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## Thank you!

to everyone who helped out on  
**Archaeology Day**



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***Deadline to submit materials for the next newsletter is 5 February, 2015!***

*Do you know of any upcoming conferences, workshops, exhibits, funding or job opportunities, calls for papers, or other events that may be of interest to aaa members? Please submit news items and photographs to the editor at [sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu).*

Check Facebook for 2015 aaa conference updates:  
<https://www.facebook.com/2015aaa>

To contact the organizers, email  
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## Message from the President

Rachel Joan Dale, Association President

Dear members,

The Board has had a very productive Fall: We have been working on three large projects:

- 1) Creating a new accounting system to systematically track Association income and expenses
- 2) Developing a long-term money management plan for our investments
- 3) Ensuring that the Association has copyright transfer documents that would work for all our publications (*Aurora Series* and *AJA*).

One of our biggest accomplishments has been the new accounting system. This was a time consuming exercise where Vivian's skills as a bookkeeper were invaluable. Vivian and I spent weeks tracking conference costs, publication costs, and sources of income over the past 10 years.

Now that this task has been completed, the Board has the information necessary to develop a long-term money management plan.

We have formed a financial advisory committee that is now reviewing recent income and expenditures. The committee members are myself, Molly Odell, Adam Freeburg, and Vivian Bowman.

The subject of copyright transfer became a concern when the Board discovered that the *Aurora Series* does not have formal copyright transfer documents. Fortunately, the *AJA* editors have copyright transfer documents. The Board has reviewed a draft of a set of copyright transfer documents developed by a copyright lawyer. These copyright transfer documents will be used by all the Association publications. The documents should be finalized prior to the 2015 Annual Meeting.

I have decided not to run for a second term as president. The President position has been challenging but fun. The main things I wanted to accomplish during my tenure are almost done.

One other task that I want to see completed is the creation of Standard Operating Procedure manuals for the main board positions.

There are still lots more things I would like to see done. I am still committed to working on a rewrite of the student scholarship requirements and reviewing the Association By-laws to have the duties of the office reflect what the officers really do and eliminate conflicts within the By-laws. But these are things for which being the President are not required.

Have a good winter, everyone!

Joan

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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 support for anthropological activities and goals; to foster knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Alaska Native and circumpolar cultural heritage; to work in collaboration with Indigenous communities on all aspects of research and education; and to facilitate the dissemination of anthropological works in both technical and non-technical formats.*

*Membership is open to any individual or organization indicating an 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 1 January. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$40 for student members and \$75 for regular members. US dollar checks or money orders should be made out to the Alaska Anthropological Association. To join, send a membership form and payment to the Alaska Anthropological Association at PO Box 241686, Anchorage, Alaska USA, 99524-1686.*

*Please e-mail submissions to the newsletter to the editor, Sally Carraher, at [sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu).*

## Out and About: Recent Happenings in Alaska Anthropology

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

*"Out and About" is an opportunity for our readers to hear the latest news, achievements, and other information about our colleagues and our discipline.*

*If you know of an Alaska or northern individual, institution, or group that deserves recognition for recent work; or a colleague who has recently won an award, scholarship, or grant; or has embarked on an exciting new career journey or field work experience; or who has achieved a professional or personal milestone in their lives, please submit that information to our editor at [sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu).*

### Anchorage

UAA anthropologists Dr. Medeia Csoba DeHass and Dr. Clare Dannenberg were both recently awarded Innovate grants: DeHass and her colleague Dr. Kirk Scott in Engineering will be working with the Nanwalek Indian Reorganization Act Council on "Sugt'stun: An Android App for the Preservation of Endangered Languages" and Dannenberg will be working with Dr. Bowie on "Talking Anchorage: An Investigation of Local Identity in Urban Alaska." Congrats, you two!

The Anchorage Museum is busy as ever, with several recent exhibits and events of interest to the membership: If you're in town, stop by sometime soon to see "It's All Material" – an exhibition celebrating the craftsmanship of natural materials used in Northern artifacts and art, such as fish skin sculptures. Visitors can interact with the artifacts by being allowed to touch several samples, or peer through a microscope to see the intricacies of antler, bone, and wool fibers. "It's All Material" is open through February, 2015.

It will be a jam(boree)-packed spring this year, as Anchorage is set to celebrate her 100th birthday (1915-2015). The Anchorage Museum is building a new "Alaska Gallery" – and the curators are looking for residents to assist with developing materials and information for the exhibits. Part of that work recently involved "At Play in Alaska", a sharing of participants' personal stories about what it's like to live in the Last Frontier. You can also submit personal photos to the online gallery that is intended to show the evolution of Anchorage over the last 100 years. For more information about the Anchorage Centennial, visit their web site at <http://anchoragecentennial.org/site>.

