A Message from the President
Kerry D. Feldman, Association President

It is time to be thinking about a paper (or poster) you might present, or a session you might organize, for presentation at the 40th annual meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association to be held at the Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska, March 13-16, 2013.

This is a time to celebrate what we've been up to for four very successful decades. Most of our students today weren’t even born when we decided to form an association and gather annually for papers, discussions, and a renowned Belzoni event at the conclusion.

Students are especially encouraged to prepare papers or posters regarding their research or projects. There will be a student paper session. Students should contact their mentor about an interest in presenting a paper. About one-fourth of papers presented at recent Alaska Anthropological Association conferences have been by students at the undergraduate, MA and PhD levels. Students interested in anthropology in the far north are the future of our association and we do all we can to make “the next generation” of anthropologists in the far north feel welcome.

There will be a Facebook communication mode available (perhaps by the time you receive this Newsletter) for the Alaska Anthropological Association. Members will be able to communicate more quickly now via Facebook.
President’s Message, Continued.

It is also time to be thinking about nominating people to replace our outgoing board member, Monty Rogers. Monty is a graduate student at UAA; the Board of Directors will vote on his proposal at its September meeting to designate his position as a student position. We will let you know via email what the Board decides to do on that proposal.

Please take time to nominate members of our association for one of our distinguished awards, the recipients of which are announced at the gala evening banquet during our annual conference. There are three awards to consider (cf. our website): the Professional Achievement Award (for a member’s contribution to northern anthropological scholarship, won this current year by Christy Turner II of Arizona State University), Outstanding Service to the Association (no nominees at our Seattle conference, 2012), and the Outstanding Current Contribution Award (no nominees this past year). There are many deserving members of our association who merit nomination for these awards.

Students at the undergraduate, MA and PhD levels, please look at our website for the scholarship awards you can apply for and submit an application.

Also, we want students to submit their papers for the Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition (cf. our website).* Mentors of students – think about students you know who have completed projects and urge them to submit their papers for this award. We have funds to give cash awards to students but can’t distribute them without applicants for them.

Let’s make our 40th annual conference one to remember.

For four amazing decades we’ve come together, renewed old acquaintances, established new networks, and celebrated

[*Editor’s Note: See Page 18, this Newsletter.*]
President’s Message, Continued.

anthropological worldviews, methods, knowledge and values in the so-called “Last Frontier” of the U.S. We now have significant indigenous anthropological voices, at all professional and student levels, to be heard and learned from at our annual gathering. I can’t tell you how excited I am to just think about being there, where our 2013 conference co-organizers - Aron Crowell and Ken Pratt – will take us.

Announcement of the AAA 40th Annual Meeting
Aron Crowell and Ken Pratt, Meeting Co-Organizers

Alaska Anthropological Association
40th Annual Meeting
March 13 - 16, 2013
Hotel Captain Cook
Anchorage, Alaska

Back to the Source

Community is the wellspring of culture, history, and language - and the source of all anthropology. Going "back to the source" means doing and sharing our work in partnership with indigenous communities. The 40th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will highlight new collaborations across the North in oral history, archaeology, cultural studies, linguistics, human biology, and museums. The meeting will be hosted in Anchorage by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, with keynote speakers Richard Scott (University of Nevada, Reno) and Edna Ahgeak MacLean (University of Alaska, Fairbanks and President Emeritus, Ilisaġvik College).

First call for session and paper proposals:

Please contact Ken Pratt (907-271-3695; Kenneth.Pratt@bia.gov) or Aron Crowell (907-929-9207; crowella@si.edu) if you are interested in organizing a symposium, presenting a paper or poster, funding a coffee break, or offering any suggestions for the conference.

Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists (ACZ)
Collection Moves
Diane Hanson

The ACZ collection is not missing, and it has not been thrown out, although you might think that if you peered into its home on the UAA campus. Every last toe bone, tooth, and fish vertebra has been moved to its new digs on 707A street with the other UAA anthropology laboratories. The ACZ lab is at the east end of the building and is divided in part by major taxon then by size. Medium/small land mammals (dog sized and smaller), Fish/shell, and birds each have their own room. On the southeast side of the building is a wet lab that used to be an instructional fish lab that we will be using for processing the animals, floating sediments, and other messy projects. To the side of the wet lab is a room for the large land mammals and the sea mammal comparative collections. Each room will have layout space, and reference books available for use. As always the intent of the ACZ collection is to make it available for all researchers working in Alaska. Access is less user friendly because of building security, but please call Diane Hanson (786-6842) to arrange to use the lab.

