

# Alaska Anthropological Association Newsletter



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## A Message from the President

*Kerry D. Feldman, Association President*

As we enjoy the memories of our very successful 39<sup>th</sup> annual conference held in Seattle this year (over 220 attending) we need to begin to think about our **40<sup>th</sup> conference** to be held in Anchorage in 2013. Elsewhere in this issue, Ken Pratt and Aron Crowell provide

information needed for keeping our personal dates clear so we can participate in that historic event which will take place at the **Captain Cook Hotel, March 13-16, 2013**. I have been thinking about what kinds of 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary events or celebrations we might offer; if anyone has suggestions, feel free to send them to me ([kdfeld1@gmail.com](mailto:kdfeld1@gmail.com)). I'll share them with the Board of Directors and the conference planning committee. You might look around for any photos taken at prior meetings that we might post, or maybe include in a continuous (or one time) Power Point slide show we could offer on a screen or laptop screen or both. Perhaps a session with short ten minute papers by former presidents, Newsletter editors, or Board members regarding what of interest was occurring during their tenure, of anthropological, personal or a humorous nature for which Alaskan anthropologists are noted.

I want to thank our two departing, two-term (four years total each of service) board members: **Joan Dale and Karlene Leeper**. And I welcome our newly elected board members for 2012-14, **Jeff Rasic and April**

## President's Message, Continued

**Laktonen Counciller.** We had an unusually large number of nominations for board members this year, and of members voting, due to the mail-out we engaged in this year of nomination forms rather than relying on members simply using the forms from our *Newsletter*. We will make that a continued practice for elections.

Because Karlene served as our secretary, preparing minutes of meetings, we needed to replace her in that position. Rita Eagle volunteered to serve as secretary of our association, in addition to serving as treasurer; in the latter position she attends board meetings and could easily provide the continuity we need in recording and posting our Board of Directors meetings (they are posted by Rita on our website after they are approved by the board).

With Joan and Karlene leaving the board, we again experience some important "institutional memory" loss; both were very active and responsive board members, taking leadership on tasks that needed doing. They will be missed. The only continuous institutional memory we can rely on, year after year, which was crucial for working with Ben Fitzhugh and his great gang of conference planners in Seattle this year, is Rita Eagle. Ben raved about how helpful and responsive Rita was in getting back to him with "how to" do, and think about, various aspects of the enormous undertaking of hosting our meeting so far from Alaska. I wanted to thank and acknowledge **Rita Eagle's** service to our association.

Association members are invited to think about writing to me, for board consideration, how we might best use the generous \$97k+ gift from the life insurance policy of **Tom Eidel** who died this past December. Tom was a student initially at Alaska Methodist University, then at the University of Alaska, Anchorage when the Senior College was added to Anchorage Community College to offer four year degrees

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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.*

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## President's Message, Continued



**AAA Meeting Attendees Madonna Moss and Kerry Feldman. Photo Courtesy of Adam Freeburg.**

and eventually graduate degrees within the statewide University of Alaska system in the early 1970s. I arrived at the Senior College in August 1973 and got to know Tom as a student, and one who contributed to planning our first statewide conference in 1974, held on the Anchorage Community College campus. His gift nearly doubles our "savings and investment" account. The board has discussed, for example, raising our student scholarships from \$750 to \$1,000, and perhaps putting enough of the Eidel gift funds into specific accounts for these scholarships from whose interest our awards could be made perpetually. I have invited his widow to attend our 2013 conference at which time we will formally thank Tom and her for this extraordinary gift. Tom regularly attended and presented papers at our conferences during these past four decades.

In this *Newsletter* we are printing the announcement made at the Seattle conference of the resignation of **Owen Mason** as editor of the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*, a position he so ably held for the entire ten years of our journal's existence. We sent out an email notice to all association members after the conference, calling for applications for the position, detailing the expected abilities and experience. Because the closing date for submitting an application is June 1, with a selection to be made by the Board of Directors

later in June, 2012, the information printed here is mainly to provide a printed record in our *Newsletter* of how we engaged in this first-ever search for someone to replace an outgoing editor. The board will review applications for a three-year appointment (able to be renewed if board and editor agree for another three years) at a closed meeting during June 2012. If more information or discussion with applicants is needed, the board would postpone a decision until later, hopefully no later than the end of July. Our goal is to have a new editor or co-editors selected early enough to overlap Owen by about six months, to understand fully the mechanics of getting volumes together and published, and to get ready to publish the new editor(s)' first issue after January 2013. We will have a special thank you time/event at the 2013 meeting for Owen and his great service to our association. And get ready for a **surprise selection of a featured speaker at our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference!** I was not involved in that speaker selection but I think it was a brilliant choice by the conference planners.

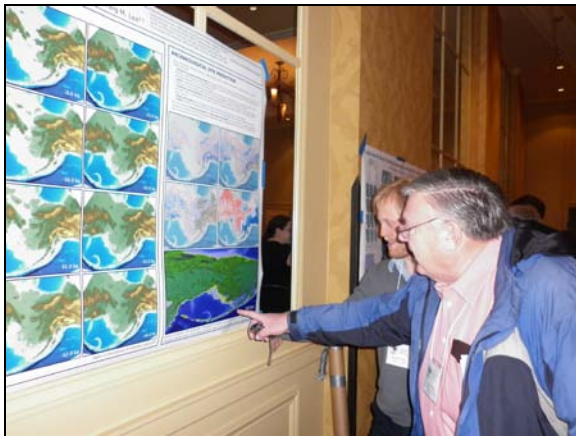
## Report from the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings

*Ben Fitzhugh, Organizing Committee Chair*

As the chair of the organizing committee for the 2012 annual conference, I am pleased to report that the 2012 annual meeting came together as planned on February 29 and by all accounts ended successfully on March 3. With well over 200 attendees, almost half students, and a number of generous sponsors, we broke even on finances (see below), which is about as amazing as hitting the center of a dartboard from 20 paces in dim light at the conclusion of a Belzoni Meeting! This was accomplished with a lot of luck, as well as careful attention to costs and slightly increased registration fees, especially for on-site registration (excluding student fees, which we held to previous levels). No doubt the higher travel costs for

### 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings Report, Continued.

Alaska residents reduced attendance from some of our core members, and we missed some of the usual faces. At the same time, we were happy to see many new or infrequent members from around the country. The meeting included approximately 49 presentations, 18 posters, two round tables, and two thought-provoking keynote addresses by Dr. Charlotte Coté (University of Washington) and Dr. Andrzej Weber (University of Alberta, Edmonton). I was certainly impressed with the attendance and quality of the presentations and posters delivered during the meeting. From the opening reception at the Burke Museum (with Jenny Blanchard's organized session "The Anthropology of Alaska, Two Minutes at a Time"—a new 'aaa' tradition perhaps?) to the Belzoni Meeting at Dante's Pub, a good time was had by all. It was a lot of fun having



**Jim Dixon and Andrew Wickert at the Meetings.**  
**Photo Courtesy of Adam Freeburg.**

everyone here in Seattle. To those who came, thanks! You made it a memorable event for us. For those who didn't make it, we're sorry you couldn't and look forward to seeing you next year in Anchorage!

