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39th Annual Meeting Alaska Anthropological Association

February 29 – March 3, 2012

**Hotel Deca, University District
Seattle, WA**

**Sponsored by the University of Washington
Department of Anthropology and the Burke Museum
of Natural and Cultural History with the Burke
Archaeology Department**

Quick Facts:

Deadline to submit paper/poster titles/abstracts-2/3/2012.
Deadline to submit organized session titles/abstract-2/3/2012
(before or with included paper submissions).
Deadline for Early Registration - You must be registered before
submitting papers/posters/abstracts
Deadline for Early Registration (if not presenting)-2/ 21/ 2012
Deadline to purchase banquet and luncheon tickets-2/21/ 2012.
Hotel Rooms at Hotel Deca, as soon as possible. Limited rooms
available.
Donated space for free student lodging, very limited. See
below for contact information.
Registration and submission can be made from the "aaa"
website's annual meeting page

**For information and registration for the 2012 meetings of the
Alaska Anthropological Association, go to:**

<http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/index.cfm?section=annual-meeting&page=Annual-Meeting>

Online Registration Begins December 15, 2011!

Look for Online Registration December 15, 2011!

2012 Annual Meeting Preparations

Ben Fitzhugh, 2012 Meeting Chair

The Alaska Anthropological Association will hold its annual meeting in Seattle between February 29 and March 3, 2012 with workshops arranged on February 29. The focus this year is "Northern People and Landscapes in Times of Change." The meeting is being sponsored by the University of Washington, Department of Anthropology and the Burke Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

We are pleased to have two great speakers lined up for the dinner banquet and luncheons on March 1 and 2nd respectively. Dr. Charlotte Coté will speak at the banquet. Dr. Coté is an associate professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Washington and is a member of the Tseshaht First Nation, one of the cultural groups which make up the Nuuchah-nulth First Nations situated on the west coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. She specializes in Native American/First Nation food sovereignty issues in the United States and Canada and recently published the book: *Spirits of Our Whaling Ancestors. Revitalizing Makah and Nuuchah-nulth Traditions*" (University of Washington Press, 2010). Dr. Andrzej Weber will speak at the luncheon on March 2. Dr. Weber is a professor of anthropology at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. His research focuses on bioarchaeological investigations of Holocene hunter-gatherer lifeways and changes in the Lake Baikal region of central Siberia and most recently Hokkaido, Japan. He is the PI and director of two large, interdisciplinary research projects: the Baikal Archaeological Project and the recently initiated Baikal-Hokkaido Archaeological Project (both funded primarily by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada). More information on the speakers can be found on the association web site's Annual Meeting page:

<http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/index.cfm?section=annual-meeting&page=Annual-Meeting>

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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.

On this web page you will also find links to pages for conference registration, paper/poster title abstracts submission form, as well as the sessions submission form. Papers or posters intended to fit within organized sessions should be coordinated by a session organizer and a session submission entry should be made by the organizer prior to or at the same time as the individual papers/poster submissions. The symposium submission form deadline has been extended. Entry forms for papers/posters as well as sessions must be submitted NO LATER THAN **Friday, February 3, 2012** to allow the programming committee time to build the program. Presenters are asked to formally register for the meeting *before submitting paper/poster forms*. Submissions will not be reviewed or scheduled until registration is complete. For those not presenting papers or posters, Early Registration will remain available on the Annual Meeting web site until February 21, 2012. It is our hope to have the vast majority of registrations completed by this date to help manage attendance expectations, snack and beverage needs, and quantities for the banquet and luncheon meal options.

The following symposia have already been submitted. Please contact the organizers if you are interested in contributing to one of them:

- **The Anthropology of Alaska, Two Minutes at a Time** (see announcement later in this Newsletter)
Jenny Blanchard, jblanchard@blm.gov
- **Northern Demographies, Past and Present**
William Brown,
brownw@u.washington.edu
- **Collectors and Collections**
Jason Rogers, Evguenia Anichenko,
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- **Health as a Human Landscape: A Space for Diverse Anthropologies in Health Research**
Kim Fleming,
flemingk10@students.ecu.edu
Sally Carraher, carrahs@mcmaster.ca

- **Late Pleistocene / Early Holocene Archaeology in Northwestern North America**

Ben A. Potter, bapotter@alaska.edu

Planned events:

- Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists (ACZ) is planning a tour of collections at the National Marine Mammal Lab (NMML) and/or the Burke Museum on February 29. Pre-registration is MANDATORY this year (visiting a federal facility). For more information, please refer to the ACZ website:
<http://www.akzooarch.org/workshops.html> or contact: Mike Etnier at metnier@u.washington.edu
- The AHRS Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday February 29, 1-4 p.m.
Contact: Bill Hedman:
William_Hedman@blm.gov
- The Arctic Conference – a typically Autumn gathering of anthropologists, archaeologists, ecologists, and others – was deferred in 2011, and in its place an “Arctic Conference” event is being organized by Anne Jensen (anne.jensen@uicscience.org), Owen Mason (geoarch@ptialaska.net), and Herb Maschner (maschner@isu.edu) to be held at these Meetings.
- Excursions: Reservations for specific tours will be taken at the on-site registration table (when the schedule of meeting sessions and talks will be established). For more information, contact Amanda Taylor (aktaylor@uw.edu).

o Burke Museum Tours:

Archaeology: Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Archaeology Department at the Burke Museum. The 30-40 minute tour will include the collections and research space, including highlights from Alaska and the Northwest Coast. Thursday March 1 and Friday March 2, 1 pm. Limited to 10 people per tour.

Ethnology: Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Ethnology Department at the Burke Museum. The 30-40 minute tour will include the collections storage and research space. Thursday March 1 and Friday March 2, 1 pm. Limited to 10 people per tour.

- o Luminescence lab tour with Dr. James Feathers:

Thursday, 12:00-12:30 p.m.; Friday 10:00-10:30 a.m. (Limited to 10 people per tour).

More details about the Annual Meeting can be found at:
<http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/index.cfm?section=annual-meeting&page=Annual-Meeting>

A more detailed program will be published in the next Newsletter and will be available on the Association website early in 2012.

DISCOUNTED TRAVEL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING IN SEATTLE:

We are pleased to announce that Alaska Airlines is offering the Alaska Anthropological Association meeting attendees a 7% discount off their lowest fare to Seattle. The Meeting Fare Code, **ECMG366**, is valid for travel between February 26, 2012 and March 06, 2012 from any Canadian or US city (except Hawaii). Please purchase your tickets online or by calling the Alaska Airlines Group desk at 1-800-445-4435 (a \$15.00 ticketing fee will apply to any tickets issued by calling the Group Desk).

In addition, Alaska Airlines is offering a free "tour conductor" ticket for every 40 ticketed reservations. We would like to use this opportunity to fund the travel for our lunch keynote speaker, Dr. Andrzej Weber, and we need your help to do this. After you purchase your ticket, please submit your ticket number bought using the Meeting Fare Code above to Rita Eagle (<eaglerita@gmail.com>). Please send this information to Rita at your earliest convenience. We would like to secure Dr.

Weber's flight a month in advance, and must do so no less than two week prior to the conference. We really appreciate your cooperation as we try to make this conference less expensive!

The venue for the Meetings is the Hotel Deca 4507 Brooklyn Avenue Northeast, Seattle, WA 98105 <http://www.hoteldeca.com>
Hotel rooms and Student boarding options: Room reservations should be made as soon as possible. We have reserved 75 rooms at the conference rate of \$135/night plus tax for a Deluxe Guest Room or \$155/night for a Junior Suite.