Also, be ready for an extra-special aaa conference this year – as our annual meeting will conclude on Saturday, 7 March just in time for the start of the Iditarod, and the annual Fur Rondy festivities! You can view the start of the dog-sled race from the gorgeous second story view of the Anchorage Hilton, where we will be holding our Saturday luncheon this year. Please do be advised, however, that downtown will be packed with tourists in addition to our conference attendees, and whenever possible we ask aaa members to car pool.

### Fairbanks

UAF anthropologist Dr. Kara Hoover is teaming up with other scientists to work on the university's newest DNA sequencer, housed in the Institute of Arctic Biology's DNA Core Lab. The project, funded by a Murdock Institute Technology grant, will greatly help to increase the pace of genetic sequencing research and can also be used for training students in molecular anthropology and genetics. Dr. Hoover's work focuses on the evolution and genetics of the human sense of smell. Great job, Kara!

Also at UAF, Dr. David Koester was awarded a grant to work as a visiting researcher in Paris, France for the Groupe Société, Religion, Laïcité on a project titled "The Shaman, the Saint, and the General Secretary as Historical Effects in the Social Dynamics of Life in Rural Kamchatka." Good job, David!

The topic was an oldie, but still a goodie – on 14 November Drs. Dan Mann and Ben Potter of UAF got together with Dr. David Meltzer of Southern Methodist University for an evening panel discussion of "Peopling of the Americas". Co-hosted by the Arctic Institute of North America and the National Park Service, these scholars discussed where our knowledge stands today on this long-researched and at-times hotly debated research topic; one made ever more enthralling in recent years with increasing archaeological site locations, improved dates, and the incorporation of cutting-edge interdisciplinary research in ancient climate change, coastal geomorphology, and many other new avenues of paleo-study.

In related news, the story from Upward Sun River just keeps getting better! Dr. Ben Potter and his team made headlines again, this time in Science magazine. It was five years ago that Potter's field crew made a remarkable discovery of the partially burned remains of a three-year-old child buried in a hearth at the 11,500 year old Interior site.

More recent excavations have led to the discovery of two additional burials under the hearth: one infant and a fetus who probably died shortly before birth. This site, we hope, will inform the world more about the cultural practices of some of the oldest Native Americans, such as Paleolithic burial and funerary habits. You can read the full article at <http://news.sciencemag.org/archaeology/2014/11/infant-burials-could-help-solve-mystery-who-settled-new-world>.

Finally, Amber Lincoln deserves a pat on the back for her hard work building the ethnographic installation called "History Felt", which was recently on display in Washington D.C. For more information on the exhibit, visit <http://ethnographicterminalia.org>.

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# Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists News

Rhea Hood, ACZ President



Did you miss this last flintknapping workshop? Fear not! Information on upcoming flintknapping courses in on page 5.

We are thrilled to announce this year's ACZ Workshop will be hosting R. Lee Lyman (topics TBA). Dr. Lyman's publications, such as Vertebrate Taphonomy (1994) and Quantitative Paleozoology (2008), are essential readings for zooarchaeologists and archaeology students. He was awarded the SAA Fryxell Award for Interdisciplinary Research in 2011.

No single person has brought such strong taphonomic and paleontological rigor to the discipline of zooarchaeology as R. Lee Lyman. Lyman's meticulous, quantitative methods have become the gold standard to which his students and peers are always striving to achieve. Dr. Lyman is a Professor and Chair for Department of Anthropology at the University of Missouri.

This year's workshop will be held on March 4th, 2015 at the Beatrice McDonald Hall, UAA. Find out more and register at <https://www.alaskazooarch.org>.

Please check out the new ACZ website and send me your feedback. We would very much appreciate updating your links to our site with the new URL: <https://www.alaskazooarch.org>.

Our email address has been updated: [alaskazooarch@gmail.com](mailto:alaskazooarch@gmail.com)

If you have any zooarchaeology photos, publications, links, or projects to feature on the new website, please contact us.

We encourage students to apply now for the Christina Jensen Scholarship! This \$1,000 scholarship is available to students working on zooarchaeological research who are also members of the Alaska Anthropological Association. The application deadline is 15 February, 2015. Application and instructions are available at [alaskazooarch.org](http://alaskazooarch.org).

## Public Education Group News

Jenny BLanchard, PEG co-chair

Hi everyone! I just wanted to introduce myself as one of the new co-chairs of the Public Education Group, along with Fran Seager-Boss.

We are giving Karlene Leeper a much-needed break from all the hard work she has put in leading the PEG over the last several years. Thanks Karlene for all you have done for this group!

In case you are new to the PEG, we usually meet once a month, currently on the first or second Wednesday at 1 pm at the OHA offices downtown. E-mail [jblanchard@blm.gov](mailto:jblanchard@blm.gov) if you would like to hear about upcoming meetings or would like to be added to the PEG email list.

Thanks to Diane Hanson, and all PEG and aaa members who helped make UAA's second Archaeology Day a success!