Organizing a relatively large meeting like the 'aaa's is a significant undertaking as some of you know. I was reluctant when Aron Crowell asked me to organize the 2012 annual meeting. In the end I could not have pulled it off without the help of a large group of

volunteers, and I want to recognize the organizing committee here. In the 18 months we spent organizing the event, my partners in planning an implementation were: Shelby Anderson, Will Brown, Mike Etnier, Adam Freeburg, Erik Gjesfjeld, Carol Jolles (co-chair), Adam Kowalski, Molly Odell, Natasha Slobodina, and Amanda Taylor. They made it easy! As an organizing committee, our concerns (more or less in chronological order) were to select a suitable venue, a comfortable but not too expensive hotel, and a caterer; identify the conference theme/s and secure speakers for the Banquet and Buffet Luncheon that would appeal to a broad spectrum of attendees; shake the bushes for sponsors to help us keep cost down, especially for students; solicit sessions and individual talks and posters; negotiate the catering menus and prices; prepare the program and registration packets, name tags, and meal tickets; welcome everyone to Seattle; handle on-site registration and trouble-shoot as necessary during the event itself. The committee and an additional number of short-term event volunteers made this go very smoothly. I recommend that anyone taking this on in future years rally a similarly broad team to handle different dimensions of the project and ensure that no one has to carry too much of the effort. Rita Eagle and Kerry Feldman were incredibly helpful throughout the process. Several others offered up guest rooms and couches to attending students to further reduce costs for their participation.

One dimension of planning that we confronted repeatedly was the absence of a well known and easily accessible central pool of knowledge for organizing the meeting. Rita Eagle, Kerry Feldman, Aron Crowell, and Ben Potter graciously sent us various archival materials as examples or templates in anticipating what needed to be done, prior experience in costs, etc. Board members pitched in 'traditional knowledge' at times that was also helpful. I am happy to follow suit if I can be of help to future meeting organizers. Also, in an effort to

### **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings Report, Continued.**

make this process easier for others in the future, we have put together a set of documents that I am sending to Rita and Kerry in hopes that these materials can be used to start an archive (perhaps on the aaa website) for future organizers. As a start these include our documents that can be modified for use as templates for future meetings: agendas of our meetings outlining tasks and timetables, our planning budget, copies of Newsletter announcements, the final program, visual schedule ('schedule at a glance'), Association logo, printable name tag file, printable meal ticket file for the banquet and luncheon, and sponsor invitation letters. Look for those resources if you're ever in the situation of planning one of these without prior experience.

AAA 2012 Annual Meeting statistics:

- *registered attendees*: 228, including 92 students!!
- *income* (registration: \$27,041; donations: \$2,819): total= \$29,860
- *expenses* (venue, catering, AV, keynote speakers): \$29,830
- Balance*: + \$30 ! (yes, "Thirty dollars!" well actually \$29.55 to be precise).

It was a real pleasure to host the Alaska meetings in Seattle in 2012. See you in Anchorage next year!!

### **Announcement of the AAA 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

*Ken Pratt, Meeting Co-Organizer*

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be held at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage on March 13 through 16, 2013. It is being co-hosted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center. Planning is underway, so watch for more details in the next issue of the Newsletter. In the meantime, please contact Ken Pratt (907-271-3695; [Kenneth.Pratt@bia.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Pratt@bia.gov)) or Aron Crowell (907-929-9207; [CROWELLA@si.edu](mailto:CROWELLA@si.edu)) if you are interested in organizing a symposium, presenting a paper or poster, funding a coffee

break, or if you want to discuss any related issues.

### **Call and Application Instructions for the Position of Editor of the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* (AJA)**

The Alaska Anthropological Association will accept applications for the position of editor of its journal, the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* (AJA). Applications will be sent via email to Kerry Feldman, President of the Alaska Anthropological Association at [kdfeld1@gmail.com](mailto:kdfeld1@gmail.com), with non-email materials mailed to AJA EDITOR SEARCH, ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, PO Box 241686, Anchorage, AK 99524-1686. The selection of the new editor will occur after June 1, 2012 and be announced before the end of that month (June, 2012). This will allow an overlap between the incoming editor/editor team and the current editor, Owen Mason, until January 1, 2013. The new editor will be responsible for publication of two volumes each year beginning in 2013. The successful applicant(s) must be members of the Alaska Anthropological Association at the time of application and selection. Co-editors may apply (no more than two co-editors). Applications received after June 1, 2012 will not be considered. The applications will be reviewed by the association's Board of Directors and President.

#### **Qualifications sought for the incoming editor/co-editors of AJA**

*Communication and interpersonal skills essential for this position:*

1. As a representative of the Alaska Anthropological Association, must carry out all duties in a manner that reflects ethical, respectful behavior and consistent professionalism.
2. Strong interpersonal skills:
  - a. Must have the ability to work cooperatively and productively with

## **AJA Call, Continued**

other AJA staff, the AJA Editorial Board, and Officers of the Association;

b. Must be able to work and communicate effectively and respectfully with authors and reviewers;

c. Ideally, a consummate negotiator;

3. Must be highly organized and detail oriented.

*Editorial and related skills, commitment and experience:*

4. Ideally, experience reviewing and editing scholarly works;

5. Familiarity with and commitment to the peer-review process, preferably with a record of publications in peer-reviewed journals such as *AJA*;

6. Must be committed to producing a high-quality professional journal while also maintaining the production schedule of one volume (two issues) per calendar year;

7. Willing to engage in marketing of the journal.

*Knowledge base:*

8. Substantial knowledge of Northern cultures, history and anthropology in general.

## **Information to be Provided by Applicants**

1. Cover letter, stating why an applicant is interested in the position, how an applicant (or co-applicants) meet the desired qualifications for the position as noted above, how their background and experience in anthropology in Alaska qualifies them for the position, and any change they might offer in AJA (on any dimension), plus a confirmation that the applicant is willing to serve in this position for at least three years.

2. CV for applicant or co-applicants.

3. Sample of peer-reviewed published essay (or book/other kind of publication) desired; or sample of other non-peer reviewed professional publication in anthropology. We look forward to applications for this position from our membership. Owen Mason has served for ten years as editor of AJA, putting our journal on a solid foundation for which we are very grateful. He thought it was

time to step down as editor but is willing to assist a new editor(s) prepare for volumes after January 2013.

Sincerely,

Kerry D. Feldman

President, Alaska Anthropological Association

## **Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists (ACZ) Report**

*Monty Rogers, ACZ President*

Hello All,

Since the last aaa Newsletter, the ACZ has been busy. At the aaa Annual Meeting, the hosted a two-part tour of vertebrate research collections in Seattle, which was well attended. One half of the tour was a behind-the-scenes look of the Burke Museum's Mammalogy and Ornithology divisions. The other half of the tour was of the National Marine Mammal Laboratory's (NMML) marine mammal research collection. Thank you again to the Burke and NMML staff for the excellent and informative tours. And once again, the ACZ is indebted to Mike Etnier for his tireless efforts in coordinating the tours.