Reservations for rooms at Hotel Deca can be made by calling the hotel directly at 1.800.899.0251 between the hours of 8a.m. – 7p.m (PST) Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. – 4p.m. (PST) 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.

Student groups should book Hotel Deca rooms to be certain of "aaa" discount rates. No discounted student rate is available, but room sharing is expected. Several students and faculty in the University of Washington Department of Anthropology have volunteered space for a limited number of courteous students to throw sleeping bags for free lodging during the meeting (contact Adam Freeburg if interested: freebs@uw.edu).

REGISTRATION DETAILS: Online registration for the Annual Meeting will be open in mid-December. Rates are set as follows:

Early Registration (online on or before February 21, 2012)

Regular Members: \$110

Student Members: \$50

Non-Members: \$135

Late Registration (online after February 21 or on-site at the meeting):

Regular Members : \$130

Student Members: \$65

Non-members: \$160

Daily registration (on-site): \$50

BANQUET AND LUNCHEON MEALS:

Meal tickets for the Banquet on Thursday, March 1st and the Luncheon on Friday, March 2nd can be purchased along with meeting registration from the Annual Meeting link on the Association web site. The Banquet speaker is Dr. Charlotte Coté and the Luncheon speaker is Dr. Andrzej Weber (biographies elsewhere in this newsletter and on the AAA Annual meeting web page). In order to give the caterers an accurate count of for preparing the food, meal tickets must be purchased by the close of registration on February 21, 2012.

Menu options include sides, beverage and dessert. Prices including service, tax and tip are as follows:

Banquet supper, Thursday March 1:

- Bistro Steak with Vegetables (includes service, tax and tip) \$40
- Herb Chicken with Vegetables (includes service, tax and tip) \$30
- Penne Pasta with Mushrooms (includes service, tax and tip) \$28

Luncheon Buffet, Friday March 2:

- Adobo Marinated Pork Loin: \$28
- Carrot Osso Bucco (vegetarian): \$28
(To ensure appropriate numbers of vegetarian and non-vegetarian portions are prepared, please indicate your choice on the meal form.)

DISCOUNT FOR STUDENT MEALS:

Thanks to the generosity of 2009 distinguished speaker, Anne Riordan, the Alaska Anthropological Association continues to have funds available to offset the price of student meal tickets by \$10 for *each* of the Banquet supper and the Luncheon buffet. While these

funds last, we want to use them to encourage students to attend these meals and associated distinguished talks. For more information and discount order forms, see the Registration link on the Annual Meeting web page. This discount is available on a first-come-first-served basis and cannot be offered once these special finds have been exhausted.

EXHIBITORS, SPONSORSHIP, AND PROGRAM ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

An exhibit room will be available during the Annual Meeting from the morning of March 1 until noon on March 3. Publishers and other groups are encouraged to apply for space to display and/or sell products, services, or information of interest to Alaskan anthropologists. To sign up to exhibit, contact Ben Fitzhugh (fitzhugh@uw.edu) or Natasha Slobodina (nataslo@uw.edu) and register your group's interest, the space desired for exhibiting, and anticipated dates/times for exhibiting. There is no fee for exhibiting at the Alaska Anthropological Association's annual meeting, but any exhibitors will be required to pay per person registration fees. Please pass this announcement on to any group who might be interested in this opportunity.

We could still use sponsorships and program advertisements to help lower the cost of the meeting. Student rates have been held artificially low for this meeting and all possible sponsorships and advertising revenue is critical to help cover this cost. To receive sponsorship billing on a snack table during a sponsored break, we ask for a minimum \$500 donation. A gift of any amount is very much appreciated and all donors will receive (1) acknowledgement of their sponsorship in the conference program and (2) recognition at the business meeting of the association at the conference, with a letter of thanks sent by the host institution on behalf of "aaa" (UW, Dept of Anthropology).

Advertising in the Program of the Annual Meeting is available for \$150 (half page: 5"x7") or \$250 (full page: 10"x7").

Advertisers must provide camera ready, black and white (or grayscale) copy of the

advertisement to Ben Fitzhugh (fitzhugh@uw.edu) no later than February 1, 2012. Please contact Ben Fitzhugh to discuss prospective advertising plans or to answer any related questions.

Payments for Sponsorships and/or Program Advertisements should be made by check, made out to "Alaska Anthropological Association" and mailed to Rita Eagle at P. O. Box 241686, Anchorage, AK 99524-1686.

Call for Submittals: The Anthropology of Alaska, Two Minutes at a Time. Contact Jenny Blanchard at jblanchard@blm.gov

Please consider participating in this fun, fast-paced introductory symposium for the 39th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, tentatively scheduled for the opening reception at the Burke Museum on the evening of February 29th. This session provides a survey of the breadth of anthropological research in Alaska over the past year, from Late Pleistocene archaeology to historical archaeology and cultural anthropology. Papers will be short and fun; this is a chance to give an abstract of research presented elsewhere in the conference, or to provide information on a single cool artifact, site, or fieldwork story from last summer. It provides presenters with a chance to reach a broad audience, and to pique the audience's interest in their research, and it provides audience members a chance to get an overview of the entire scope of conference topics, even if they can't attend every session they would like.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Kerry D. Feldman, Association President

As winter shrouds the far north this time of year, anthropologists, unlike most bears, become even more active. Artifacts and soil samples from the summer dig must be catalogued and tested. Students working on theses or dissertations find themselves in labs or at their computers working long into the night, trying to have a first draft ready for review when the sun rises again in Barrow.

Deadlines for "deliverables" bear down on researchers.

I can feel the heat in Seattle, though, from those working on our 39th annual conference, preparing the schedule for our February 29 to March 3, 2012 meeting. It promises to be a memorable gathering. Get your paper submitted, *now*, if you haven't done so already (Symposia proposals closed November 30, 2011). Make your room reservation at the Hotel Deca (near the U.W. campus). It should be a great conference, our first outside of Alaska or nearby Canada. Hopefully, more anthropologists and students from the Lower 48 will join us this year with a venue closer to home. Students are especially urged to submit papers or posters for our conference. Over 20% of our conference papers are by students; I really enjoyed the numerous student presentations I heard at the conference last year in Fairbanks – all were worth hearing and very innovative.

The anthropology department of the University of Alaska Anchorage has a new face this year, having completed its search for a medical anthropologist (my replacement at UAA): Professor Denielle Elliot. There were many highly qualified applicants for the position; it's always hard for a department to make these decisions. Look at the department website for more information about Dr. Elliot, who comes to us with an outstanding background from Canada, including a degree in medical anthropology from Simon Fraser University (<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/anthropology/faculty/index.cfm>). Her specialties include medicine and science, colonialism, and political economy, with geographic expertise including Canada (e.g., applied health research in Vancouver) and East Africa (Kenya). She will become involved with other health-related scholars and programs at UAA as the new building and College of Health opens in 2012. By the way, UAA recently hired another medical anthropologist, Dr. David L. Driscoll, to head its Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies (ICHS). Check out his website at <http://www.ichs.uaa.alaska.edu/people/driscoll.htm>. His research combines epidemiological and anthropological methods to link

population-level health data and sociocultural context in order to assess and create effective public health programs.