On other notes, Kelly Eldridge has been working with the Sea Life Center in Seward and was able to obtain two small belugas for the collection. This fall we expect to clean the many animals that have been processing in manure over the summer. We were able to add a significant number of birds to the collection last year thanks to loans from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The state also turned over a young moose calf through Jake Anders to the ACZ but it will not be in the collection until next year. We now have a fetal, relatively new born, and juvenile (probably second year calves) moose in the collection for those trying to age grade younger individuals.
ACZ, Continued.

Hello All,

The ACZ has just added a baby beluga and yearling beluga to our comparative collection. Kelly Eldridge coordinated with the Alaska Sea Life Center in Seward to get both specimens and brought them back to Chugiak. Travis Shinabarger and I processed both critters getting them buried in horse manure. In addition to Kelly and Travis I would like to thank everyone one involved including Raena Schraer for providing her parents’ yard to process the animals, the Diamond H Ranch Horse Stables for supplying the manure, and my wife Katie Myers for allowing the ACZ to keep two beluga carcasses in our back yard. The beluga remains should be ready for research sometime next year after the manure does its work cleaning the bones. Researchers, please remember that the ACZ has a continually growing synoptic arctic and subarctic faunal comparative collection available for research. If you would like to use the collection please contact Diane Hanson or me.

As the field season comes to an end, the ACZ will continue to organize faunal processing days throughout the winter and spring to continue to expand the synopsis collection housed at UAA. There will be one processing day each month. Remember if you do not have the stomach to process decaying carcasses; the ACZ can always use help labeling the cleaned specimens. The ACZ announces
ACZ Report, Continued.

specific dates for the processing days on multiple list-serves two to three weeks in advance. If you would like to participate, please contact the ACZ or just show up on the day of processing. The ACZ will also hold a meeting in early or mid October. Once we narrow down a date, we will send out a notice over the ACZ and AlaskaAnthro listserves.

Feel free to visit the ACZ webpage at http://www.akzooarch.org/. The ACZ is in the process of updating our website. If anyone has arctic and subarctic zooarchaeological research they would like a link posted to on the links page of our website, please email the link and a brief description (i.e., <100 words) to Rhea Hood at rehood@alaska.edu. In addition, if anyone has photos of previous ACZ workshops please email them to Rhea as well.

Do not forget to check out the ACZ Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_194560767238684&ap=1. The Facebook page is continually being updated with new information.

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.ualaska.edu/mailman/listinfo/akzooarch-l.

Also, members outside of Anchorage have a greater chance to participate in meetings and the organization as a whole via SKYPE. If you would like to participate, please contact me directly at mjr@lavabit.com.

Alaska Anthropological Association Student Section

Monty Rogers, aaa Board Member

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

- Apply for aaa student scholarships. The aaa offer four student scholarships:
  - James W. VanStone Advanced Graduate award (Ph.D. level)
  - Beginning Graduate award (M.A. level)
  - John E. Lobdell Undergraduate award
  - Stephanie Ludwig award
- Participate in the annual Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition
- Discounted membership
- Reduced Annual Meeting registration costs
- Presentation of research at the Annual Meeting
- Publish in the peer-reviewed Alaska Journal of Anthropology
- Keep up to date on Alaskan Anthropological news, including other scholarship, grant, and employment opportunities.

Students can find out how to apply for a scholarship and enter the student paper competition on page 19 of this current Newsletter.

Please encourage students you know to present on aspects of their fieldwork and research at the 2013 aaa Annual Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. The Annual Meetings always have a student session that provides an invaluable experience in a low pressure setting.

Alaska Anthropological Association Public Education Group (PEG)

Karlene Leeper, PEG Chair

The Alaska Anthropological Association Public Education Group provides high quality
PEG Group, Continued.

educational programs in anthropology for adults and children throughout Alaska. It is a group of professional anthropologists who collaborate to implement programs such as Alaska Archaeology Month, the Anthropology Lecture Series, school programs and other educational activities. The group encourages partnerships and involvement by teachers, museum educators, village organizations and others interested in anthropology and heritage preservation.

PEG had a meeting on Wednesday 22 August to plan activities for the next year. Our next meeting is 26 September at 11:00, at the OHA conference room. People can teleconference too. We always like to have new members. Contact karlene.leeper@us.af.mil if you are interested in participating in this group.

Karlene is also looking for someone to act as Co-Chairperson for the group.