As President of the ACZ, I would personally like to thank all of the ACZ volunteers who organized the tours, reviewed scholarship applications, and generally make the organization run. Without your efforts the ACZ would not exist.

The ACZ also awarded one Christina Jensen scholarship this year at the aaa meeting. Adam Freeburg, a University of Washington graduate student, received one scholarship for his research on marine faunal isotopes from Cape Krusenstern.

Currently, ACZ volunteers are packing up the lab and collection on the UAA campus. For the next two years, the ACZ lab and collections will be housed at the Environment & Natural Resources Institute (ENRI) building adjacent to the Anchorage Museum downtown.

## ACZ, Continued.

Since the field season is almost upon us, the ACZ will not be meeting until September. 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](http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_194560767238684&ap=1). As always, the ACZ is looking for new members and volunteers. 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>.

Finally, members outside of Anchorage have a greater chance to participate in upcoming meetings and the organization as a whole via SKYPE. If you would like to participate, please contact me directly at [mjr@lavabit.com](mailto:mjr@lavabit.com).

## Alaska Anthropological Association Professional Achievement Award 2012: Christy G. Turner, II

*Kerry Feldman, President*

The recipient of the 2012 Professional Achievement Award of the Alaska Anthropological Association is **Christy G. Turner, II**. Dr. Turner is currently Regents' Professor Emeritus, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. Dr. Turner was nominated for this award, the highest professional honor offered by the association, by his former student and occasional publication co-author, G. Richard Scott, currently Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Scott was also the first (interim) president of the new Alaska Anthropological Association in 1975, and a member of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) for twenty four years prior to his retirement as a Professor Emeritus at UAF.

The award winner was announced at the awards banquet of the association this past February, held in Seattle, WA. Richard Scott read his nomination letter to those attending the banquet. Christy has been a loyal participant at many a meeting of our association throughout his distinguished career, beginning when the association began in 1976. Dr. Turner was unable to attend the meeting in Seattle but sent his deep appreciation of this honor. The bronze cast Professional Achievement Award "Raven" (designed by former association president, Robert Shaw, many years ago), with Dr. Turner's name inscribed on it, was sent to Christy in Tempe, AZ where it has a place of honor.

Below are comments about Professor Turner's contributions to northern scholarship read by G. Richard Scott at the awards banquet, Deca Hotel, Seattle, from his nomination letter.

"Christy G. Turner II received his PhD in 1967 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The title of his dissertation was "The Dentition of Arctic Peoples." He was trained at the University of Wisconsin during its heyday of Arctic anthropology, where Chester Chard, Catherine McClellan, and Bill Laughlin trained anthropologists and laid the groundwork for Arctic anthropology for the next 40 years.

"Bill Laughlin was Christy's mentor. They worked together in the Aleutians starting in the early 1960s and both continued working there off and on for the next three decades. Although a physical anthropologist, Christy was also an avid archaeologist and published a number of articles on the Aleutians of a purely archaeological nature.

"Christy's curriculum vitae is 50 pages long. I have known and worked with him for 45 years so I can attest to the general nature of his contributions, along with many specific references. First, he was a pioneer in the area of using dental morphology to reconstruct population history. During the 1970s and 1980s, he and his PhD students developed what became the Arizona State University

## **Professional Achievement Award, Continued.**

Dental Anthropology System. It was during the course of developing this system that Christy proposed the three wave model for the peopling of the Americas that became the standard comparative framework for 25 years. During this time, he made observations on over 25,000 skeletons, mostly from the New World and Asia. That included the study of large samples of Aleuts and Inuit, stretching the length of the Arctic. Although many of his publications appeared in journals ranging from *Science* to the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, he also contributed regularly to regional journals, including *Arctic Anthropology*, *Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska*, and the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*.

"Although Christy pioneered another broad line of research the American Southwest on taphonomy and cannibalism, much of his heart and soul has always been directed at Alaska. On the list of honorees for the career achievement award, I saw no physical anthropologists. I cannot think of a more deserving physical anthropologist than Christy G. Turner II to be the first to win the Professional Achievement Award of the Alaska Anthropological Association. Although a scholar of international renown, his first and lifelong love was Alaska and the Arctic, and its people, both native and professional. "

Congratulations to Christy from the Association, and our heartfelt thanks for supporting our conferences by your participation for these many decades, beginning with the 1976 conference.

A book is forthcoming this year by Dr. Turner and colleagues on "Animal Teeth and Human Tools: A Taphonomic Odyssey in Ice Age Siberia," Cambridge University Press. It discusses at length the material presented in his 2010 essay in the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* regarding the evidence for the limited effect of northern human expansion in Siberia presented by hyenas (a topic upon

which he presented a paper at our aaa meeting in Fairbanks).



**Christy Turner II and G. Richard Scott in 1996. Photo courtesy of Richard Scott.**



**CGT in 1996. Karen Workman is next to him. Photo courtesy of Richard Scott.**



**CGT and Richard Scott's wife Cheryl in 1996. Photo courtesy of Richard Scott.**



**CGT , Roger Powers and Kerry Feldman in 1996. Photo courtesy of Richard Scott.**

## Notes of Interest

*Submitted by Rita Eagle, Association Secretary-Treasurer*

### Annual Meeting Archives

The "Annual Meeting Archives" section of our website has been nearly brought up to date recently. Programs from all of our annual meetings from 1974 through 2002 were scanned by Northern Land Use Research, Inc., Anchorage/Fairbanks, in a project led by Richard Stern. The programs will be posted on the website this month. The paper copies of the programs will go to the archives at the Rasmuson Library at University of Alaska Fairbanks. We're still missing programs from 2003 through 2011, so if you have an extra copy you can donate, please let us know.

## 2012 Alaska Anthropological Association Student Awards

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Alaska Anthropological Association Student Awards:

Lobdell Undergraduate Scholarship  
Whitney Ellen McLaren  
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Beginning Graduate Scholarship  
Todd Kristensen  
University of Alberta

VanStone Advanced Graduate Scholarship  
Amy Chan  
Arizona State University  
Smithsonian, NMNH

Also awarded this year, by the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists:

Christina Jensen Scholarship  
Adam Freeburg  
University of Washington

Amy Chan sent a letter to the association officers, describing her experience at the Seattle conference and her appreciation to the Association. We sought her permission to share this feedback with you in the Newsletter. Her letter can be found on page 27.

## Out and About

*Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor*

### Lively Earth

**Karen Workman** and I were visiting awhile back, reminiscing about graduate school, when Karen asked, "Remember the lectures about Gradualism and Catastrophism?" It was just after the Japan earthquake and tsunami, one of a large number of Earth-changing catastrophic events that have taken place over the past several years. They have been enough to give one pause to think.

As we recall from our graduate studies, Catastrophism is the theory that in its history

## Out and About, Continued.

Earth has been affected primarily by short-lived, violent catastrophic events, while Gradualism or Uniformitarianism (the dominant paradigm of modern geology) argues that slow incremental changes such as erosion create the earth's geomorphology.