Here's a heads-up on a book coming out that is a must-read: *A Retrospective Analysis of Alaska Statehood from Native Perspectives*, being published in 2012 by the University of Washington Press and Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) (published by SHI in 2011), edited by Jeane Breinig and Rosita Worl. It includes essays on an overlooked topic by anthropologists Phyllis Fast, Gordon Pullar, Deanna Kingston and Rosita Worl. Dr. Breinig is a professor in the English department of UAA. I reviewed the final report on which this outstanding book is based. Each essay includes overviews of Alaska Native groups/culture areas from which the authors come plus the results of interviews with elders and others regarding perceptions of the pros and cons of Alaska becoming a state.

Too much has happened in Alaskan anthropology for me to try to comment on all of it here. If you have news items for our *Newsletter*, submit them, please, to the editor: Pat McClenahan. Pat has been great to work with, getting these *Newsletters* out on time, with the information the association needs to function effectively. Submit items to her, using Verdana 10 font for headings and 9 font for text.

See you in Seattle, February 29 to March 3, 2012, at the 39th meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZERS OF THE 2013 ANNUAL ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The 40th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be held in Anchorage in Spring 2013 and will be co-hosted by the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center and Bureau of Indian Affairs, ANCSA Office. Additional details will be available soon. It is not too early to think about organizing a symposium for the 2013 meeting. To discuss any such ideas please contact either

Aron Crowell at 907-929-9207 or CROWELLA@si.edu)

or

Ken Pratt at 907-27103695 or Kenneth.Pratt@bia.gov).

ALASKA CONSORTIUM OF ZOOARCHAEOLOGISTS MEETING *Monty Rogers, ACZ President*

Hello All,

Since the Fall aaa Newsletter, the ACZ organized faunal processing days in October and November to continue to expand the synopsis collection housed at UAA. There will be another processing day in December along with a regular meeting. Remember if you do not have the stomach to process decaying carcasses, the ACZ can always use help labeling the cleaned specimens. If you would like to participate, please contact the ACZ.

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>.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS

Rita Eagle

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

We gratefully acknowledge the recent donations to the Association from:

Becky Saleeby Student Scholarships

Ben Fitzhugh Student Scholarships
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The Association would like to thank the following corporate sponsors who have already donated generously to our 39th Annual Conference:

SWCA, Environmental Consultants
NHG Alaska, LLC
Advocates for Archaeology and Historic Preservation

OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor

Edward J. Vajda of Western Washington University, the author of the historical linguistic study "A Siberian Link to Na-Dene Languages" (2010 *The Dene-Yeniseian Connection. Anthropological papers of the University of Alaska*, vol. 5:1/2) will be at ANLC and UAF for two to three weeks in the spring semester while on sabbatical. On the evening of Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Ed Vajda will be giving a public lecture at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

March 27, 2012

7 p.m.

The Peopling of the Americas and the Dene-Yeniseian Connection

Edward Vajda (Western Washington University)

Data from archaeology, human genetics, and linguistics are providing a clearer understanding of how the American continents were first colonized by peoples from Siberia and Asia's Pacific Rim. Archeological remains, along with patterns in the distribution of human DNA, reveal much about the first peopling of the Americas. Historical-comparative language studies can add a third perspective. While most languages spoken in North Asia today were brought northward by pastoral peoples relatively recently and show no connection to those spoken in the Americas,

the Ket language, spoken by a small group of forest hunters in the Yenisei River area of central Siberia, is related to North America's Tlingit, Eyak, and Athabaskan languages – a family called Na-Dene. Evidence includes systematic correspondences in consonants, vowels, and tones, as well as parallel verb structure. The presentation discusses the role of linguistic fieldwork in uncovering this link and emphasizes what the comparison adds to our understanding of prehistoric migrations across the Bering Strait region.

In anticipation of Professor Vajda's visit ANLC will be hosting a one-day "Workshop on Dene-Yeniseian."

First Call for Papers Workshop on Dene-Yeniseian Saturday, March 24, 2012

Alaska Native Language Center
University of Alaska Fairbanks

With the 2010 publication of the papers in *The Dene-Yeniseian Connection* an ancient historical connection between the Yeniseian languages of Central Siberia and Athabaskan and Tlingit and Eyak has been endorsed by many highly qualified experts. This is the first time that a strong case has been made for a language family that spans Asia and North America. For this one-day workshop we invite papers 15 to 30 minute which will contribute to the evaluation of the proposed Dene-Yeniseian relationship. Discussions of comparative Na-Dene verb structure are particularly welcome.

Questions which might be addressed include:

- What represents a verb's lexical entry in Tlingit, Eyak, and Athabaskan?
- What can the external comparison with Yeniseian contribute to our understanding of Na-Dene verb structure?

Some other possible topics include:

- Overview of reviews and publicity on Dene-Yeniseian
- Computational phylogenetics and Dene-Yeniseian
- Aleut time-depth in the context of Dene-Yeniseian
- Developments in archaeology pertinent to Dene-Yeniseian
- Human biology developments relevant to Dene-Yeniseian

- Geographic name comparisons in Yeniseian and Na-Dene
- Natural history terms in Dene-Yeniseian
- Paleo-environments and Dene-Yeniseian
- The social implications of Dene-Yeniseian in Russia, Alaska and North America

Please submit 1-page abstracts for 15 or 30 minute papers in MS-Word or PDF format to James Kari at james.kari@alaska.edu by January 20, 2012. Our review committee will notify you of acceptance by January 30, 2012. Participation by students is especially encouraged. Please note that there is no grant-funded sponsorship for this workshop.

For ordering information and news items on *The Dene–Yeniseian Connection* see <http://www.uaf.edu/ank/dv/>

Alaska Marine Science Symposium January 16-20, 2012 in Anchorage, Alaska

The Hotel Captain Cook will host daytime events, including registration, plenary sessions and workshops. The Dena'ina Center will host the two evening poster sessions and exhibits. To register and to locate more information about the Symposium, go to <http://www.alaskamarinescience.org/index.html>

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor

February 10, 2012 is the deadline for application for the **NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD (NPRB) GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS**. These awards are given to encourage students to pursue scientific and scholarly research that addresses management issues in northern seas. In May 2012, NPRB will award up to six Graduate Student Research Awards (GSRAs) of \$25,000 each to three qualified masters students and three doctoral students for the opportunity to address scientific, technological, and socio-economic issues relating to the

research themes identified in the 2005 NPRB Science Plan. Students must be enrolled in or accepted by a graduate degree program at an accredited university or college by February 10, 2012. There is no US citizenship requirement to be eligible for this award and applications are welcome from students attending US or non-US universities. The graduate research topic must be relevant to the research themes and issues identified in the 2005 NPRB Science Plan and occur in Alaskan marine waters. Please see the 2012 GSRA guidelines at http://nprb.org/education/documents/2012GSRAdetailsandguidelines_14Oct11_final_001.pdf for further details of the application requirements.

DARTMOUTH is seeking fall 2012 applicants for the **National Science Foundation (NSF) Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) program in Polar Environmental Change**. The program is based in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Polar systems are at the forefront of global change science research. IGERT is an interdisciplinary PhD graduate program in polar sciences and engineering that merges expertise and facilities from science (earth sciences and ecology, and evolutionary biology) and engineering science departments at Dartmouth College with the U.S. Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL), creating one of the premier centers of scientific expertise in polar research. The investment of Dartmouth's Dickey Center for International Understanding and its Institute of Arctic Studies in forming relationships with Greenlandic institutions and Inuit leaders and organizations provides the opportunity for intensive field training in Greenland where science, policy, and indigenous issues of the north can be explored. Collectively these experiences provide rigorous training in polar and related sciences and produce scientists with an advanced knowledge of the role of science in policy and the ethics of conducting research with indigenous people.