The Anchorage Museum hosted a flint-knapping workshop in October with Randy Tedor and it was a HUGE success, largely due to an article in the Alaska Dispatch News. It was such a success, in fact, that they're looking at doing another one in April, for Archaeology Month. So be sure to check out the museum calendar for information on events: <https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/exhibits-events/calendar/>.

### Upcoming public events



**Dinosaurs in Denali**  
"Dinosaurs in Denali," a talk by Linda Stromquist, NPS, on 15 April at 7 pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center.

**Archaeology Family Day**  
Archaeology Family Day at the UAF Museum of the North, will be held in Fairbanks, on 25 April, 2015.

Archaeologist and UAA Alum Travis Shinabarger demonstrates flintknapping techniques at Archaeology Day. Photo courtesy of the UAA Anthropology Club.

## Flintknapping Courses to Start in the New Year, Anchorage

Brian Schuch, Special to the aaa

The "Primitive Skills/Wilderness and Bushcraft Guy" Brian Schuch has a few upcoming classes available in the Anchorage area. Whether your a first-timer or a life-long enthusiast, knappers Schuch and Randy Tedor offer skills, tips, and techniques for all levels, including:

- Survival Baskets
- Primitive traps
- Rope making
- Adhesives and tars
- Bow/arrow making, atlatls
- Stone tools, bone tools
- Brain-tanning hides
- Coal burning, primitive cooking
- Survival shelters
- ...and more!

E-mail me for further info on any classes here or classes available: [eagle11744@yahoo.com](mailto:eagle11744@yahoo.com).

**All classes will be held at:  
Anchorage Makers Space  
1406 W 33rd Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99503**

**Friction Fire: The Bowdrill**  
Sat, 7 Feb. - 1-4 pm  
Cost: \$100 - Materials Provided (except carving knife)  
Taught by Brian Schuch  
Class Limit: 20 - Ages 18+

This class covers the fundamental skill of creating fire in the woods with nothing but the trees around you. Fire is one of our most valuable assets and is useful for many things in the woods and in our modern lives. Of all the useful skills to learn, this can save lives, while also providing a deep feeling of satisfaction every time a coal is produced.

The Bowdrill is one of many friction fire methods, but none are as efficient in as many environments. A bowdrill can produce fire in any weather condition consistently. It is a skill in which the basics are learned fast, but mastery is years of practice. One can also use the bowdrill as an actual drill, tweaking the components slightly.

In this workshop we will learn the basics such as finding materials, crafting your set with ideal specifications, and proper technique. We will create coals and learn how to transform them into the fire we need.

**Flintknapping Slabs: Modern tools for the modern age**  
Saturday, 31 January - 1-4pm  
Cost: \$125 - Materials provided  
Taught by: Brian Schuch and Randy Tedor  
Class limit: 20 - Ages 18+

The stone is first cut by a saw and made into a blank, which is then flintknapped, greatly reducing waste and time. It is chosen by modern knappers primarily to save valuable stone and make more pieces from one rock.

We will go over how to cut stone and shape it into the right dimensions, making it a choice size and shape for you to flintknap. Everyone will walk away with finished pieces and a firm understanding of how to make more.

**Flintknapping Drop-in Nights**  
Every Wednesday - Starts 21 Jan., 6-8 pm  
Cost: \$20 - Tools and stone available for purchase  
Taught by: Brian Schuch and/or Randy Tedor  
No limit on size - Ages 18+



Drop in Flintknapping sessions. Bring your tools, stone, and enthusiasm to learn.

It is the best way to get answers to questions you may have. Affordable rates and expert instruction for all skill levels. Previous experience typically required, not much, but some. I highly suggest the intro to flintknapping class to cover the basics.

**Introduction to Flintknapping**  
Sat/Sun - 17-18 Jan., 1-4pm  
Cost: \$250 - Materials provided  
Taught by: Brian Schuch and Randy Tedor  
Class limit : 20 - Ages 18+

This 2 day class will be a must have for anyone wanting to learn how to flintknap.

Flintknapping is a very old and entertaining craft that has practical uses throughout time, even in our modern age.

It also can be one of the most rewarding and frustrating skills out there.

This class will cover all the basics in terms of tools, safety, material selection, and technique. We will learn how to remove useful tool flakes using stone and antler, through direct percussing (striking).

We will also cover how to shape the flakes into useful tools like spear/arrowheads, knife blades, drill points, and scrapers using pressure flaking.

Much of this class is hands on and we expect everyone to go home with a firm understanding of how to flintknap on your own and overcome the obstacles you will face.

## Greg Dixon to retire from NPS after 31 years of service

Rhea Hood, Association member

We are both happy and sad to announce that Mr. R. Greg Dixon is retiring from the National Park Service on December 31. Greg has been with the NPS since 1996.