The Alaska Anthropological Association received this message from the Archaeological Institute of America:

Dear Alaska Anthropological Association,

The Archaeological Institute of America is looking for Collaborating Organizations for National Archaeology Day 2012. Last year, over 14,000 people participated in the inaugural National Archaeology Day through over 100 events across the US and Canada. We would very much like to increase participation in the event this year and are actively seeking out other organizations committed to archaeology that are willing to host events and/or promote National Archaeology Day to their membership. The official date for National Archaeology Day is October 20, 2012, but if holding an event is not possible on that date, we just ask that an event be held in October.

More information about participating can be found on our website: http://www.archaeological.org/NAD/CollaboratingOrganizationInfo. I hope the Alaska Anthropological Association will consider joining our global celebration this October. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or pass this information along if you are aware of any other groups that might be interested.

Best wishes,

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Jeff Rasic, National Park Service Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, sends news that he was involved with a few public education efforts this summer. Jeff reports, “We hosted a PolarTREC teacher on a excavation in northwestern Alaska.” Find more information at http://www.polartrec.com/expeditions/early-human-settlement-in-arctic-alaska-2012

Jeff also reports that “the museum also organized an archaeology module for the Alaska Summer Research Academy (ASRA), which is a science camp for high school students.” See more details at http://www.uaf.edu/asra/asra-2012/archaeology/

Bob King, Bureau of Land Management, writes, “You wondered about education outreach... below is a page of the Alaska homestead website that BLM launched to go with the 2012 Archaeology Month poster last April, so most folks probably know about it. It reports on some of the homestead-related educational activities BLM has been involved recently plus one still coming up. Not listed is that I also gave a homestead talk last Saturday, 8/11, at the Kenny Lake Fair. Otherwise, I gave a PowerPoint talk on dinosaurs of Alaska on 7/11 at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center.”
PEG Group, Continued.

For more information about homesteading, visit

Also, you can go to
and click on the links to get to the homesteading web page, history and pictures.

Out and About
Pat McClanahan, Newsletter Editor

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the new anthropology graduates out there, and welcome to all of you new students just getting settled in. Best wishes for a bright and fulfilling future.

Congratulations to Alexandra Edwards, one of the most newly minted Masters Degree recipients at the University of Alaska Anchorage, who defended her thesis on August 22, 2012. Alexandra is a student of Professor Christine Hanson.

Alexandra took on the weighty subject of repatriation for her thesis topic.

Kelly Eldridge, a student of Professor David Yesner, defended her thesis "Archaeofaunal Representation of Late Western Thule Regionalization: Insights from the Snake River Sandspit Site in Nome, Alaska" on July 12th, 2012 at UAA.

Chris Roe, Professor Doug Veltre's student, also completed his graduate studies this year. Chris’s thesis topic was "The Subculture of the U.S. Army During World War II and Its Impact on the Construction of an Airbase on Umnak Island, Alaska.”

Associate Professor Liam Frink, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, was awarded the prestigious UNLV Barrick Distinguished Scholar Award last spring. His ethnoarchaeological research and scholarship in Alaska continues to move in interesting directions including an NSF funded soils chemistry project (with Kelly Knudson, ASU) and a recent American Anthropologist article with Karen Harry (UNLV) entitled “The Arctic cooking pot: Why was it adopted?” as well as his own work out soon in the International Journal of Historical Archaeology entitled “The social role of technology in coastal Alaska.” As well Dr. Frink is the co-editor (with Kathryn Weedman Arthur, USF) of the new journal Ethnoarchaeology: Journal of Archaeological, Ethnographic, and Experimental Studies (Leftcoast Press). (Source: UNLV website at www.unlv.edu/).
Out and About, Continued.

Ted Birkedal at his retirement party (Courtesy of NPS).

Ted Birkedal, Chief of Cultural Resources at National Park Service Alaska Regional Office, has retired. Ted came to Alaska from the Southwest in the 1980s, and served as Chief of RCR until his retirement. He’s staying in Anchorage. Taking over for him is Jennifer Pederson.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks has been awarded $20 million in research money by the National Science Foundation for a five-year study of how Alaska communities are responding to environmental and social changes. The interdisciplinary project has 19 core university researchers, with eight more to be hired. They plan to work with more than 20 other researchers from a variety of disciplines. Research topics include but are not limited to how permafrost thaw and land cover change affect subsistence resources. (Source: ADN Friday July 20: A-4; from Associated Press.)