Research training is coupled with a coordinated core curriculum that focuses on three components of arctic or Antarctic systems responding to rapid change in climate:

- The cryosphere - glacial ice, snow, and sea ice systems;
- Terrestrial ecosystems and biogeochemical linkages between the soil, plant, and animal system; and
- Human systems - the process of policy making in political and social systems where Western science and traditional knowledge provide information.

Applicants should visit the Dartmouth IGERT website first for information on participating departments, requirements, and application procedures:

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~igert/>.

For further information, please go to:

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~igert/>.

Or contact:

The IGERT Program Administrator:

Email: IGERT@dartmouth.edu

Ross Virginia, Principal Investigator

Email: Ross.Virginia@dartmouth.edu

The Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS), together with the University of the Arctic and the International Antarctic Institute, is pleased to announce the '**Polar Graduate Programmes Database.**' It can be accessed at: <http://apecs.is/graduate-programmes>.

The database is intended as a resource for young researchers looking for graduate programs related to polar and cryospheric research, and also to help graduate programs recruit new students. It includes graduate and certificate programs as well as short courses that have a focus or specialty in any field relating to the Arctic, Antarctic, alpine, or other areas within the cryosphere--ranging

from social sciences and law to ecology, geology, physics, and more. The purpose is to provide prospective students with information on those programs, such as disciplinary focus areas, website links, typical program duration, application deadlines, costs, and (where available) financial support.

Universities and individuals are encouraged to enter program information directly to the database, and to post current openings for graduate research and teaching assistantships on the APECS jobs page, at:

<http://apecs.is/jobs>.

To access the database, please go to:

<http://apecs.is/graduate-programmes>.

The Aleut Foundation shared the following information provided by Nancy Heckman at the Midtown Anchorage Job Center:

I'm writing to make you aware of a new and recently endowed scholarship which I am hoping you'll spread the word about by adding a link to it, from your site. The scholarship, "Online Colleges.org Support A Student Scholarship for Single Parents," - the first of its kind - was created to financially assist single parents enrolled in a college degree program with an online learning component.

To ensure that as many students as possible are given the best opportunity to apply, I'm reaching out to you, in the hopes that you'll add a link to the scholarship to your website this week so that additional students are aware of the opportunity and can submit their applications right as the October 1st official open date begins.

The winner, who will be announced on December 1st, 2011, will be awarded \$10,000 towards non-tuition related living expenses for the January 2012 academic year including:

- Rent
- Childcare
- Books and School Supplies
- Utilities – Gas and Electric
- Utilities – Internet

- Groceries

Any single parent enrolled in a degree program with a significant online component is eligible to apply. The applicant must also be receiving some other type of financial aid.

The scholarship, with further information, can be found at:

<http://www.onlinecolleges.org/scholarship>

While it's apparently too late to apply this year, it's worth watching for future opportunities.



**ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ELECTIONS
OFFICIAL BALLOT, 2012**

Two Board of Director seats are up for election. Board positions now held by Karlene Leeper and Joan Dale will become open in 2012 since both have served two terms.

Each member is allowed to use this form **once** to cast a vote.

Please cast your vote for **one** candidate for **each** Board position (2 positions open). Biographies for Board member nominees are on the following pages. Please return this form, postmarked no later than **February 1, 2012** to the address below.

BOARD SEATS

Board Seat 1: _____
Write-in _____

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Biographies for Board Nominees

Angela Linn

Angela Linn was born and raised in a small town in Iowa, minutes from the University of Iowa. In 1994, she earned her BA in Anthropology from the U of I, minoring in religion and museum studies, and moved to Alaska two days later. In 1999 she earned her MA in Anthropology from UAF under Dr. Molly Lee and became the full-time collections manager of ethnology and history at UAMN, a position she continues to hold, acting as department head since 2008. Her current areas of interest range from best practices in collections management, collaborative curation, material culture studies, and the critical role of museums in modern societies. It is her goal to keep the Alaska Anthropological community aware of this role that museum collections can play in contemporary research and new ways collections may be integrated into projects of all kinds. She has recently served as both the Secretary and Vice-Chair of the Registrars Committee-Western Region (RC-WR), the co-Chair of the Host Committee for the Annual Joint Conference of Museums Alaska and the Alaska Historical Society and was just elected to the Board of Directors of Museums Alaska, serving as Secretary (2011-2012).

Mark McCallum

Did you happen to catch the recent comments of Florida Governor Rick Scott suggesting the study of anthropology was a waste of taxpayer's dollars allocated to the State's universities? "It's a great degree if people want to get it, but we don't need them (anthropologists) here!" I'm not suggesting that attitude is prevalent in Alaska, but if I'm elected to the Association Board my focus will be to elevate our exposure, both internally within the profession and externally across the State. I have been "practicing" archaeology for 33 years and have worked in 13 states, from Georgia to Alaska. Since 1988 I have worked on the Tongass National Forest in Southeast; the last ten of those years serving as the lead archaeologist for the forest. Prior to that, I spent a year working out of the BIA-ANCSA projects office, documenting ANCSA historic and cemetery sites. I served two terms as co-chair of the Public Education Group (PEG) of the Association. Sponsorship of Alaska's annual Archaeology Month and production of a poster are the most visible products of the PEG. These are examples of elevating our exposure that I will promote as your Board member.

April Laktonen Counciller

April Laktonen Counciller, Ph.D. is an enrolled tribal member (Alutiiq/Sugpiaq) of the Native Village of Larsen Bay, from Kodiak Island, Alaska. She received her B.A. in Anthropology and American Civilization from Brown University in 2002, her M.A. in Rural Development from University of Alaska, Fairbanks, in 2005, and her Ph.D. in Fall, 2010 from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks Interdisciplinary Program in Language Planning and Indigenous Knowledge Systems. Her ethnographic-style dissertation, entitled "Niugnelyukut (We are Making New Words): A Community Philosophy of Language Revitalization," examined the cultural and community significance of heritage revitalization projects to Alutiiq participants. Counciller has worked in the Education and Language departments at the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository in Kodiak, AK. since 2002. She currently serves as Alutiiq Language Manager, in charge of Alutiiq language documentation, education, and revitalization. She is a founding member of the Alutiiq New Words Council and the Qik'rtarmiut Alutiit Regional Language Advisory Committee. Counciller works extensively with Alutiiq Elders and language learners from the rural and town communities around Kodiak Island. She lives in Kodiak with her husband and two daughters.

Brian T. Wygal

In June of 2000, I moved to Alaska as an intern with the National Park Service, and later completed the MA program at the University of Alaska, Anchorage followed by a PhD from the University of Nevada, Reno. With experiences from Amaknak Island to Noatak National Park and Preserve, I continue to conduct field research in Alaska. For a period of four years, I served as an archaeologist for Denali National Park and Preserve and while I currently work for a private university in New York, the bulk of my curriculum centers on arctic and subarctic Alaska. I thoroughly enjoy sharing adventures and research with students and local Alaskans through collaborative projects with colleagues at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. For several seasons, we have provided anthropological outreach programs in the communities of Chase, Trapper Creek, and Talkeetna. As an active member of the Association, I regularly contribute on topics ranging from CRM to method and theory. If elected to the board, I pledge to extend current initiatives toward a support program for student travel to conference venues as well as continuing the mission of promoting knowledge and appreciation of Alaska and circumpolar cultures.