There are many residues of catastrophic events to be found in the archaeological record in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. For example, the Ozette archaeological site on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, was formed when a portion of a Makah village was instantaneously buried and preserved by a large mudslide. Another example is a series of prehistoric and historic village sites on the Alaska Peninsula preserved in a layer cake of tephras from repeated volcanic eruptions. Yet another is the remains of evidence of prior tsunami events on the Pacific coast of Southeast Alaska the Alaska Peninsula.

Recent abrupt, unpredicted major occurrences on Earth have brought archaeologists' attention back to looking for geomorphological and archaeological evidence of such events in the historic and prehistoric record, in the hope of better understanding formation of that record, as well as the events taking place today.

*When you're working out there on the coast and tsunami debris is present, remember that some of it could be hazardous.*

## Rat Island Name Change

*Source, Lou Yost, U.S. Board on Geographic Names*

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names has approved the proposal to change the name of **Rat Island** in the Aleutians West Census Area to **Hawadax Island**.

The name has been entered into the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is available and searchable online at <http://geonames.usgs.gov>. Here is what the

entry now says.

**Hawadax Island:** island; 9 mi long; in Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge; in the Rat Islands, within the Bering Sea, 13 mi NW of Amchitka; Aleutians West Census Area, Alaska; the name originates from an Unangan word reportedly meaning "those two over there" or "entry" or "welcome"; 51°48'09"N, 178°17'51"E; USGS map – Rat Islands C-6 1:63,360; Not: Agadak Island, Aiugadakh, Ajugadach Island, Ayougadakh Island, Ayugadakh Krysi, Island aux Rats, Krissey Island, Kryci Island, Krysi Island, Krysii, Ostrov Ayugadak, Rat Island (BGN 1937), Rats Island.

## Rat Islands Archaeology

*Submitted by Caroline Funk*

The results of two seasons of exploratory research in the **Rat Islands** (2003, 2009) tell us that the island group was occupied by Aleuts (**Unangan**) for more than 6,000 years. Our surveys of portions of **Rat (Hawadax)** and **Kiska** in 2009 resulted in the definition of nearly 30 new sites. We know now that the large midden sites typical of the **Aleutian Tradition** are more numerous than previously defined. It is also clear that Aleut occupation of the landscape was more intensive and complex than known before. Large, non-midden village sites, single feature sites, burial features, and lithic scatters are densely present across **Rat and Kiska Islands**. Our test of RAT-081 (2003) tells us that Russian-Aleut synergized domestic features are present on **Rat Island (Hawadax Island)**. Faunal remains from that site tell us that Aleut (**Unangan**) subsistence changed little at that location over the course of 1200 years until the arrival of **Russian** influences toward sea otter predation. Our work is now centering on understanding human impacts on resources and environmental histories in the **Rat Islands**. We organized a multidisciplinary research collective of specialists in geo-, bio-, marine, and Anthropological sciences from universities and government agencies to study Aleut

## Out and About, Continued.

**Unangan**) and **Rat Islands** environmental pasts. For more information about the work, look to the most recent ***Arctic Anthropology*** issue for Funk's summary of the results of the survey and excavation.



**Brian Hoffman and Debbie Corbett find site RAT-155. The sides of the blow out contained intact stratigraphy, dating to c. 3900ya. Photo courtesy of Caroline Funk.**



**KIS-042, c. 500ya is a multi-feature prehistoric Aleut site disturbed by WWII era foxholes and by severe erosion and slumping. Photo Courtesy of Caroline Funk.**

## Another Summer Season for UAA Students on Adak, Island, Upland Archaeological Sites

*Diane Hanson, University of Alaska Anchorage*

Our crew is heading out again this summer to recover materials for radiocarbon dating the coastal sites in the area of the upland sites we have been recording on **Southwest Adak**. Most of our crew of 5 is made up of students who started out as undergraduate students in 2010, and by this fall, will all be graduate students in the **UAA M.A. program**, working on Aleutian Island thesis research.

**Roberta Gordaoff** is analyzing the artifacts and their distribution from an upland house excavated at ADK-237, a 3,500 year old upland site in the **Three Arm Bay** area of **Adak Island**. She will compare the data to information from **North Adak** coastal sites provided in reports by **Virginia Hatfield** and **Elizabeth Wilmerding** in an attempt to determine the activities in the upland site.

**Holly Thorssin** is learning to analyze macrobotanical remains from ADK-237. She received a grant from the Office of Undergraduate research at UAA to learn techniques of analysis from **Naoko Endo** of the **Department of Archaeology at Simon Fraser University** (Burnaby, British Columbia) in February of this year. She is interested in plant use at the upland site.

**Ted Parsons** has been working with kite aerial photography to record sites on **Adak Island**. He has found that it works best with historical sites so far, but is experimenting with infrared photography to see if that works better with the grass covered sites. This summer he will be attending training in aircraft documentation, and learning about other techniques of low altitude aerial photography. He may be working on World War II aircraft sites in the Aleutian Islands for a cultural resource management focus during his graduate research.

**Margan Grover**, a graduate of the MA program at UAA, is a crew chief on the project this summer. She has been working with the project since 2009, focusing on Russian era

### Out and About, Continued.

and early American period **Unangas** sites in the **Aleutian Islands**. She is helping us search for post-contact sites in the area. The **Central Aleutians Islands** archaeological crew will be on **Adak Island** from May 23 through June 7 this year. It is a short season because of reduced funding but the work this year continues to support the research we have been doing on the island since 2007.

**Jake Anders** and **Erika Malo**, also part of the project, are working on their theses in Anchorage this summer. **Jake Anders** is developing a predictive model for upland sites using the data from **western Adak Island**. We hope to test his model on another island or another part of **Adak Island** when we have the opportunity. **Erika Malo** is producing educational short films using the archaeology to teach social sciences, science, math, and *Unangan Tunuu*, the **Unangas** language (the focus will be on the central dialect because it is where we are working). She will be filming her last interviews this August and producing seven short films intended for the public schools. She also set up our YouTube page (search: **Central Aleutian Archaeology**) and Facebook Page (search: **Central Aleutians Archaeological Project**).



**UAA students on Adak Island. Photo courtesy of Diane Hanson.**

Both **Anders** and **Malo** expect to defend their theses at UAA in the next academic year. The

research is supported by the **National Science Foundation** (Award #909244) and the enthusiasm of the crew.

### 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.

Richard Stern ([DStern8107@aol.com](mailto:DStern8107@aol.com))

**RIP CRP**-My last sentence above was never meant to be prophetic. I checked my post office box one morning in mid-May and was excited to see the latest volume of *Current Research in the Pleistocene* (Center for the Study of the First Americans, Texas A&M University) nestled among the bills. I opened it looking forward to catching up on early man studies across Asia and the New World. Imagine my dismay to read editor Ted Goebel's column and learn that this is the last issue. Production costs far exceed sales revenues, so CSFA decided to end production. They are searching for an academic journal publisher to pick up production in a quarterly, short-format, electronic version. We wish the CRP Editorial Board good luck in their search, and our thanks for producing a volume that brought together so much current research in this field. AAA members, remember to support publications you use, lest they disappear.

## Recent Publications, Continued.

This issue's column lists a half dozen of articles in the last issue of CRP of interest to Alaskan readers.

