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

In the upcoming elections, Board positions now held by Karlene Leeper and Joan Dale will be open in 2012, since they have served two terms. Please contact Kerry Feldman and the Elections Committee if you would like to nominate yourself or others for positions on the board. **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. Nominees will be asked to supply a few lines of biographical information.

Please send in the names of your nominees no later than November 15, 2011.

Your nominations:

Board Member Seat held by Karlene Leeper _____

Board Member Seat held by Joan Dale _____

Current Association officers are:

President – Kerry Feldman

Board Members -

Joan Dale

Karlene Leeper

Jenya Anichenko

Monty Rogers

Robin Mills

Mail in this form or simply write the names of your nominees on plain, white paper and mail to:

Elections Committee

Alaska Anthropological Association

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Other Sources of Funding: Scholarships, Grants, and Student Internship Opportunities

Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor

Research Assistant Positions at Purdue:

As part of a multi-year NSF-Arctic Social Sciences funded archaeology project investigating native copper innovation and social complexity in northwest North America I anticipate funding two beginning graduate students (MA or PhD) starting fall semester 2012 in the Department of Anthropology at Purdue University. The funding package would include at minimum a two-year Research Assistantship (RA) (12 months in year 1 and 9 months in year 2 - includes tuition and fees). Depending on progress and status (PhD or advancement to PhD) students would be eligible for an additional 1-2 years of partial RA support, and would also be eligible for departmental Teaching Assistantships (TA) awarded on a competitive basis.

If you will have completed a BA/BS or MA/MS degree in Anthropology (or Archaeology) before the start of the 2012-2013 academic year, and are interested in thesis/dissertation research that uses GIS or site-mapping software to perform spatial analysis of northern hunter-gatherer archaeology and technology, specifically native copper innovation, I encourage you to email me directly at hkcooper@purdue.edu to learn more. The deadline for application to Purdue's Anthropology graduate program is January 1st, 2012. Purdue is located in northwest Indiana, one hour from Indianapolis and two hours from Chicago.

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Funding Opportunities at the University of Alaska Fairbanks:

Austin Cooley Talent Grant
Bureau of Land Management - University of
Alaska Museum Archaeological Collections
Research Fellowship
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Quaternary Center)
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(UAF Graduate School)
University of Alaska Museum
-Evelyn and Vilhjamer Stefansson Nef
Foundation (UA Museum)
-Otto William Geist Fund (UA Museum)
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**Funding Opportunities Listings for Alaska
Pacific University. Visit their website at:**
<http://www.alaskapacific.edu/academics/Departments/Environmentalscience/facilitiesandresources/grantsandfunding/Pages/Default.aspx>

**International Funding Opportunities
Listings for the University of Alaska
Anchorage. Visit their website at:**
[http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/honors/abroad/intl
-scholarships.cfm](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/honors/abroad/international-scholarships.cfm)

**Smithsonian Institution Office of
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Toll Free Number: 1-800-490-9194
Web-based query form:
http://www.epa.gov/ncer/contact_us.html

Editor's Note: At the request of the Board, "Opportunities" will be a regular AAA Newsletter feature. Please send submissions to plmcclehan@gci.net

**Alaska Consortium of
Zooarchaeologists (ACZ) Report**
Submitted By Monty Rogers, ACZ President

Hello All,

Since the spring aaa Newsletter, the ACZ has been fairly dormant with everyone doing fieldwork. Our next meeting is September 30th at 5:30pm at the Kaladi Brothers Coffee shop on the corner of 6th and G Street in Anchorage. ACZ members outside of Anchorage have a greater chance to participate in meetings and the organization as a whole via SKYPE. If you would like to participate, please contact me directly at mjr@lavabit.com.

The ACZ would like to remind tribal organizations, professors, agencies, and CRM consultants to encourage college and high school students they know to begin writing up their faunal research so they can apply for the Christina Jensen Scholarship. Every year, the ACZ awards one or two scholarships for student faunal research. Scholarship applications are due in January with winners announced at the aaa's 2012 annual meetings in Seattle.

Feel free to visit the ACZ webpage at <http://www.akzooarch.org/> or our Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_194560767238684&ap=1.

As always, the ACZ welcomes tribal organizations, professors, agencies, CRM consultants, and college and high school students they know to become members of the

ACZ. Membership is free; you just have to sign up at <http://www.akzooarch.org/contact.html>.

I also encourage you to sign up for our discussion list at <http://lists.uaa.alaska.edu/mailman/listinfo/akzooarch-l>.

Sincerely,

Monty Rogers
ACZ President

Student Section

Submitted by Monty Rogers, Board Member

The aaa board is discussing two possible ways to assist student members wanting to attend the 2012 aaa Annual Meeting in Seattle and is seeking thoughts of the membership on the topics.

One possibility is offering travel scholarships to students. Requirements for the travel scholarships would likely consist of filling out an application, presenting a paper at the conference, and outline a travel budget requesting a specific amount. The awards would be based on need and merit.

The second possibility would consist of a sponsorship program. The sponsorship program would pair willing professional aaa members with student aaa members wanting to attend the 2012 meeting. Students would be paired with professional members sharing similar research interests. The professional member would be expected to assist in the student's travel expenses either via monetary donation, airline miles, or other means. The student, in order to qualify for the program would have to present a paper at the meeting. Ideally, the sponsor would review and assist the student with their paper. All sponsorship donations would be managed through the aaa.

Please send your thoughts and comments to me via email at mjr@lavabit.com.

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

Apply for aaa student scholarships. The aaa offer four student scholarships: James W.

VanStone Advanced Graduate award (Ph.D. level), Beginning Graduate award (M.A. level), John E. Lobdell Undergraduate award, and Stephanie Ludwig award.

Participate in the annual Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition.

Discounted membership

Reduced Annual Meeting registration costs

Presentation of research at the Annual Meeting

Publish in the peer-reviewed Alaska Journal of Anthropology

Keep up to date on Alaskan Anthropological news

Please encourage students you know to present on aspects of their fieldwork and research at the 2012 aaa Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington. The Annual Meetings always have a student session that provides an invaluable experience in a low pressure setting.

Sincerely,

Monty Rogers
aaa Board Member

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Panel includes Aron Crowell, Smithsonian Institution; Steve Langdon, UAA; and Elaine Abraham, Alaska Native Science Commission.

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