Debbie Corbett

I have been an archaeologist and cultural resource manager in Alaska since 1983, first working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs investigating Native historic and cemetery sites, and since 1991, for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Between 2000 and 2005 I served the Association as president and board member. Those were eventful years as we were bringing the Alaska Journal of Anthropology to life, and managing some fundamental structural changes to the organization. I have been somewhat detached from the Association over the last six years but welcome the opportunity to reconnect and serve again. (What Am I Thinking?). I am interested in helping to see that the Alaska Anthropological Association remains on healthy financial footing, in engaging younger members of the anthropological community, and in continuing to reach out to a broad public with our work.

Jeff Rasic

I have worked in Alaska as an archaeologist since 1995 and have lived in Fairbanks for nine years. I received a PhD in Anthropology from Washington State university in 2008. My professional experience includes positions with several National Park Service units in Alaska, private sector consulting in the western U.S., and a recent stint at the Curator of Archaeology at the University of Alaska Museum. Our association is strong and my goal as board member would be to foster continued excellence regarding our journal, meetings, public education efforts, student support, and collaboration with Alaskan communities.

Margan Grover

I own a contracting company and am an adjunct professor at University of Alaska Anchorage and Mat-Su Community College. Some members may notice that I've run for the aaa board a few times in the past. Both times, the main "plank" in my platform was increasing student participation at meetings and in the organization. I believe that we as an organization have made strides toward these goals, but they still need work. Now that I'm a little older and beyond my status as a student, my contributions to the aaa also encompass the ability to represent the concerns and perspectives of private-sector professionals in our field.

Richard Martin - No biographical information was submitted.

Jake Anders - No biographical information was submitted.

Patrick G. Saltonstall - No biographical information was submitted.

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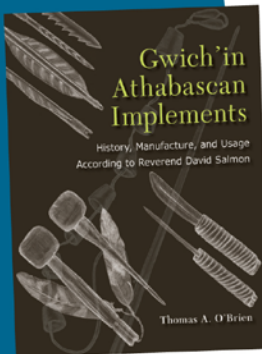
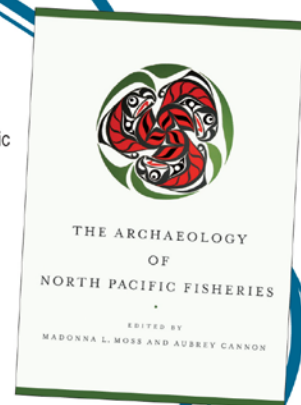
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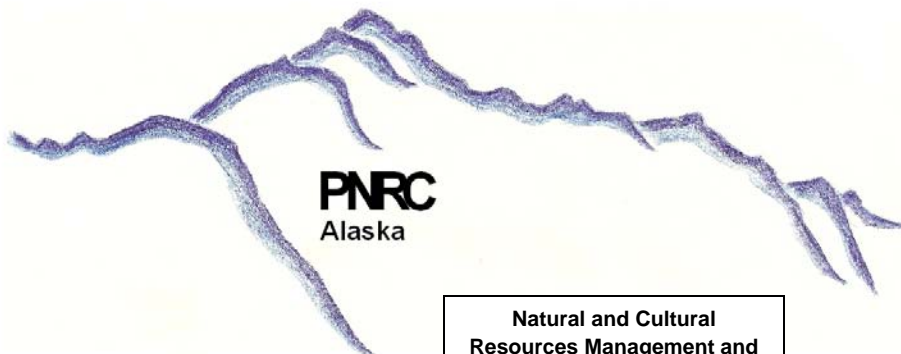
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

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 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. 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. My thanks to the many readers who have sent citations of interest to their colleagues. Please continue to submit them! Richard Stern
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Braje, Todd J. and Torben C. Rick (editors)
2011 *Human Impacts on Seals, Sea Lions, and Sea Otters: Integrating Archaeology and Ecology in the Northeast Pacific*. University of California Press, Berkeley, California.

Broadbent, Noel D. with contributions by Jan Stora
2011 *Lapps and Labyrinths: Saami Prehistory, Colonization, and Cultural Resilience*. Contributions to Circumpolar Anthropology Number 8. Smithsonian Institution, Arctic Studies Center, Washington, D.C.

Butler, Don H.
2011 Exploring Soilscares and Places Inside Labrador Inuit Winter Dwellings. *Canadian Journal of Archaeology* 35(1): 55-85.

Carter, Brian T. G. and E. A. Nielsen
2011 Exploring Ecological Changes in Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Habitat through Traditional and Local Ecological Knowledge of Contributing Factors for Population Decline. *Marine Policy* 35: 299-308.

Darwent, Christyann M.
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Dumond, Don E.
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Gajewski, K, Stephen Munoz, M Peros, A Viau, Richard A. Morlan and M. Betts
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Goebel, Ted and Ian Buvit (editors)
2011 *From the Yenisei to the Yukon: Interpreting Lithic Assemblage Variability in Late Pleistocene/Early Holocene Beringia*. Texas A&M University Press, College Station, TX.

Krupnik, Igor, Claudio Aporta, Shari Gearheard, Gita J. Laidler and Lene Kielsen Holm (editors)
2010 *SIKU: Knowing our Ice: Documenting Inuit Sea Ice Knowledge and Use*. Springer, Dordrecht, New York.

Lovecraft, Amy Lauren and Hajo Eicken (editors)
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Millard, Linda and Nycole Gizinski
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Miller, Keith H.
2009 *Arthur Miller of Alaska*. Todd Communications, Anchorage, Alaska.

Milne, S. Brooke, Robert W. Park, Anne C. Hamilton and Mostafa J. Fayek
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Moss, Madonna L.
2011 *Northwest Coast: Archaeology as Deep History*. SAA Press, Washington, D.C.

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2011 *The Archaeology of North Pacific Fisheries*. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, Alaska. (312 pages, paperback or e-book)

O'Brien, Thomas A.
2011 *Gwich'in Athabascan Implements. History, Manufacture, and Usage According to Reverend David Salmon*. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Pufall, Erica L., Andria Q. Jones, Scott A. McEwen, Charlene Lyall, Andrew S. Perigrine and Victoria L. Edge
2011 Perception of the Importance of Traditional Country Foods to the Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Health of Labrador Inuit. *Arctic* 64(2): 242-250.

Rogers, Jason S. and Evguenia V. Anichthenko
2011 A Whalebone Mask from Amaknak Island, Eastern Aleutian

Islands, Alaska. *Arctic Anthropology* 48(1): 66-79.

Roth, Christopher F.
2008 *Becoming Tsimshian: The Social Life of Names*. University of Washington Press, Seattle, Washington.

Saleeby, Becky M.
2011 *Beneath the Surface: Thirty Years of Historical Archaeology in Skagway, Alaska*. U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office, Anchorage, Alaska.

Spude, Catherine Holder, Robin O. Mills, Karl Gurcke and Roderick J. Sprague (editors)
2011 *Eldorado! The Archaeology of Gold Mining in the Far North*. University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, NE.

Tremayne, Andrew H.
2011 An Analysis of Faunal Remains from a Denbigh Flint Complex Camp at Matcharak Lake, Alaska. *Arctic Anthropology* 48(1): 33-53.

OUT AND ABOUT

Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor

This is a regular feature of the Newsletter. Short pieces on your recent research activities and other interesting news, photographs, and a location where readers can get more information are solicited from our readers for the column.

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Alan Boraas (Professor of Anthropology, Kenai Peninsula College) reports that he and **Catherine Knott**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Kenai Peninsula College are working on a cultural assessment of the villages in the Nushagak and Kvichak River watersheds as part of a larger assessment by the Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of the risk assessment is to determine whether the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency should consider applying

restrictive measures authorized in Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to the watershed.