Blong, John C.

2011 An Early-Holocene Site in the Upper Susitna Basin, Central Alaska. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 28: 25-27.

Coffman, Sam and Ben A. Potter

2011 Recent Excavations at Teklanika West: A Late-Pleistocene Multicomponent Site in Denali National Park and Preserve, Central Alaska. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 28: 29-32.

Gaines, Edmund P., Kate S. Yeske, Scott J. Shirar, William C. Johnson and James F. Kunesh

2011 Pleistocene Archaeology of the Tanana Flats, Eastern Beringia. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 28: 42-45.

Potter, Ben A., Phoebe J. Gilbert, Charles E. Holmes and Barbara A. Crass

2011 The Mead Site, A Late Pleistocene/Holocene Stratified Site in Central Alaska. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 28: 73-75.

Sattler, Robert A., Thomas E. Gillispie, Norman A. Easton and Michael Grooms

2011 Linda's Point: Results from a New Terminal-Pleistocene Human Occupation at Healy Lake, Alaska. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 28: 75-78.

Wygall, Brian T. and Ted Goebel

2011 Deglaciation and the Archaeology of Trapper Creek, South-Central Alaska. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 28: 136-140.

## General Interest

Barnette, Benjamin H.

2009 *Qaluyaaq: An Archeology Survey and Oral Histories Collection of Nelson Island, Alaska*. Ph.D. dissertation. Geography Department, University of Nebraska. Lincoln, Nebraska.

Binford, Lewis R.

2009a Nunamiut Subsistence Provinces--The Mountain Area: Hunting with Bow versus Gun. In *On the Track of the Thule Culture from Bering Strait to East Greenland: Proceedings of the SILA conference "The Thule Culture -- New Perspectives in Inuit Prehistory"*, Copenhagen, Oct. 26th-28th, 2006: *Papers in Honour of Hans Christian Gulløv*, pp. 211-222. Studies in Archaeology and History No. 15. National Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark.

2009b The Construction and Tactical Placement of Dead-fall Traps by the Nunamiut Eskimo: A Baseline for Comparison. In *On the Track of the Thule Culture from Bering Strait to East Greenland: Proceedings of the SILA conference "The Thule Culture -- New Perspectives in Inuit Prehistory"*, Copenhagen, Oct. 26th-28th, 2006: *Papers in Honour of Hans Christian Gulløv*, pp. 223-234. Studies in Archaeology and History No. 15. National Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Fagan, Brian M.

2012 Obituary: Lewis Roberts Binford (1931-2011). *American Anthropologist* 114(1): 173-175.

Kingston, Deanna M. and Elizabeth Marino

2010 Twice Removed: King Islanders' Experience of "Community" Through Two Relocations. *Human Organization* 69(2): 119-128.

Lewis, Herbert S., Thomas F. Thornton and Thomas S. Weisner

2012 Obituary: Walter Rothschild Goldschmidt (1913-2010). *American Anthropologist* 114(1): 176-179.

## Recent Publications, Continued.

- Potter, Ben A. and Joshua D. Reuther  
2012 High Resolution Radiocarbon Dating at the Gerstle River Site, Central Alaska. *American Antiquity* 77(1): 71-98.
- Saltonstall, Patrick G., Amy F. Steffian, Mark A. Rusk and with a contribution by Jeff Rasic  
2012 *The Penguq Site in Alaska Peninsula Prehistory*. An Occasional Papers Publication No. 4. USDOI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Region, Branch of Regional Archaeology, Anchorage, Alaska.
- Thornton, Thomas F. (editor)  
2012 *Haa Leelk'w Has Aani Saax'u / Our Grandparents' Names on the Land*. University of Washington Press, Seattle and London.
- VanderHoek, Richard  
2009 *The Role of Ecological Barriers in the Development of Cultural Boundaries During the Later Holocene of the Central Alaska Peninsula*. Ph.D. dissertation. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Urbana, Illinois.
- West, Dixie, Virginia Hatfield, Elizabeth Wilmerding, Christine Lefèvre and Lyn Gualtieri  
2012 *The People Before: The Geology, Paleocology and Archaeology of Adak Island, Alaska*. ArchaeoPress, Oxford, England.
- A Special Issue of Human Biology (2010. 82:5-6) is devoted to Aleutian Islands region research. The individual articles are listed below.
- Berger, Anna  
2010 Origins of Linguistic Diversity in the Aleutian Islands. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):557-581.
- Coltrain, Joan Brenner  
2010 Alaska Peninsula Stable Isotope and Radioisotope Chemistry: A Study in Temporal and Adaptive Diversity. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):513-627.
- Crawford, Michael H., Rohina C. Rubicz and Mark Zlojutro  
2010 Origins of Aleuts and the Genetic Structure of Populations of the Archipelago: Molecular and Archaeological Perspectives. *Human Biology* 82(5-6): 695-717.
- Davis, Richard S. and Richard A. Knecht  
2010 Continuity and Change in the Eastern Aleutian Archaeological Sequence. *Human Biology* 82(5-6): 507-524.
- Graf, Orion M., Mark Zlojutro, Rohina Rubicz and Michael H. Crawford  
2010 Surname Distributions and Their Association with Y-Chromosome Markers in the Aleutian Islands. *Human Biology* 82(5-6): 745-757.
- Hatfield, Virginia L.  
2010 Material Culture Across the Aleutian Archipelago. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):525-556.
- Justice, Anne, Rohina Rubicz, Geethia Chittoor, Richard L. Jantz and Michael H. Crawford  
2010 Anthropometric Variation Among Bering Sea Natives. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):653-675.
- O'Rourke, Dennis H., Dixie West and Michael H. Crawford  
2010 Unangan Past and Present: The Contrasts Between Observed and Inferred Histories. *Human Biology* 82(5-6): 759-764.
- Ousley, Stephan D. and Erica B. Jones  
2010 Craniometric Variation in the Aleutians: Integrating Morphological, Molecular, Spatial, and Temporal Data. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):629-651.
- Raff, Jennifer, Justin Tackney and Dennis H. O'Rourke  
2010 South from Alaska: A Pilot aDNA Study of Genetic History on the Alaska Peninsula and the Eastern Aleutians. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):677-693.

### Recent Publications, Continued.

- Reedy-Maschner, Katherine  
2010 Where Did All the Aleut Men Go?: Aleut Male Attrition and Related Patterns in Aleutian Historical Demography and Social Organization. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):583-611.
- Rey, Diego, Christina Areces, Carlos Parga-Lozano, Pablo Gomez-Prieto, Michael H. Crawford and Antonio Arnaiz-Villena  
2010 HLA Genes in Populations of the Aleutian Islands. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):737-744.
- Rubicz, Rohina, Mark Zlojutro, Guangyun Sun, Victor Spitsyn, Ranjan Deka, Kristin L. Young and Michael H. Crawford  
2010 Genetic Architecture of a Small, Recently Aggregated Aleut Population, Bering Island, Russia. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):719-736.
- Veltre, Douglas W. and Melvin A. Smith  
2010 Historical Overview of Archaeological Research in the Aleut Region of Alaska. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):487-506.
- West, Dixie, Dennis O'Rourke and Michael H. Crawford  
2010 Introduction: Origins and Settlement of the Indigenous Populations of the Aleutian Archipelago. *Human Biology* 82(5-6):481-486.