Recently PBS aired an interesting and valuable series, Coping With Climate Change that has included multiple examples of how Native American populations are feeling the impacts of climate change and are working to adapt. PBS NewsHour ANALYSIS presented several installments in June and July on Native American communities affected by climate change and their plans for the future. Elder Mike Williams, representing Akiak Native Community, Alaska attended the First Stewards Symposium at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., held on July 17 – 20, 2012 (http://firststewards.org/). Williams and three other tribal representatives are featured in an interesting video that you can watch at http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/climate-change/july-dec12/tribes_07-19.html Micah McCarty from the Makah Tribe in Washington, Kitty Simonds from Hawaii, and Jeff Mears from the Oneida Tribe in Wisconsin are the other three tribal representatives. You can find links to community stories on the same web page under the heading "Related to this Story."

The Before Columbus Foundation announces the Winners of the Thirty-Third Annual American Book Awards. The 2012 American Book Award winners will be formally recognized on Sunday, October 7th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Maud Fife Room, Wheeler Hall, on the University of California Berkeley campus. This event is open to the public.

The American Book Awards were created to provide recognition for outstanding literary achievement from the entire spectrum of America’s diverse literary community. The purpose of the awards is to recognize literary excellence without limitations or restrictions. Among the winners are Alice Rearden, translator, Ann Fienup-Riordan, editor of Qaluyaarmiuni Nunamtenek Qanemciput: Our Nelson Island Stories (University of Washington Press).

Anne explains, “It’s a writers’ award, and the neatest part is that in giving it to Alice and me for our bilingual book, it’s really honoring the Nelson Island Elders and their ancestors whose stories they are. Go Yup’ik!”

Christyann Darwent, Evolutionary Wing Chair at the University of California at Davis, is the new editor of Arctic Anthropology. Dr Darwent will begin her duties with Volume 49 #2 in 2012.
Out and About, Continued.

An Interesting Year

Loukas Barton, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh, writes from Ulan Baatar that he has had a busy year.

"In June, Scott Shirar (UAMN), Jim Jordan (Antioch University) and I finished up the third and final field season of the Chignik-Meshik Rivers Region Archaeological Reconnaissance project, funded by the National Park Service. Data from this season will expand and enhance the spatial and temporal patterns of human habitation on the Central Alaska Peninsula, and will allow us to test specific hypotheses about the impacts of mid-Holocene volcanism on human cultural evolution. In the process we spent a good deal of time this year with the folks in Chignik Lake, and with their help recorded and mapped dozens of mid to late-Holocene settlements. Results of this project will be presented at this year's AAA, and should appear in print over the next two years. Outgrowths of this project may one day involve a community-based excavation project at Chignik Lake, and ideally, a thorough analysis of the newly recorded village complex at Wildman Lake."

"Since then, I spent several weeks in China navigating the fickle politics of permitting, and several more weeks in the Darhkad Basin of NW Mongolia helping a graduate student with her dissertation project and evaluating logistics for the excavation of an early Holocene microlithic site."

"Now I'm on to Europe for some writing and to attend the International Geographical Congress in Cologne, Germany."

Karen Brewster, Research Associate at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, has a recently published life history book entitled "Boots, Bikes, and Bombers: Adventures of Alaska Conservationist Ginny Hill Wood." (Karen Brewster, Editor. University of Alaska Press: Fairbanks, AK, 2012.) Karen says, "It is a life history based upon oral history recordings I did with Ginny from 2006-2008." Ginny Hill Wood was co-founder of Camp Denali and a pioneering Alaska conservationist and outdoorswoman. Born in Oregon in 1917, Wood served as a Women's Airforce Service Pilot in World War II, and flew a military surplus airplane to Alaska in 1946. Settling in Fairbanks, she went on to start Camp Denali in 1952, Alaska's first wilderness ecotourism lodge; in 1960 helped start the Alaska Conservation Society, the state's first environmental organization, and remained an outspoken voice for preservation of Alaska's wilderness for the next forty-five years; and applied her love of the outdoors to her work as a backcountry guide and an advocate for environmental preservation. Check it out.

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Still in Business

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Alaska proposes to renew the withdrawal from surface entry and mining of the land on which the now famous Mesa archaeological site is located until March 2014 in order to continue to protect the site. You can see the announcement in the Classified section of ADN, published August 16, 2012, and you can submit comments to BLM for 90 days after the publication date.

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Teaching the Basics at Big Lake

The UAF Alaska Summer Research Academy (ASRA) is an intensive, two-week learning experience for high school students with an interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. Students study one subject (module) and work in small teams participating in project based learning in a college-like environment. This year, as part of the ASRA archaeology module, the UA Museum of the North collaborated with the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML) and U.S. Army Garrison Fort Wainwright to excavate at the prehistoric Big
Out and About, Continued.