Jim Dixon (Professor E. James Dixon, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico) was in Anchorage recently, giving a very interesting paper on ice patch archaeology, according to **Karlene Leeper** (Cultural Resources Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska), who attended the National Park Service-sponsored session. Jim has been involved in high-latitude, high-altitude archaeology for a long time. You can read about his research on glaciers and ice patches in

Dixon, E. James, W.F. Manley, and C.M. Lee, 2005. The Emerging Archaeology of Glaciers and Ice Patches: Examples from Alaskas Wrangell-St Elias National Park and Preserve. *American Antiquity* 70(1): 129-143.

Speaking of **Jim**, he has just written a review of **Madonna Moss's** new book, *Northwest Coast: Archaeology as Deep History* published by the SAA Press in April, 2011. The new book is available on the SAA website (saa.org), and the member price is \$19.95.

Jim's review will appear in the next issue of the *Journal of Anthropological Research*. Jim calls it a "great little book" and writes that "Archeological synthesis of this quality takes a lifetime of professional scholarship and thought to produce. Madonna Moss has devoted her career to understand the archeology of the Northwest Coast and she shares her insights in a thoughtful and accessible style. This is a short and well-written book that will appeal to the lay reader interested in Northwest Coast archeology, yet is substantive enough to be helpful to advanced students and regional scholars."

Brian Wygal (Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Adelphi University) and his students have returned to southcentral Alaska to work with **Fran Seager-Boss** (Cultural Resources Manager, Matanuska-Susitna

Borough) at a site located north of Talkeetna. Finds so far have been slim, but they are hoping that more will turn up next field season. They are primarily there to offer students a field school experience in site mapping, testing, and other archaeological skills. More information about their activities can be found at <http://academics.adelphi.edu/artsci/ant/research.php>

Brian also alerted us to a current search by Adelphi University's Anthropology Department for an entry level Assistant Professor (tenure Track). Applications are being accepted through January 31, 2012. Apply online at <http://www.adelphi.edu/positions/faculty> with a letter of application, CV and contact information for three references.

For more information and full announcement details please visit <http://careercenter.aaanet.org/jobs#/detail/4586287>

Diane Hanson (Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Anchorage) had an exciting summer field season this year on western Adak Island. It was focused on the excavation of a house on upland site ADK-237. The field crew included University of Alaska Anchorage undergraduates **Ted Parsons** and **Holly Thorssin**; graduate students **Jake Anders** and **Robert Gordaoff**; and Vassar College undergraduates **Amy Bavosa** and **Zoe van Buren** and their professor **Lucy Johnson** (Professor, Department of Anthropology, Vassar). Volunteers on the crew included **Margan Grover** and **David Staley**. **Debbie Corbett** (Regional Archaeologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Alaska Region) also worked at the site. The excavations were directed by Diane and funded by the National Science Foundation (Award No. 0909244). The house was a round 4-meter diameter feature among 22 other similarly sized cultural depressions approximately 0.4 km (0.25 miles) in from shore, at an elevation of 68 meters (224 feet) above sea level. Most of the formal artifacts

were found outside the house or in the roof fall and were broken. Few artifacts came from the house floor. All the artifacts were lithic artifacts, primarily chert flakes. Organic preservation was poor.

The semi-subterranean house floor was excavated into a dense tephra layer. The floor had patches of ochre and charcoal staining. A hearth was dug below the floor on the northwest edge of the house and lined with large rocks (including one which had the outline of a lamp started) on the side and the base. An opening extends from the sub-floor hearth to the outside wall on the northwest side of the house. Two channel features extend along the walls around the north half of the house, and rise above the floor level on the northwest side of the house until they intersect with the opening above the hearth. Possible side channels intersect with the larger main channels. These channels are very similar to the channels reported at the Amaknak Bridge and Margaret Bay sites on Amaknak Island near Unalaska.

Jake Anders and **Amy Bavosa** continued to document upland sites in the area of Three-Arm Bay and Bay of Waterfalls, and collect samples for radiocarbon dating. They found seven additional pre-Russian upland sites, one coastal site, and three military period sites. One of the sites was a large isolated obsidian artifact in the hills south of Three-Arm Bay. Using XRF the obsidian was determined by Jeff Rasic to have come from Okmok caldera. Two small obsidian flakes in the house at ADK-237 were also from Okmok caldera on Umnak Island, 620 km (385 miles) east of Adak Island.

This winter we will be submitting the samples for radiocarbon dates, analyzing the artifacts, and working with engineering students from the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) at UAA to develop a model of the house to determine the function of the sub-floor channels. Our progress can be followed on Facebook. Search for Central Aleutians Upland Archaeological Project:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Central-Aleutians-Upland-Archaeological-Project/192036794163741>



Hanson's Crew Excavating on Adak Island



Excavations on Adak



Excavations on Adak

Ben Potter (Faculty, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks) recently put out an introduction to the regional anthropological community of **Dr. Jamie L. Clark**, new archaeology faculty member of the Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks. She is finishing a Humboldt Fellowship in Germany, and will join them in Fall 2012.

Her research involves using evolutionary and ecological frameworks to study behavioral and biological evolution, focusing on zooarchaeology and material culture. You can check out her research and interests at: <http://www.uaf.edu/anthro/people/faculty/clark/>

She will be joining the other faculty in the Anthropology Department:

Jamie L. Clark (archaeology)
David V. Fazzino (cultural anthropology)
Kara C. Hoover (bioarchaeology)
Joel D. Irish (biological anthropology)
David C. Koester (cultural anthropology)
Patrick Plattet (cultural anthropology)
Ben A. Potter (archaeology)
Peter P. Schweitzer (cultural anthropology)
Mark A. Sicoli (linguistic anthropology)

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Tom Prang (Archaeologist, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge) and **Julia Pinnix** (Visitor Services Manager, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge) have an interesting project in the works. The historic Kanatak Trail connects the prehistoric and historic village of Kanatak on the Pacific coast of the Alaska Peninsula with the prehistoric and historic village of Maarratuq on Lake Becharof. It climbs into the Aleutian Range and through a mountain pass, providing spectacular views of the Pacific coast and Bristol Bay Plain.

The area and the Kanatak Trail were previously documented by **Don Dumond** in 1987, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs ANCSA program's **Matthew O'Leary** in 1990 and by **Pat McClenahan** carrying out a National Science

Foundation funded Ph.D. project from 2001 to 2004 (McClenahan 2004a; 2004b; 2010). It is a route used for thousands of years to travel between the Pacific Ocean and Becharof Lake's southernmost end (Island Arm), en route to the Bering Sea. Located in Becharof National Wildlife Refuge, the route has fallen into disuse as the nearby communities have emptied of inhabitants. The Refuge decided to act to keep the route from disappearing by clearing the route of brush and promoting it for recreational use.

A Recreational Trails Program grant was applied for through the Alaska State Division of Parks and Recreation in the fall of 2010. The \$21,568 grant was awarded in 2011. **Tom Prang** was hired by the Refuge in a short-term position as an archeologist, at the request of the State Historic Preservation Office, and proved invaluable throughout the project. Some urgency was felt about accomplishing this project, as the key informant, **Paul Boskoffsky**, is in his 70s. He is still fit enough to hike the trail, and provided lots of historical background and personal perspective. Staff felt it was important to tackle the trail project while **Paul** could still be an integral part of the process.

On June 9, 2011, an 8-person Student Conservation Association work crew flew to Ruth Lake field camp, joined by **Tom Prang**. Tom assisted the crew in establishing their camp and in getting a clear picture of their task, as well as in locating and flagging more trail sections. He emphasized that their work should involve no ground disturbance in order to protect cultural features. The SCA crew was in the field until June 30. During that time, **Tom** was able to join them twice more to help them with locating trail sections.