Throughout the years, Greg has been responsible for the distribution of history & culture publications, which has helped fulfill the NPS mission to educate park visitors and the general public about their history and common heritage. His expertise in managing the cultural resource reference library has allowed us to be a more productive and efficient team. Greg's kind nature and familiarity with Alaskan history have contributed to a happy work environment and the successes of the cultural resources division.

Greg and his parents moved to Alaska in 1951 and he is the second oldest of 11 children. He attended West High School in Anchorage and served in the Alaska Air National Guard from 1967 – 1973.

Greg has participated in Alaskan archaeology since 1970. He attended Alaska Methodist University as a student of William Workman and Fred Hadleigh-West, earning his Bachelor's in Anthropology in 1973.

At AMU, he excelled on the university hockey team playing left wing and center. His skills won him two Most Valuable Player awards, three highest scorer of the year trophies, and the Dave Mercer Memorial Award for leadership, ability, and sportsmanship. Greg earned his Master's degree in Anthropology at UAF in 1994. In partial fulfillment of his Master's program requirements, Greg compiled Bibliography-Dena'ina: An Annotated Bibliography.

Greg worked as an archaeologist at the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology and the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys from 1974 to 1991. While working for the State, Greg maintained the Alaska Heritage Resource Survey, reviewed projects for their potential to harm cultural resources, and took part in surveys and excavations throughout the state. In fact, he was working at OHA when they purchased their first desktop computer!

Greg has been called, "Alaska's archaeological truffle hog. He found a huge amount of Alaska's important archaeological sites while he worked for the state." In addition to working for the State

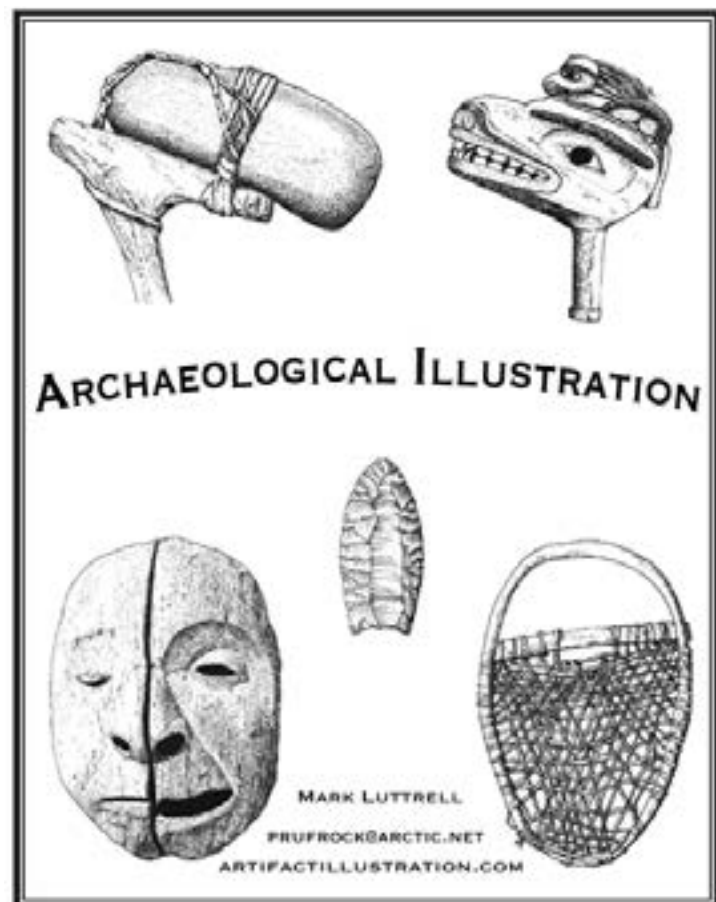
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### Juneau

The Juneau Douglas Museum has some fantastic exhibits going on right now. "TOE-tally Juneau" features local political cartoons by Tony Newman, who has been the capital city's resident cartoonist since 1994 when he first moved there.

And "Downtown Sights" includes paintings of downtown Juneau by local artists that feature street life and the changing seasons, amongst other entertaining views of the community. Both are on display through 18 April, 2015.

UAS just launched "Tidal Echoes", a literary and art journal that showcases the art and writing of Southeast Alaskans. You can purchase a copy from their web site at [http://www.uas.alaska.edu/arts\\_sciences/humanities/tidalechoes/](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/arts_sciences/humanities/tidalechoes/).



and NPS, Greg has been a contract archaeologist, worked for the US Forest Service, and was part of the Alyeska Pipeline survey and excavation team. In the course of his career, Greg has authored and co-authored many technical reports and articles that have enriched our understanding of Alaskan history.

Greg is an active member in several organizations that promote the preservation of Alaskan history. These include the Alaska Anthropological Association, Cook Inlet Historical Society, Alaskan Prospectors Society, Pioneers of Alaska, and Chugach Gem and Mineral Society.