Lake site near Delta Junction. Instructors included individuals from the museum, the National Park Service, and CEMML. Five high school students signed up for the archaeology module, two from Alaska and three from the continental United States (Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and North Carolina). These students experienced Alaskan archaeology from the field to the museum. The module immersed students in the world of professional archaeology through field and lab based activities, with the intention of introducing them to potential career paths in archaeology and museum studies.

Students excavated at the Big Lake site and were exposed to GPS technology, mapping techniques, and a total station. They used field computers to document their finds. In all, the students excavated four meter² units at the site and conducted shovel testing on the landform. Ninety artifacts were discovered. No formal tools were recovered, but a small piece of ochre was found and charcoal associated with the cultural occupation of the site was collected for dating. After finishing the field portion of the module, students spent the remainder of time at the museum, where they cataloged the artifacts and conducted simple artifact analyses.

More about ASRA: http://www.uaf.edu/asra/index.xml
UA Museum: http://www.uaf.edu/museum/

Human Conflict

Give a glance at an interesting series of articles on human conflict, written from psychological, sociological, anthropological and historical perspectives, addressing aspects of historic and modern conflict. The series is featured in the journal Science, Volume 336, 18 May 2012.

At least two articles are written from an anthropological perspective. Andrew Lawler, in “Civilization’s Double-Edged Sword,” writes about how violence changed as societies became more complex (pages 832 – 833).


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Ouch!

On the topic of conflict, it’s always a good time to (re)read Kent Flannery’s “The Golden Marshalltown: A Parable for the Archeology of the 1980s” in American Anthropologist, New Series, Vol. 84, No. 2 (June 1982), 265-278. You can find the entire article on line.

New Facebook Communication Available for the Alaska Anthropological Association

Kerry Feldman, President

Check, soon, at the bottom of our Association website for a link to Facebook. Members will be able to communicate more quickly via Facebook, thanks to Board members April Laktonen Counsellor (who created the Facebook format) and Jenya Anichenko, who proposed it.

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
Recent Publications of Interest, Continued.

this column’s compiler. The electronic format of the aaa newsletter allows for inexpensive dissemination of this information.
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IDEAS

ADF&G subsistence publications, late 2011, 2012, check on what’s new and what’s not been in the newsletter previously.


Recent Publications, Continued.

A Supplemental Issue of Arctic, volume 65 was devoted to Ice Patch Archaeology!


Callanan, Martin 2012 Central Norwegian Snow Patch Archaeology: Patterns Past and Present. Arctic 65(Supplement 1):178-188.


Greer, Sheila C. and Diane Strand 2012 Cultural Landscapes, Past and Present, and the South Yukon Ice Patches. Arctic 65(Supplement 1):136-152.


Lee, Craig M. 2012 Withering Snow and Ice in the Mid-Latitudes: A New Archaeological and Paleobiological Record for the Rocky Mountain Region. Arctic 65(Supplement 1):165-177.


Recent Publications, Continued.

General Interest

Berezkin, Yuri E., editor

Budnik, John
2012 Gold Rush. Arctic Engineer Summer/Fall:8-9. (US ACE, AK District publication)

Cooper, H. Kory

Eldridge, Kelly A.

Fischer, Victor with Charles Wohlforth

Magaris, Amy V.

Prins, Harald E. L. and Bunny McBride

Reardon, Jenny and Kim Tallbear

Ringsmuth, Katherine Johnson

Russell, Priscilla N.

Savelle, James M., Arthur S. Dyke, Peter J. Whitridge and Melanie Poupart

Veltre, Douglas W.

Scholarship, Grant, and Employment Opportunities

Pat McClenahan, Newsletter Editor

Alaska Anthropological Association Scholarship Opportunities

Students, please see the list of this year’s Alaska Anthropological Association scholarship opportunities on page 19 of this Newsletter.

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Opportunities, Continued.