Tom Prang and **Julia Pinnix** made another trip to Ruth Lake on July 12 to examine the route and to complete the archeology fieldwork portion of the project. In addition to the cultural features Tom had previously located, another dimension was added with the observation of a large, much older area of use near Ruth Lake, as well as additional house sites across Ruth River and also upstream of

Fish Village (Maarratuq) at the mouth of the river. Sections of 20th Century road were located and mapped. An eroding midden was examined near the village of Kanatak. The eastern portion of the Kanatak Trail was hiked and recorded. Confusing intersections were marked to indicate the correct route, and the entire trail from Kanatak to Fish Village was tracked on GPS and landmarks photographed.

No excavations were undertaken, but during surveys, several artifacts were discovered, including three points, a simple stone knife, debitage from stone tool manufacture, and a lignite labret. All were photographed, sketched, measured, and returned to where they were found.

Tom produced a report, an electronic copy of which was sent to **Debbie Corbett**, USFWS Regional Archeologist in Anchorage. An electronic copy is also housed at Becharof NWR headquarters in King Salmon.



Above: Artifact from the Trail



Upper Right: Eroding Cultural Midden

Middle Right: Investigating Erosional Feature

Lower Right: A View from the Trail



Ellen Carrlee (Conservator, Alaska State Museum) reports that at the 2010 Alaska Anthropological Association meetings there was a session about Collections Curation (**Patrick Saltonstall, Jim Whitney, Monty Rogers, Katie Myers** and **Ellen** were the panel). Part of the discussion was about adhesives we use to label our artifacts. After that meeting, some colleagues and Ellen did some hands-on testing of various adhesives. She brought a poster to the 2011 meeting, with some of the results. Now she has put their information on the web, describing their results in the form of the pros and cons of various kinds of adhesives, particularly art store acrylics. Ellen extends thanks to all of you who gave her information and related your experiences. The link is:
<http://ellencarrlee.wordpress.com/2011/11/25/collections-labeling-alternate-adhesive-testing/>

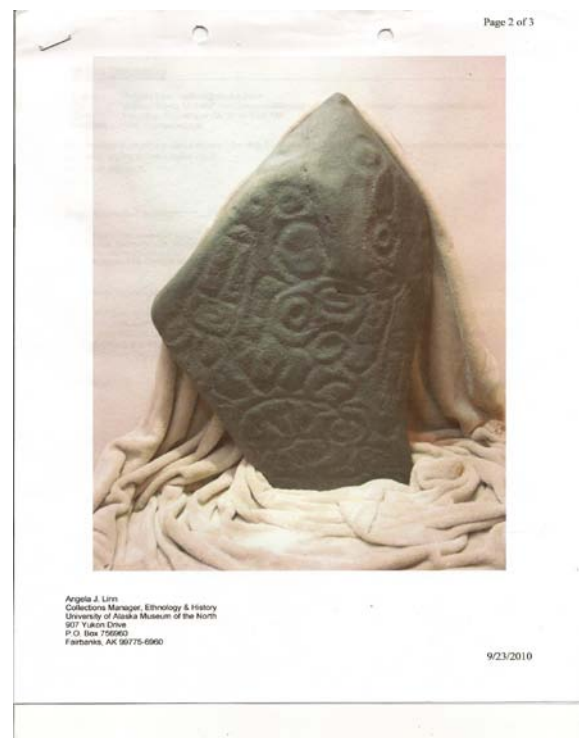
Please add comments if you've got other experiences with labeling methods you'd like to share...

Debbie Corbett (Regional Archaeologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Alaska Region) has recently provided us with a mystery. Last summer a carved stone was returned to the University of Alaska Museum of the North. We know almost nothing about its origin. The family who returned it reported "It was purchased in California" *in the late 1950's or so, when my mother and I found it in an antique store in Berkeley, California. Resting up against a wall, between a ladies' writing desk and a Victorian whatnot, was a large stone, weighing over 250 lbs., and measuring about 2 ½' by 3', carved all over with strange symbols."*

The only information on where it had come from was the comment that it was from an Air Force Base near Attu Island. That can only be Shemya. Here are a couple of pictures of the stone. We are wondering if anyone out there ever saw this stone, or anything similar? If we can authenticate the stone's origin it will be one of the most significant discoveries in the prehistory of the Aleutians. Ideas to Debbie_Corbett@fws.gov



Carved Stone from the Aleutians



Another View of the Carved Stone

Heard around town: The **NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD (NPRB)** is seeking **NOMINATIONS to FILL ONE VACANCY on its SCIENCE PANEL** for an individual with expertise in social science. The Science Panel helps shape NPRB's scientific program by advising the Board on science planning and identification of research priorities; review of proposals and technical evaluations received by the Board; and identification, development, collection, and evaluation of statistical, biological, oceanographic, ecological, economic, social and other scientific information relevant to the Board's mission. The Science Panel schedules two regular meetings each year. The Board covers the costs of travel, food, and lodging to attend Panel meetings and, if desired, the annual Alaska Marine Science Symposium. Members are appointed for 4-year terms, with a maximum of two sequential terms. Please submit nominations and self-nominations to the Board to cynthia.suchman@nprb.org. **Deadline for nominations is January 13.** For more information, go to www.nprb.org for more information about the Board, its committees, and activities.

David Driscoll (Director, Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage) has sent us an update on some of the major activities at the Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies (ICHS). As the first medical anthropologist (and epidemiologist) to head ICHS beginning in 2008, **David's** goal has been to integrate anthropological and public health theory to develop and conduct *population health research* that improves the health of circumpolar peoples, with a focus on Alaska.

This research seeks to understand and intervene on one or more of the social or physical environmental determinants that shape health-related behavior and its outcomes. The National Cancer Institute learned in the 1980s, for example, that individual-level smoking prevention policies and programs were ineffective. Population health promotion research conducted at the ICHS takes two forms; implementation research to develop evidence-based

interventions, and translation research to facilitate the adoption of successful interventions and approaches in northern communities. In particular, the Institute's research aims at mitigating health disparities between culturally-distinct populations. Examples of these two kinds of health promotion research are provided below.

They are working in partnership with the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation to conduct *implementation research* under a grant from the National Institute of Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse. This study seeks to reduce inhalant use and related problems among pre- and early adolescents in four communities with varying proportions of Alaskan Natives (Yupik, Tlingit, and Inupiat), Caucasians, and other populations.

ICHS is also working to *translate surveillance methods that assess influenza incidence in the lower 48* to identify the health effects of climate change in rural Alaska. This study is funded by the Center for Disease Control. ICHS is developing mitigation measures to assist Alaskan communities in reducing their vulnerability to the environmental impacts of climate change.

To read more about these and other ICHS projects, and about their research associate and post-doctoral fellowship opportunities, please visit their website at <http://www.ichs.uaa.alaska.edu>. **David** says that he's very much enjoyed meeting and learning from anthropologists and community leaders in Alaska and the circumpolar north.

(Note: ICHS was established in 1998 by Alaska State Statute 14.40.088. Its mission is to "Encourage international cooperation, especially among circumpolar nations, with regard to research, studies, information, and instruction relating to circumpolar health issues, and to serve as a center for the collection and exchange of information on medical and health sciences data relating to circumpolar health issues...").

In Memory



Next to *inuksuit* at Agiak Lake in the Central Brooks Range in August 2005 (photograph by Jay Flaming).