## *In Memory*

### Patrick Orion Mullen (1982 – 2012)

*Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor*

It is with great sadness that we must report the death of Patrick Mullen on March 9, 2012, in a car accident near Thompson Pass, Alaska.

Patrick, an archaeologist and an "aaa" member, was born November 13, 1982, in Farmington, New Mexico. He graduated from Albuquerque Academy in 2001. His B.S. was earned at the University of New Mexico, and he received his Master's Degree in Anthropology

from the University of Wyoming. Patrick was pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Wyoming, and he was working as an archaeologist at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve at the time of his death. A more complete story of Patrick's life can be found at

<http://obits.abqjournal.com/obits/show/224185>

(Source: abqjournal)

### Nicholai Galaktionoff, Sr. (1925 – 2012)

*Submitted by Raymond Hudson*

Nicholai Galaktionoff, Sr., who died May 21, 2012, was born in Makushin Village in 1925. Following the death of his father in 1937, his family moved to Unalaska. Shortly afterwards, Nick went to Biorka Village where he began a long association with Andrew Makarin (b. 1889) and Alec Ermeloff (b. 1881). Although traditional training in story telling was not part of Nick's childhood the way it had been for people a generation earlier, he became the last link in a long line conveying stories and narratives from the eastern Aleutians. Marva Petikoff, the grandmother who raised him, told him stories from the Makushin area while Makarin and Ermeloff conveyed accounts from the Beaver Inlet area and Unalaska itself. Nick's retellings of these and other oral narratives was detailed and consistent. In addition to historical material (such as events at Unalaska during the 1763-64 Unangax<sup>^</sup>/Russian conflicts), he conveyed a remarkable story of transformation involving the people of the Islands of Four Mountains, reportedly extinct by the 1770s. I first met him in 1964 and over the years saw his gradual emergence as an aide to such scholars as Knut Bergsland and Lydia Black. In addition to general vocabulary, he assisted Bergsland with numerous place names. Black used him as a principal informant on several occasions and wrote that he "is believed by others to be the sole surviving authority on ancient whaling lore. The overall time depth of his information extends to six generations...., that is, roughly, to the late 18<sup>th</sup> century." (Black, "Whaling in the Aleutians," *Études/Inuit/Studies*, 1987,

## **In Memory, Continued.**

11(2): 12.) He was a remarkable individual in so many ways. In the course of his long and, at times, tumultuous life, he experienced the loss of his home village, Makushin, and of his adopted village, Biorka (which he helped resettle after World War II.) Beyond all this, of course, he was a terrific guy and a great fisherman! His passing is an immense loss for his family, for the Unangax^ people, and for all who knew him.

## **Call for Papers**

*Submitted by Caroline Funk*

Subject: IJAGR CFP Geospatial Technologies and Indigenous Communities Engagement

CALL FOR PAPERS (SPECIAL): International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research (IJAGR) Special Issue On Geospatial Technologies And Indigenous Communities Engagement

SUBMISSION DUE DATE is March 1, 2013

### **GUEST EDITORS**

Renee Pualani Louis and G. Rebecca Dobbs

### **INTRODUCTION**

Indigenous communities have successfully engaged with all forms of geospatial technologies (including digital maps, satellite images, geographic information systems, and global positioning systems) since the 1970s to protect tribal resources, document territorial sovereignty, create tribal utility databases, and manage watersheds. As a result, the number and breadth of Indigenous mapping projects has exploded worldwide, generating numerous conferences, forums, and workshops. Topics at such events range from using geospatial technologies to showcase projects on Indigenous lands, to critically analyzing the technologies' capabilities to appropriately represent cultural knowledge and developing new ontological structures that are more consistent with Indigenous ontologies. In the last decade, the increase of Indigenous community engagement with geospatial technologies has been fostered by the rise of special Indigenous sessions at academic and

professional GIS conferences worldwide, ESRI's integration of Tribal GIS to the ESRI Conservation Program, the emergence of resources freely available online such as networking forums like the Aboriginal Mapping Network, the Indigenous Mapping Network, and the Integrated Approaches to Participatory Development (IAPAD) websites, and numerous guidebooks on how to work with and/or for Indigenous communities engaging in geospatial technologies.

### **OBJECTIVE**

In this special issue of IJAGR, we seek to highlight ways that geospatial technologies have benefitted or stand to benefit Indigenous peoples. Manuscripts are sought from Indigenous communities, academics, NGOs, and governmental/intergovernmental agencies that have used GIS or other geospatial technologies to engage Indigenous communities and issues and to help develop practical outcomes in aid of Indigenous empowerment and/or self-determination. Projects described may be at any scale, and from any part of the globe.

### **RECOMMENDED TOPICS**

- \*Protecting Indigenous lands and resources
- \*Gathering and protecting community knowledge
- \*Tribal government mediation and negotiations
- \*Economic planning for Indigenous lands
- \*Securing data accessibility
- \*Collaborative/participatory mapping techniques
- \*Natural resource management
- \*Land use planning for the 7th generation
- \*Improving Indigenous health concerns/issues
- \*Reconstructing past geographic conditions
- \*Illuminating historical events
- \*Incorporating critical reframing of geospatial technologies into applied projects

### **SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

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**Summer in Anchorage. Photo Courtesy of Pat McClenahan.**

## A Walk Down Memory Lane

*Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor*

I received this interesting note from Kerry Feldman, along with several pieces of history. I thought you might find them fun and interesting pieces of nostalgia. You can view them on the following pages 19 through 24.

*Hi, Pat,*

*I know you have an interest in noting in our Newsletter significant aspects of the history of the Alaska Anthropological Association and our annual conference (now heading into...numero 40!). An amazing number, in reference to years, and the obvious affection so many people have for anthropology in all of its dimensions regardless of specialty background or employment location.*

*I had to move my office stuff to a temporary new office while UAA renovates our decrepit BMH building this coming year. In the process I had to empty file cabinets I had not looked into for...well...39 years.*

*Kerry.*

Editor's Note: Why all this history awareness? It's not too early to start thinking about how to celebrate 40 years of our gatherings in 2013. What ideas do you have for the celebration?



**Summer in Anchorage. 2011 Botanical Tour of Anchorage. Photo Courtesy of Pat McClenahan.**

November 6, 1973

Dr. John Cook, Chairman  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Alaska, Fairbanks  
College, Alaska 99701

Dear John:

The trip to Fairbanks was time very well spent. We would like to thank you and the others of your department for the cordiality extended. The Anthropology personnel and facilities at Fairbanks are quite impressive.