Historic Preservation Project Grants are Available

September 30 is the deadline for applications for historic preservation grants for historic preservation predevelopment and development grant projects to be completed by September 30, 2014. The grants are to assist with preserving, stabilizing, restoring, or rehabilitating historic buildings and structures. Those eligible for the grants include individuals, businesses, corporations, local governments, and state agencies owning properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or already determined eligible for listing. Churches cannot apply for development grants but can apply for predevelopment grants to prepare architectural plans and specifications or condition assessments. The grants are reimbursable and matching. The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates that $250,000 will be available. Half of that amount will be awarded this year to projects that can be completed by September 30, 2013. The other half will be awarded – as the anticipated funds become available – to projects that can be completed by September 30, 2014. Predevelopment grant requests are limited to a minimum of $3,500 federal share. Development requests are limited to a minimum of $10,000 and maximum of $25,000 federal share. For additional information and an application, fax 907-269-8908, e-mail oha@alaska.net, or go to http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/grant/akdev.htm.

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European University at St. Petersburg seeks Professor Social Anthropological Studies St. Petersburg, Russia

The European University at St. Petersburg (EUSP) announces the opening of the British Petroleum (BP) Chair in the Migration Studies and seeks candidates for the position of the Professor of BP Chair in Migration Studies (BP Professor). The EUSP will sign a three-year contract with the BP Professor starting in the fall of 2012. Exact dates and terms of the contract will be discussed individually with each candidate. The position is full-time and is based in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The goal of establishing the BP Chair in the Migration Studies is to develop social anthropological studies of migration in contemporary Russia. Funding for this Chair will support the full time BP Professor position, one full-time research assistant, and research related activities including fieldwork, archival work, travel, and part-time assistants. The BP Professor will have responsibility to:

- Create and launch the Program for Migration Studies at the EUSP and design and supervise research projects on the migration situation in St Petersburg;
- Conduct relevant academic and organizational activities within the Department of Anthropology of the EUSP including organization of seminars and conferences on migration studies;
- Teach relevant courses at the EUSP and develop teaching materials for those courses;
- Supervise graduate and PhD students involved in research on migration studies;
- Publicize results of research in academic journals and in mass media;
- Engage in expert and policy-related analytical work; and
- Forge links between the academic community and the policy community.

The successful candidate for the professor will have a PhD (or equivalent); experience in social anthropological migration studies; published articles about migration studies, including those in peer-reviewed journals; and near-native competence in Russian and English languages.

Applicants for the BP Professor position should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, a detailed three-year program of research and teaching activities, a syllabus or a short description of a course related to migration studies intended for teaching at EUSP, and names and contact information for two people
Opportunities, Continued.

able to provide recommendations. Complete applications should be sent to Mikhail Lurie (mlurie@inbox.ru).

Application deadline: Monday, 1 October 2012. For further information, please contact: Mikhail Lurie Email: mlurie@inbox.ru

(Source: ARCUS)

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The Center for Ocean Solutions (COS) seeks up to five Early Career Natural, Social, and Physical Science Fellows to join COS researchers and experts working on interdisciplinary projects focused on elevating the impact of the social, physical, and natural sciences on ocean policy. Consistent with the mission of COS, we seek qualified individuals interested in both advancing scholarly frontiers and addressing real-world challenges of sustainability in coastal and ocean environments. Qualifications: Applicants must have received a terminal graduate degree (PhD, JD and/or MBA) in the last five years and be fluent English speakers and writers. Applicants must demonstrate a strong interest and some experience in ocean and Coastal issues in their past work. Successful candidates will have demonstrated: (1) strong research skills (basic and applied); (2) substantial course work and/or gained experience in ocean or coastal science, law, or policy; (3) a growing record of publications and scholarly activities of high impact in their field; and (4) a commitment to connecting research to real-world issues. Applicants should submit: A letter of interest; Curriculum vitae; two letters of recommendation, one from academic advisor and one from someone who is familiar with applicant’s professional abilities; Copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts (official copies will be required for finalists); and A personal education and career goal statement emphasizing applicant’s interest in, expected contributions to and expectations from the fellowship, including identification of COS initiatives and project(s) which most

interest him/her - COS initiatives include: (1) ecosystem health; (2) land-sea interactions; and (3) climate change adaptation (for more information on our initiatives, see our website: www.centerforoceansolutions.org). Statements should include a requested start date and are not to exceed 1500 words. Applications and inquiries should be submitted electronically to the Center for Ocean Solutions at:earlycareerfellowship@centerforoceansolutions.org. The Center for Ocean Solutions will review and rank applications on a rolling basis, beginning September 1, 2012. The Fellowship application process will remain open until the positions are filled. COS will then interview application finalists by phone or in person. For additional information, please visit: www.centerforoceansolutions.org.

(Source: AWEN)

In Memory

Kenneth Martin Schoenberg
(1946 – 2012)
Pat McClennenan, Newsletter Editor

Ken Schoenberg, 66, lost his struggle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease) on June 16, 2012 at home in Anchorage, Alaska.