Aaron K. Wilson

Submitted by Douglas W. Veltre, Natalia S. Slobodina, and Jeffrey T. Rasic

Alaska anthropology lost one of its more accomplished and skilled young professionals with the sudden death on September 26, 2011, of Aaron Kyle Wilson, Archeologist for the Army Corps of Engineers in Anchorage. He was 31 years old.

Aaron was born on February 10, 1980 in Alamogordo, New Mexico, to William (Bill) Wilson and Bonnie Lanz. He moved to Juneau with his parents at the age of 9 months. He

graduated from Juneau Douglas High School in 1998. After taking classes at Boise State University and the University of Idaho, Aaron took part in the Broken Mammoth site excavations in the summer of 2002. That fall, he transferred as an anthropology major to the University of Alaska Anchorage, where he took an enthusiastic role in departmental activities, including the Anthropology Club. During his final undergraduate year, Aaron began work with Jeff Rasic of the National Park Service in its Student Career Experience Program, taking part in projects at several locations in the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, including the Hungry Fox site.

In 2004, Aaron received his Bachelors of Science from UAA and entered the master's program there. His studies were diverse, and included travel to Arkansas to work with Jeff Flenniken on the analysis of lithics from Hungry Fox. In the summers, Aaron played a lead position in wide-ranging archaeological surveys in the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. Aaron was involved in every part of summer fieldwork, from creating food lists to arranging logistics to organizing the data after the crew came back. His organizational skills and attention to detail made for safe, productive field seasons. Over the course of work for NPS, he also became the team expert for GPS mapping and GIS. He was never deterred when a technical problem presented itself; his dedication to pursuing solutions with a characteristic determination was remarkable.

In 2006, Aaron conducted surveys and site evaluations at Kipmik Lake and participated as crew chief at an archaeological field school at Etivlik Lake, a class under the instruction of Dan Odess that was a cooperative effort among NPS, the Bureau of Land Management, and the University of Alaska Museum. Aaron navigated without any difficulty his position as both a teacher, a role model for the students, and their friend and field partner. Teaching came easy to Aaron: he had the gift of patience and was always genuinely interested in sharing his knowledge and skill.

He completed his MA in 2007 under the guidance of Doug Veltre with a thesis entitled "Mid-Holocene Occupation History and Activities at Agiak Lake: Northern Archaic Settlements in the Central Brooks Range, Alaska." This was based on collaborative research undertaken in 2005 and funded by the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and by the NPS's Shared Beringia Heritage Program. In his thesis, Aaron described two large tent ring settlements (with over 50 tent features) dating to 4800-4200 B.P. and two extensive caribou driveline systems (with over 600 *inuksuit*) on the shores of Agiak Lake in the central Brooks Range. This work led to the subsequent designation of the sites at Agiak Lake as being a National Register eligible Cultural Landscape, likely the first such determination in the NPS system for a prehistoric hunter-gatherer locale.

In 2007, following receipt of his MA degree, Aaron was hired as a term archaeologist for NPS in Fairbanks. In 2008, Aaron accepted the position of Archeologist for the Army Corps of Engineers in Anchorage. There he worked on implementing cultural resource protection into diverse projects of state and national importance, for example, cleanups at several World War II and Cold War military bases in the Aleutian Islands, most notably on a project on the remote islands of Tanaga and Ogliuga. His primary project work in 2011 was related to Coast Guard decommissioning of LORAN stations across the nation. He was working with SHPOs and other entities in 18 states to produce agreements to record or preserve important elements of those properties. He was also conducting cultural resources reviews for sites along the west coast of Alaska that could be affected by a series of Denali Commission navigation improvements, and he was surveying a potential construction site at Old Harbor, Kodiak Island.

Aaron's career in archaeology, while much too brief, was nevertheless a productive one. He participated in several seasons of fruitful field work, shared research results at regional and national professional conferences, and authored and co-authored several articles and research reports. Beyond these

accomplishments, moreover, Aaron was an eminently likeable young man -- full of good cheer and good humor, capable and helpful both in the classroom and in the field, and an enthusiastic and loving family man. He leaves a legacy of which Alaskan anthropology can be proud.

Aaron is survived by his parents, Bill Wilson of Burkeville, Texas, and Bonnie and Arlen Lanz of Juneau; his children Solar and Celeste Wilson of Eagle River; his brothers Brady Wilson, Kory (Jackie), and Kyle Lanz of Juneau; Samantha Spindler of Eagle River, mother of Solar and Celeste; and his extended family, Skye and Emerald Spindler of Eagle River. Aaron was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Aurora, in 2009.

Donations may be made to the Aaron Wilson Children's Fund in support of Solar and Celeste; these may be addressed to 2711 Engineer's Cutoff Road, Juneau, AK 99801, or any Wells Fargo branch Account #6581931976. Condolences may be sent to Bonnie Lanz at the above address. Many co-workers, friends, and family attended memorial services in Anchorage and Juneau in October. We are indebted to Bonnie Lanz for helping us with this obituary.

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Subsistence Patterns at Agiak Lake, Brooks
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Andrew Balluta

1930 -2011

Respectfully Submitted by Pat McClenahan

Andrew Balluta was Dena'ina Athabascan, and
a member of the Q'atl'anht'an (head of the
lake people) Clan from the Lake Clark region.
Not only was he a well respected Elder in the
region, he was a major contributor and
supporter in the preservation and revitalization
of the Dena'ina language and culture.

I first met Andrew when I was privileged to
assist him and Linda Ellanna with editorial
tasks as they were working on their 1992
publication, *Nuvendaltin Quht'ana: The People
of Nondalton*.

Later I worked with him on the Bristol Bay
Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. I was
the Regional Anthropologist for the Federal
Subsistence Board and Andrew was a Council
representative for his region. He rarely spoke,
but when he did it was to make an important
contribution to the discussion. In less formal
settings he had a twinkle in his eye and a
wonderful sense of humor.

Andrew had a thorough knowledge and deep
love for traditional Dena'ina language and
culture, and he shared it freely with all of us.
He will be sorely missed.

See his Memoriam in the Anchorage Daily
News, Wednesday, September 7, 2011:A-12.

Arnaucuaq (Maryann Sundown)

1918 – 2011

Arnaucuaq, Yup'ik resident of Scammon Bay,
was probably the most popular dancer in
Alaska and an important culture bearer for her
people. At the age of 93 she continued to
dance, performing at the Cama-i Dance
Festival in Bethel this spring. See the article
and pictures of her in the Anchorage Daily
News, Friday, October 28, 2011:A-1.

Robert C. Dunnell

1942 -2010

Robert C. Dunnell, professor emeritus of
anthropology at the University of Washington,
died December 13, 2010. Dunnell's
contributions "significantly changed the
discipline-wide conversation about evolution in
archaeology and will, perhaps, be his enduring
legacy" (Meltzer and O'Brien 2011:54). See
his Memorial piece in the SAA Archaeological
Record Volume 11, No.4, September 2011:54.

Bernadine Healy

1944 – 2011

Bernadine Healy, doctor of cardiology and the
first woman to lead the U.S. National Institutes
of Health, died August 6, 2011 after a 12-year
battle with brain cancer. Healy's distinguished
career encompassed many accomplishments.

- Deputy Director, White House Office of
Science and Technology for Reagan
- Women's Health Initiative
- President, American Heart Association
- Institute for Nursing Research
- Intramural laboratory for human
genomics; recruited scientists for the
Human Genome Project.

See a retrospective by Donna Shalala in the
journal *Science*, Volume 333, September 30,
2011:1836.

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