Greg and his parents are featured in Fond Memories of Anchorage Pioneers, Vol. 1. In 2001, he was crowned the Pioneers of Alaska King Regent.

To Greg, we wish you all the best and we hope you enjoy a happy, healthy, well-deserved vacation!

## Recent Publications

Richard Stern, Association member

*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 encouraged to share publications which come to their attention with this column.*

*Please submit any recent publications you know of that may be of interest to our members to Richard at [ros@northernlanduse.com](mailto:ros@northernlanduse.com).*

Anderson, Shelby L. and Adam K. Freeburg  
2014 High Latitude Coastal Settlement Patterns: Cape Krusenstern, Alaska. *Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology* 9(3):295-318.

Auerbach, Benjamin J.

2014 Morphologies from the Edge: Perspectives on Biological Variation Among the Late Holocene Inhabitants of the Northwestern North American Arctic. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 235-265.

Cowgill, Libby W.

2014 Postcranial Growth and Development of Immature Skeletons from Point Hope, Alaska. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 212-234.

Dumond, Don E.

2014 Point Hope in Certain Contexts: A Comment. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 291-306.

Dussault, Frederic, Allison Bain and Genevieve LeMoine

2014 Early Thule Winter Houses: An Archaeoentomological Analysis. *Arctic Anthropology* 51(1):101-117.

el-Zaatari, Sireen

2014 The Diets of the Ipiutak and Tigara (Point Hope, Alaska): Evidence from Occlusal Molar Microwear Texture Analysis. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 120-137.

Farrell, Thomas F. G., Peter Jordan, Katrine Tache, Alexandre Lucquin, Kevin Gibbs, Ana Jorge, Kate Britton, Oliver E. Craig and Rick Knecht

2014 Specialized Processing of Aquatic Resources in Prehistoric Alaskan Pottery? A Lipid-Residue Analysis of Ceramic Sherds from the Thule-Period Site of Nunalleq, Alaska. *Arctic Anthropology* 51(1):86-100.

Fitzhugh, William W.

2014 The Ipiutak Spirit-scape: An Archaeological Phenomenon. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 266-290.

Gaglioti, Benjamin V., Daniel H. Mann, Benjamin M. Jones, John W. Pohlman, Michael L. Kunz and Matthew J. Wooller

2014 Radiocarbon age-offsets in an Arctic Lake Reveal the Long-term Response of Permafrost Carbon to Climate Change. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences* 119:1-22.

Hilton, Charles E., Benjamin M. Auerbach and Libby W. Cowgill (editors)

2014 *The Foragers of Point Hope: The Biology and Archaeology of Humans on the Edge of the Alaskan Arctic*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Note: Individual chapters are listed here in an abbreviated citation format.

2014 Introduction: Humans on the Edge of the Alaskan Arctic. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 1-10.

Hilton, Charles E., Marsha D. Ogilvie, Megan Latchaw Czarniecki and Sarah Gossett

2014 Postcranial Pathological Lesions in Precontact Ipiutak and Tigara Skeletal Remains at Point Hope, Alaska. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 138-180.

Jensen, Anne M.

2014 The Archaeology of North Alaska: Point Hope in Context. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 11-34.

Krueger, Kristin L.

2014 Contrasting the Ipiutak and Tigara: Evidence from Incisor Microwear Texture Analysis. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 99-119.

Krupnik, Igor I. and Michael Chlenov

2014 *Yup'ik Transitions: Change and Survival at Bering Strait, 1900-1960*. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Maley, Blaine C.

2014 Ancestor-Descendant Affinities Between the Ipiutak and Tigara at Point Hope, Alaska, in the Context of North American Arctic Cranial Variation. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 71-98.

Mason, Owen K.

2014 The Ipiutak Cult of Shamans and its Warrior Protectors: An Archaeological Context. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. pp. 35-70.

Mead & Hunt and LLC Cultural Resource Consultants

2014 Alaska Roads Historic Context: Applied Historic Context of Alaska's Roads. Prepared for Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities by Mead & Hunt and Cultural Resource Consultants, LLC, Anchorage, Alaska.

Available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publications/akroadshistoricoverview.pdf>.

National Park Service

2013 *World War II In Alaska: A Resource Guide for Teachers and Students*. USDO, National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office, National Historic Landmarks Program, Anchorage, Alaska. Update of the 1999 edition

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2014 *Cold War in Alaska: A Resource Guide for Teachers and Students*. National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office, National Historic Landmarks Program, Anchorage, Alaska.

Mishler, Craig W.

2013 *The Blind Man and the Loon: The Story of a Tale*. University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, NE.

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2014 Regional Variation in Thule and Colonial Caribou Hunting in West Greenland. *Arctic Anthropology* 51(1):41-76.

Potter, Ben A., Joel D. Irish, Joshua D. Reuther and Holly J. McKinney

2014 New Insights into Eastern Beringian Mortuary Behavior: A Terminal Pleistocene Double Infant Burial at Upward Sun River. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*. [www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1413131111](http://www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1413131111)

Reuther, Joshua D.