With the permission of those at National Park Service Alaska Region Cultural Resources, I will reprint here the presentation that was made at Ken’s retirement.
In Memory, Continued.

Ken Schoenberg began his career with the National Park Service in 1977 as an archeologist with the Cooperative Park Studies Unit in Fairbanks, Alaska. In 1982, he became the Research Archeologist for the newly established Alaska Regional Office.

Ken received his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in 1985. In 1986 he was hired as the Branch Chief for the Branch of Survey and Research in what was then the Division of Cultural Resources. Later, in 1989, following a reorganization of the Division, he returned to his post as Research Archeologist, a position he had held ever since.

Ken was heavily involved in disaster response during his career in the NPS. He served as an archeologist during the clean-up for Katrina in 2005. More recently, in 2011, he served on three deployments to protect archeological sites threatened by the Gulf Spill. Ken is considered an expert on the prehistory of the Arctic. His 1985 book, The Archaeology of Kurupa Lake took a close look at the many prehistoric sites that bordered a large lake in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve.

Ken gave many papers and presentations at professional meetings over the years and also wrote the Archeological Overview and Assessment for Glacier Bay National Park. His most recent work is Historic Context for the Northern Archaic Tradition, a volume that defines the essential characteristics of an important archeological tradition that flourished in Alaska between the writing of National Register nominations for sites of this era. Ken retired from the National Park Service on April 30, 2012 after thirty-five years in the National Park Service. At the time of his retirement Ken was updating his popular website, Prehistory of the National Parks of Alaska, which provides a ready overview of the archeology of all Alaska’s parks.

Schoenberg Selected Publications

1976 Survey of the Bonneville Power Administration CELILO-Sylmar transmission line right-of-way for non-renewable resources.


1995 Alaska regional plan: Systemwide Archeological Inventory Program. USDI National Park Service.


Davis, Craig W., Dana C. Linck, KMS, and Harvey M. Shields 1991 Slogging, Humping and Mucking through the NPR-A: Anthropology and Historic Preservation Comparative Park Studies Unit Occasional Paper 25. Fairbanks.

Schoenberg Selected Presentations


1993 The Post-Paleoarctic Interval In the Central Brooks Range. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, St. Louis.

Other Meetings and Presentations of Interest
Pat McClanahan, Newsletter Editor

The Arctic Research Consortium of the United States (ARCUS) posted the following announcement:

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Other Meetings, Continued.

Call for Abstracts
28th Lowell Wakefield Fisheries Symposium
26-29 March 2013
Anchorage, Alaska

Organizers of the 28th Lowell Wakefield Fisheries Symposium, entitled "Responses of Arctic Marine Ecosystems to Climate Change," announce a call for abstracts. Alaska Sea Grant, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and others are sponsoring the meeting, which will be held 26-29 March 2013 in Anchorage, Alaska.

The symposium aims to advance understanding of present and future responses of arctic marine ecosystems to climate change at all trophic levels. Organizers encourage contributions that focus on collaborative approaches to understanding and managing living marine resources in a changing Arctic and to managing local, regional, and global human responses to changing arctic marine ecosystems. Abstract submission deadline: 30 November 2012. To submit an abstract, please go to: http://tinyurl.com/WakefieldAbstracts.

For more information on the symposium, including session titles, invited speakers, and online registration, please go to: http://seagrant.uaf.edu/conferences/2013/wakefield-arctic-ecosystems/.

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Alaska State Museum announces their conference, Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans, to be held at Centennial Hall, Juneau, Alaska from March 14 through 17, 2013. A call for papers will be published soon. Steve Henrikson writes, "We usually check your dates and avoid competing with yours, as there are quite a few people who might want to attend both. This year though we were forced to go with those dates because of the availability of the hall." For further information, email clanconference@gmail.com or visit the website at http://ankn.uaf.edu/ClanConference2/

Steve Henrikson
Alaska State Museum
(907) 465-4826

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The 18th Inuit Studies Conference, Learning from the Top of the World, will be held October 24 – 28, 2012, and will be hosted by the Smithsonian Institution. It will be held in Washington, DC. The conference will consider heritage museums and the North; globalization: an Arctic story; power, governance and politics in the North; the "new" Arctic: social, cultural and climate change; and Inuit education, health, language, and literature. Visit this website for more information:

www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/ISC18/index.html

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Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center Anchorage announces its Smithsonian Spotlight talks for the rest of the year.