We have a proposal that requires your departmental consideration and reaction. We would like to hold an Anthropological Conference here next Spring, sometime in late February or early March. The idea was discussed with Mr. Workman at AMU whose response was favorable. He offered to make arrangements for accommodations at the AMU dorms, while the conference itself would be held on our campus, if it materializes. For such an endeavor to be successful, we would need your suggestions and departmental participation in presenting papers. Each of us here would present a paper, concentrating on anthropological concerns of the Alaska-Arctic area, though not limited exclusively to such. We would also elicit papers from various persons/organizations in the State that are involved in our Native acculturation problems, or in research concerned with Native life in general. The legal and psychiatric professions would have something to offer in this regard particularly.

We at University of Alaska, Anchorage would handle all the logistics problems of publicizing and organizing the conference. I say that only to relieve your mind of how much time the University of Alaska, Fairbanks anthropologists would have to devote to the conference in the planning stage. We would welcome any assistance your group would want to offer over and above giving papers, but such would not be expected.

Dr. John Cook  
November 6, 1973  
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We would like to encourage student papers as well, provided they are of high quality. Some of your M.A. students might welcome the opportunity to put their research into a public forum. I know that our majors would profit much from the conference, especially if they could meet students from your department who share their interests and problems in Anthropology. We would try to offer either free or very inexpensive lodging for all from Fairbanks who attend the conference.

We would like to have your departmental reactions as soon as possible, hopefully no later than November 20th. We are enthusiastic about the possibilities of the conference, but don't want what in the Philippines is called a "ningas cogon" (big fire - but burns out fast). What dates would we have to avoid next Spring due to conflicts with other Anthropology conferences your department might attend?

Sincerely,

Kerry Feldman, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor  
Anthropology Department

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enc  
cc: Anchorage Community College  
Anthropology Staff

P.S. I'm planning on attending the AAA meetings in New Orleans this Fall. Will I see any of you there?

*I invited UAF to participate in an Anthropology in Alaska conference in '74 (Letter to John Cook, Chair of UAF Anthro at the time).*

November 6, 1973

Proposed Anthropological Conference

I. Anthropology in Alaska - A proposed mid-winter conference

A. Purposes

1. To be a spring and swapping board for anthropological ideas in a goal-oriented fashion to serve the special needs of Alaskan anthropology.
2. To help allay the feelings of geographical isolation among Alaskan anthropologists by enacting a once-a-year regional conference for professionals. This type of meeting would have relatively low logistic costs.
3. To be a testing ground for professional papers from faculty, field workers, and students.
4. To encourage professional interaction among anthropologists teaching/working in Alaska and to encourage student and community participation in Alaskan anthropological issues and studies.

II. Tentative Schedule

- A. Date. To be arranged so as not to conflict with other conferences (NW, CAA, SAA, AAA, AA, SW, etc.). A suggested time is late February or early March. The best days would probably be Friday and Saturday.

B. Events

Friday

- 9:00 a.m. - Opening of Conference, opening remarks and announcements  
9:15-12:00 Noon - Papers, Socio-Cultural Anthropology  
12:15-1:15 p.m. - Buffet Lunch served at ACC Dining Room  
1:30-4:30 p.m. - Papers, Archaeology and Physical Anthropology  
8:00-10:00 p.m. - Social Hours, to be held at convenient and adequate locale.

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Saturday

9:30-12:00 Noon - Papers. Also time for discussion of:

1. School Curricula
2. Research projects and opportunities
3. Special Alaskan problems
4. Other

12:00 Noon - Official end of conference, (or extend conference until 4:30 p.m. if enough papers warrant it).

III. Problems and Possible Solutions

A. Transportation

1. Suggest through available knowledge of plane, train, bus itineraries.
2. Update road condition reports for those that must drive.

B. Accommodations

1. Suggest through available knowledge of local motels and hotels. Also the availability of group rates.
2. To attempt to obtain low-cost temporary lodging through the dormitories at AMU for those conference participants that desire such facilities.
3. Suggest through available knowledge of eating establishments (of which ACC's should not be excluded).

C. Scheduling

1. To try to permit as many papers as possible.
2. To schedule rigid dates for paper calls, and final schedules.
3. To remain flexible enough for the conference to go its own way.

D. Communication

1. To attempt to contact all professionals currently in or interested in Alaskan anthropology.
2. To determine what constitutes a finite search for the above.
3. To make sure that schedules, and reciprocally, reservations are received in adequate time to insure a successful conference.

E. Funding-cost of lunches, refreshments, paper, postage, bulletins, etc.

1. Registration Fees, perhaps \$3 - \$4 for visiting faculty, a nominal fee for grad students, etc.
2. Acquisition of other funds

F. Divisions of Labor

University of Alaska, Anchorage

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dean Short and Dean Wolfe

From: Anthropology Staff: Kerry Feldman (ASC), Linda Ellanna (ACC),  
Leslie Kotarski, Jack Lobdell, and Ann Riordan (all ACC)

Re: Proposed Anthropology Conference, tentatively March 29-30, 1974.

Our departments have developed the rather exciting suggestion of Mr. Jack Lobdell to jointly sponsor an "Anthropology in Alaska" Conference this coming March. Various anthropologists around the State, including the Fairbanks Department Staff, have already indicated their enthusiastic interest in such an endeavor. The Anchorage Community would also have the opportunity to attend the conference and expand their growing interest in and knowledge of anthropological topics which concern this region.

We are requesting from our respective administrations: 1) approval for the conference, 2) classroom space to accommodate the presentation of papers and discussions, and 3) coffee and rolls for two mornings for conference participants if possible. We request no monetary outlay beyond the above. All participants will be requested to pay a small registration fee (\$5 for non-students, \$2 for students) to cover the cost of the conference (postage, paper, misc.).

At this time, we cannot specify exactly what space will be required as this depends on the number of respondents who will wish to present papers. By the third week in January, we will be able to make precise requests in this regard. For the sake of organization and convenience, we are considering using only space at ACC, but would be quite willing to alter our plans in this regard if either institution so wishes. The conference will take place on a weekend, Friday morning to late Saturday afternoon. If more time is needed to accommodate more papers than we anticipate, we would extend the conference until Sunday noon. All of these plans will be worked out in January, prior to the conference date.

We will have to work immediately on the details of the conference throughout the semester break and ask you for your response as soon as possible.

*Kerry Feldman*

Kerry Feldman  
For: Anthropology Department Staff  
ACC and ASC

jb

*Jack Lobdell*  
*Leslie Kotarski*

*Here's a Memo I wrote to the two deans of Anchorage Community College (ACC) and my unit (I was the sole anthropologist at the Senior College) - Anchorage Senior College (ASC) to fund the first conference that was to be held on our campus.*

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March 29, 1974

Dr. A. J. Kelso, Chairman  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Colorado  
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Dear Jack:

With our Alaskan Anthropology Conference now behind us, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the great boost you gave our program by your presence and stimulating lectures. The students continue to refer to your visit. I hope we didn't wear you out.

Our Conference last weekend was quite successful and we feel it was worth the effort we put into it. Bill Laughlin from Connecticut was our keynote speaker and he brought us up-to-date on his Aleut research. We had 200 people attending each session of papers and concluded the Conference by setting up a committee to create an Alaskan Anthropological Association (of an as yet unspecified nature).