2013 Late Glacial and Early Holocene Geoarchaeology and Terrestrial Paleoecology in the Lowlands of the Middle Tanana

Valley, Subarctic Alaska. Unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Savinetskii, Arkady B., Bulat F. Khasanov, Dixie L. West, Nina K. Kiseleva and Olga A. Krylovich

2014 Nitrogen Isotope Composition of Peat Samples as a Proxy for Determining Human Colonization of Islands. *Arctic Anthropology* 51(1):77-87.

Schneider, William H.

2013 Hewitt Lake (Tiq'at'ena Bena) Archaeological Investigations. Unpublished M.A. thesis, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska-Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska.

Shackelford, Laura L.

2014 Bone Strength and Subsistence

Activities at Point Hope. In *The Foragers of Point Hope*. 181-211.

Vladimirova, Vladislava

2014 "It Is Not Our Reindeer but Our Politicians that Are Wild": Contests over Reindeer and Categories in the Kola Peninsula, Northwestern Russia. *Arctic Anthropology* 51(1):24-40.

Wells, Patricia J. and M. A. P. Renouf

2014 Dorset Sled-Shoe Design and Cold-Season Transport at Phillip's Garden (EdBi-1), Northwestern Newfoundland. *Arctic Anthropology* 51(1):1-23.

Wygal, Brian T. and Stephan M. Heidenreich

2014 Deglaciation and Human Colonization of Northern Europe. *Journal of World Prehistory* 27(2):111-144.

## The 2015 Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association



will be in Anchorage, 4-7 March.

### We are looking for sponsors

If your organization is interested in sponsoring part of the conference, please e-mail: [aaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:aaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu).

We have a variety of options available for sponsors.

### The "little triple a" thanks you for your support!

Check the conference web site for updates at

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/anthropology/alaska-anthropological-association.cfm>, or check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/2015aaa>.

## Meetings of Interest

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

If you know of any upcoming meetings or workshops that would be of interest to our readers, please submit that information to our editor at [sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu).

### January

#### Society for Historical Archaeology

Annual meeting  
Seattle, Washington  
6-11 January  
Web site: [http://www.sha.org/index.php/view/page/annual\\_meetings](http://www.sha.org/index.php/view/page/annual_meetings)

#### Arctic Research Consortium of the United States

Arctic Encounter Symposium  
Seattle, Washington  
30-31 January  
Web site: <http://www.arcus.org/events/arctic-calendar/21360>

### March

#### Alaska Anthropological Association

42nd annual meeting  
Anchorage, Alaska  
4-7 March  
Web site: <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/anthropology/alaska-anthropological-association.cfm>

#### Alaska Native Studies Council

3rd annual meeting  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
6-8 March  
Web site: [http://alaskanativestudies.org/?page\\_id=66](http://alaskanativestudies.org/?page_id=66)

#### American Ethnological Society

Annual meeting

San Diego, California  
12-14 March  
Web site: <http://aesonline.org/meetings/spring-conference/>

#### Society for Applied Anthropology

75th annual meeting  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
24-28 March  
Web site: <http://www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/>

#### American Association of Physical Anthropologists

84th annual meeting  
St. Louis, Missouri  
25-28 March  
Web site: <http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/84th-annual-meeting/>

### April

#### Society for American Archaeology

80th annual meeting  
San Francisco, California  
15-19 April  
Web site: <http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/tabid/138/Default.aspx>

#### Arctic Research Consortium of the United States

Arctic Science Summit Week  
Toyama, Japan  
23-30 April  
Web site: <http://www.arcus.org/events/arctic-calendar/20301>

### September

#### Arctic Research Consortium of the United States

11th Conference on Hunting Gathering Societies  
Vienna, Austria  
7-11 September  
Web site: <http://www.arcus.org/events/arctic-calendar/21179>

## Upcoming conference deadlines

This list is not exhaustive. Be sure to check with the particular organization of interest for complete information on deadlines, dues, and registration requirements!

 **American Anthropological Association**  
Abstracts are usually due in January/February

 **American Ethnological Society**  
Abstracts are due 24 January

 **Alaska Anthropological Association**  
Abstracts are due 30 January

 **American Association of Physical Anthropologists**  
Abstracts are usually due in September

 **Society for American Archaeology**  
Abstracts are usually due in the Fall



## 42nd Meeting at a Glance...

**When:** 4-7 March, 2015

**Host:** The UAA Department of Anthropology

**Venue:** The Hilton Hotel

### Hotel rooms:

Single or double	\$99/night
Triple	\$119/night
Four-bed room	\$139/night

Deadline to reserve rooms at the conference rate: 13 February, 2015

Deadline for workshop proposals has passed

Deadline for symposia, paper, and poster abstracts: 30 January, 2015

Volunteers who work four hours during the conference receive a registration fee waiver (The waiver does not include workshop registration fees). To volunteer, e-mail us at [aaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:aaaconference@uaa.alaska.edu).