September 6:
7 pm, Auditorium
**Expanding Tradition**
Sculptor and photographer Da-ka-xeen Mehner (Tlingit/N’ishga) uses the tools of his ancestry and personal history to build art that stems from an examination of his multi-cultural heritage and of social expectations and definitions. Join him for a discussion of his solo show at the museum.
[Note: solo show artist, Sept 7 – Oct 21.]

October 4:
7 pm, Auditorium
**Alaska’s Food Culture**
A talk by Rob Kinneen, an Alaskan Chef of Tlingit heritage, about his adventures in raising awareness of Alaska’s food culture and Native identity, and his next projects.
Other Meetings, Continued.

November 1:
7 pm, Auditorium
The Future of Tradition: Story and the Evolution of Cultures
Join Alaska Native storyteller and playwright Jack Dalton as he shares his vision of Alaska’s cultural future through the stories created by Alaska Native students across Alaska during his artist residencies, including explanations of the evolution of traditional stories in the modern world.

December 6:
7 pm, Reynolds Classroom / Auditorium
Documenting Yup’ik Traditional Knowledge
Anthropologist Ann Fienup-Riordan, Yup’ik translator Alice Rearden, and Mark John, director of the Calista Elders Council (CEC), will discuss their work together over the last decade documenting Yup’ik traditional knowledge. They will also share and discuss CEC’s four most recent books: Ellavut/Our Yup’ik World and Weather, Our Nelson Island Stories, Yupit Yuraryarait/Yup’ik Ways of Dancing, and Mission of Change.

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Diane Hanson noted, “This looks like an interesting meeting for people working on island research.”

Island Studies: West Coast Canada and Beyond, is a 2013 conference by Islanders, for Islanders, about Islanders and Islands, to be held on Gabriola Island, BC, Canada on May 10, 11, 12, 2012.

Calling all west coast BC Islanders and those interested in the study of islands! This is a first call for proposals to participate in conference/forum/dialogue on the complex range of environmental, socio-cultural, and economic challenges that are the daily reality for island communities on West Coast Canada, USA, and elsewhere. Through our invitation we offer a place and time to study, think, discuss, disseminate, hope, vision, and explore islands on their/our own terms.

We are looking for participation from scholars, intellectuals, leaders, community members, activists, and community organizations who:

- have a passion for island communities and sustainability or the study of islands and islanders.
- want to learn from other island experiences and overcome challenges associated with islands.
- wish to network with like-minded and island focused individuals, including members or leaders of island communities (private enterprise, government, and community groups, et cetera).

Suggested Themes for Proposals:

A. Theorizing Island and Archipelagos
B. Island Natural and Social History
C. Island Governance
D. Island Energies and Environments
E. Island Cultures and Communities
F. Island Economics
G. ISISA

Go to www.islandstudiesconference2013.org for full details, or call Gloria Filax at 1-866-213-0941.

Photo of Barry Point, Gabriola Island by Bill Pope.
2013 Call for Nominations for Alaska Anthropological Association Awards and Scholarships

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

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

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

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

Forms and supporting materials may be submitted on-line or printed and mailed to: Awards and Scholarships Alaska Anthropological Association P.O. Box 241686 Anchorage, AK 99524-1686

Types of Awards and Scholarships that are Available

Professional Achievement Award

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

Outstanding Service Award

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

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

Alaska Anthropological Association Scholarship Awards

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

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

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

Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition

The Alaska Anthropological Association invites entries in its annual competition for outstanding student paper, with the winner announced at the annual meeting. The prize is $500. Eligibility requires current enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate academic program and current membership in the Association. The prize is not necessarily awarded every year, depending on the number and quality of submissions. The deadline is February 1.

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

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

Papers entered in this competition must also be submitted for presentation at the Alaska Anthropological Association’s annual meeting. Abstracts should be submitted separately to the meeting’s organizers.
In the upcoming elections, the position now held by Monty Rogers will be open in 2013, since he has served two terms. Please contact Kerry Feldman and the Elections Committee if you would like to nominate yourself or others for positions on the Board. **Remember that it is your responsibility to nominate only those willing to serve.** Nominees must be members of the Association.

*It has been recommended to the Board that it make this position a permanent Student Member (Master’s or Ph.D. student) position. The Board will take up the issue at its next Board meeting.*

Please use this form to make nominations. Nominees will be asked to supply a few lines of biographical information.

**Please send in the names of your nominees no later than November 15, 2012.**

Your nomination:

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

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