We have not had time to work on the proposed "consortium" arrangement, but will do so now. Let's not let a good idea slip by.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Kerry Feldman  
Assistant Professor  
Anthropology Department

jb

*Here's a letter from me to the Chair of my alma mater anthro department (Dr. Jack Kelso), thanking him for a week of work he did here (invited by Linda Ellanna of ACC) PRIOR to our first Anthropology in Alaska Conference ( which was held March 22,23, 1974). In the letter to Dr. Kelso, I refer to the prior week (prior to writing to him on March 29, 1974), informing him that our first conference went very well, **with 200 participants** , and **the note that we were now engaged in discussion for forming an association**, after discussions occurred at the end of the 1974 conference.*

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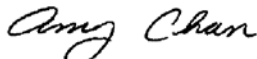
Dear Association Officers,

Thank you for the honor of being awarded the 2012 James W. VanStone Advanced Graduate Award. I greatly enjoyed participating in the 2012 Annual Conference in Seattle and appreciated the opportunity to present part of my dissertation project and receive scholarly feedback. The wide range of symposia proffered valuable insight into current archaeological and anthropological theory, experience working in the field and successful examples of inter-disciplinary projects.

This spring I am pursuing community-based work in Northwest Alaska. As part of my dissertation, I am collaborating with carvers and community members to discuss engraved ivories from the nineteenth-century and their connection to carving traditions and oral stories. Collaborative research has led to a greater understanding of the role of carving as personal identifier and cultural expression. Participants have linked oral stories and personal histories to a range of imagery giving understanding and meaning to ivories within museum collections. The project has also provided a discursive space for contemporary carvers to express meaning behind their work, concerns with passing on cultural traditions and suggestions for future collaborations and artist opportunities.

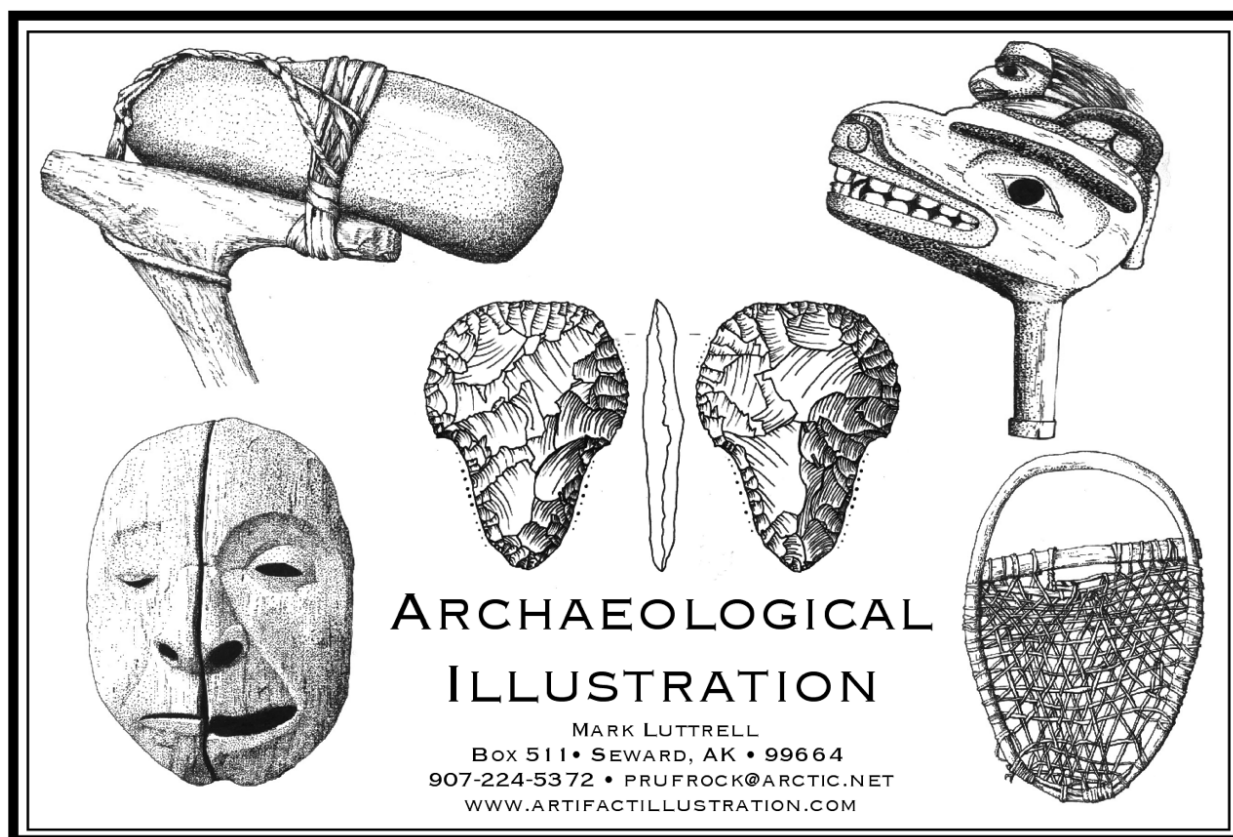
During the fall I will be revising my dissertation manuscript and working towards graduation in May 2013. My sincere appreciation to the Alaska Anthropological Association for supporting my scholarly endeavors on this journey. I look forward to staying involved with the organization as I progress in my career.

Sincerely,



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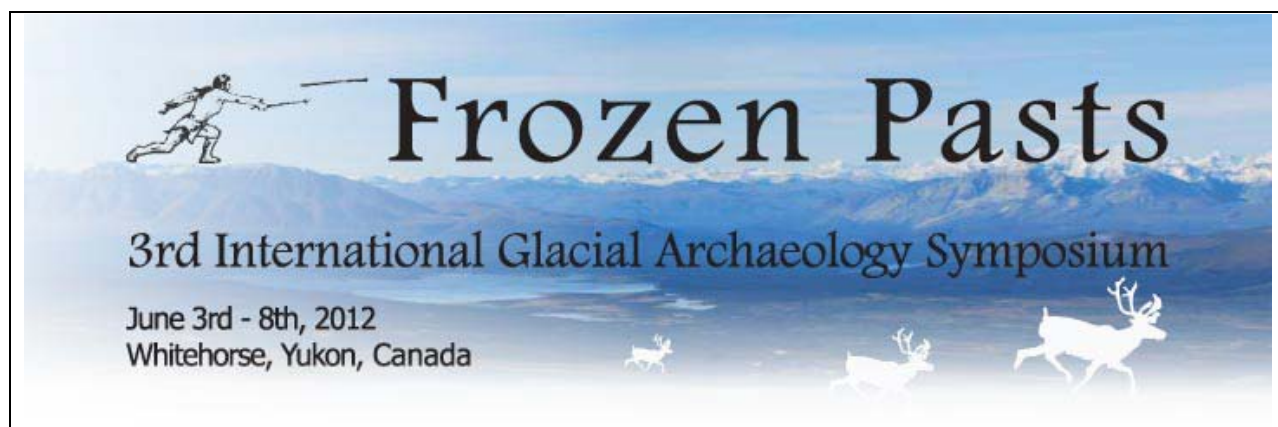
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accommodations are scarce in Whitehorse in summer months.

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