## Students! Apply for aaa and ACZ Scholarships

*Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor*

There are a number of scholarships available through the Alaska Anthropological Association, as well as one through the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists, that I'd like to call student members' attention to.

The deadline for all aaa scholarships is 1 February, 2015.

The deadline for the Christine Jensen Scholarship, sponsored by the ACZ, is 15 February, 2015.

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. We are still accepting submissions and supporting materials until 1 February, 2015.

It is not required that any award, scholarship, or prize be given every year. Winners are announced during the Awards Banquet at the annual meeting.

All awardees must be members in good standing, are given advance notice of their awards, and receive free tickets to the banquet.

The scholarships are listed below. Forms and supporting materials may be e-mailed to [alaskaanthro@gmail.com](mailto:alaskaanthro@gmail.com), or printed and mailed to:

### Awards and Scholarships

Alaska Anthropological Association  
P.O. Box 241686  
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## Scholarships Available

### Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Award

This \$1,000 award is given for the best paper delivered at the annual meeting during the Student Paper Session.

### James W VanStone PhD Scholarship

This \$1,500 scholarship is designed to assist eligible students in their pursuit of an academic degree.

### Thomas F Eidel MA Scholarship

This \$1,500 scholarship is designed to assist eligible students in their pursuit of an academic degree.

### John E Lobdell Undergraduate

### Scholarship

This \$1,500 scholarship is designed to assist eligible students in their pursuit of an academic degree.

### Stefanie Ludwig Memorial Graduate Scholarship

The Stefanie Ludwig Memorial Graduate Scholarship is offered to commemorate her contributions to geoarchaeology, archaeological field work and cultural resource management in Alaska.

This \$1,500 scholarship will support three kinds of graduate student research at either the MA or PhD level:

1) **Geoarchaeology** – including stratigraphic interpretation, the analyses of

soils and sediments, as well as employing landscape history and characteristics in designing field surveys for prehistoric sites.

2) **Collections Analyses**

3) **Cultural Resource Management**

### ACZ Christina Jensen Scholarship

The ACZ encourages students to apply now for the Christina Jensen Scholarship!

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to students working on zooarchaeological research who are also members of the Alaska Anthropological Association.

The application deadline is 15 February, 2015. Application and instructions are available at [alaskazooarch.org](http://alaskazooarch.org).

## Call for Abstracts

*Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor*

### General Information

Conference attendees who wish to present at the aaas may submit abstracts for one of the following categories:

- Symposium** submissions consist of a collection of at least 4 paper presentations that address the theme of the symposium. If you have invited by a symposium organizer to submit an abstract, be sure to list the title of the symposium in the abstract submission form in the "preferred session" line. If you see a symposium abstract below that fits with your work, please contact the symposium organizer, and remember to submit your abstract to both the symposium organizer and the aaa conference organizers via the online submission form.
- General paper** submissions on any topic of relevance to Alaska anthropology and archaeology, as well as to general anthropology and archaeology, are welcome as well. All submissions that do not list a specific symposium title in their application will automatically be reviewed as general submissions.
- Posters** will be on display in a single room at the hotel through out the conference, with time on one day scheduled for poster authors to meet with people and discuss their work.

The deadline for all submissions to the conference is 30 January. Please submit your 100-word abstract, paper title, and full contact information for the primary author to all session organizers listed for that session. Once accepted into a symposium, you should submit your paper to the aaa via their online abstract registration system, if you have not already done so.

The online submission form is available at [http://uaa.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6Jp08Aip3flBZZ3](http://uaa.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6Jp08Aip3flBZZ3).

## The 2015 Symposia Organizers invite you to submit an abstract to any of the following sessions

### Collaborative Research with Indigenous Communities

This session explores contemporary strategies, tensions, and solutions in collaborative research between anthropologists and Indigenous communities that highlight intellectually and politically decolonizing, multivocal, and inclusive research methods. We aim to bring together new projects that work to bridge previous disengagement between local and scholarly research interests, to explore the role of collaborative anthropology in Indigenous and Native studies, and to push towards further realizing the possibilities for socially engaged, ethically sound, and contextually adaptive research methods. Papers that bring attention to the importance of mutually fruitful outcomes for both local and scholarly participants are particularly welcome.

#### Organizers:

Medeia Csoba  
DeHass (UAA Anthropology/Alaska Native Studies)  
Denielle Elliott  
(York University Anthropology)

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### Papers in Subarctic Archaeology

Archaeologists have made great progress over the last few years in conceptualizing and explaining subarctic adaptations, through new theoretical approaches and particularly new field and laboratory data. This symposium builds on several recent symposia (2007, 2010-2014) to facilitate presentation and discussion of new discoveries, excavations, lab investigations as well as theoretical contributions to understanding the prehistory of the region. Specific topics are open, but we encourage work involving human/environment interactions.

#### Organizer:

Ben Potter (UAF Anthropology)

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907-474-7567  
[bapotter@alaska.edu](mailto:bapotter@alaska.edu)

### Customary Trade of Subsistence Food in Alaska: Contested Policies and Pragmatic Practices

The term "customary trade" is a legal and policy term used to define transactions of subsistence products, especially food, exchanged for money. Customary trade is distinguished from distribution, sharing and barter as types of transactions involving subsistence products. While customary trade of subsistence foods, subject to certain regulations and limitations, is authorized by federal law, it is illegal under state law. This session will include papers that discuss differences between federal and state approaches to customary trade, the history of regulatory developments of customary trade, issues of concern, conceptual construction by Alaska Native practitioners, and current patterns in different parts of Alaska.

#### Organizer:

Steve J. Langdon  
(UAA Anthropology)

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### Cultural Resource Management in Alaska

Cultural resource management projects in Alaska often occur in remote parts of the state and in places where little archaeological investigation has taken place in the past. This symposium explores the exciting discoveries made during recent cultural resource management projects and the complex logistical and consultation efforts required to work in Alaska.

#### Organizers:

Molly Odell  
(SWCA)  
Ross Smith (SWCA)

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### Papers in Honor of Dr. Douglas Veltre

Dr. Douglas Veltre has worked in the Aleutian

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and Pribilof Islands combining archaeological, ethnohistoric, and historic approaches to answer questions about cultural heritage and change, past environments, and subsistence. He began teaching at Anchorage Community College 1974 and continues to teach at the University of Alaska Anchorage as an Emeritus Professor where he has influenced generations of students who continue to work in Anthropology and other fields. Papers will be presented that follow the themes of Doug Veltre's research including current developments, demonstrate how he influenced individual research, or papers by students and colleagues whose careers he has significantly affected.

**Organizer:** Diane K. Hanson (UAA Anthropology)  
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**Language and Identity in Contemporary Alaska**

Alaska's language landscape is one of the most diverse in the world. In Anchorage alone, there are over 95 spoken languages, not to mention the depth and breadth of linguistic variation across the entire state. Some of these languages are quite fragile as they work to negotiate boundaries amongst encroaching language varieties while some of them remain robust as Alaska continues to develop urban infrastructure. For some time, linguistic anthropologists have worked to move towards a better understanding of language boundaries, language maintenance, language change, and language revitalization in Alaska both by documenting language structure and by investigating the dynamics of language use. For this session, I would like to continue the conversation by including papers that investigate the landscape of language and identity in contemporary Alaska.

**Organizer:** Clare J. Dannenberg (UAA Anthropology/English)  
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[cjdannenberg@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:cjdannenberg@uaa.alaska.edu)

**Papers in Environmental Archaeology**

Environmental Archaeology is focused on humans as an integral component of past ecological systems using an eclectic array of approaches from lithic and technological studies, zooarchaeology, paleobotany, and geoarchaeology. This symposium features a diverse collection of research into the effects that environmental factors had on past cultures of Alaska and beyond.

**Organizers:** Brian T. Wygal (Adelphi U. Anthropology)  
**Contact:** 516-877-4111  
[bwygal@adelphi.edu](mailto:bwygal@adelphi.edu)  
 Heather L. Smith (TAMU Anthropology)  
**Contact:** toheathersmith@tamu.edu

**Belonging and Displacement: An Emerging Anthropology of Homelessness in Alaska**

We invite interested people to join us for a community-engaged round table discussion and dinner that addresses the variety of issues related to homelessness in the North (Alaska, as well as Canada). We wish to bring together people with multiple kinds of experiences in living and working with homelessness, to include: Service providers, volunteers, people with personal experiences of homelessness, policy makers, and academics.

Rather than a formal session with 20-minute academic presentations, we wish to hear directly from interested people what kinds of topics, themes, and issues related to Northern homelessness you wish to see included in this event. We will build the Round Table around the responses we receive from people like you!

**Organizers:** Travis Hedwig (UAA ICHS)  
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 Sally Carraher (UAA Anthropology)  
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**Coming Together: Medical Anthropologists in Alaska**

Medical and health studies compose a vast

and growing field in Alaska Anthropology, with anthropologists working in northern communities, hospitals, for tribal and state governments, non-profits, and as private consultants, and within universities in and outside of Alaska. Because we are spread far and wide, the organizers feel a need to come together and learn from each other's works and experiences. We invite papers that discuss current research as well as future needs and opportunities – both academic and applied/engaged – on health, illness, and healing systems in Alaska.

**Organizers:** Kristen Ogilvie (UAA Anthropology)  
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 Sally Carraher (UAA Anthropology)  
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**CALL FOR GENERAL PAPERS**

The aaa welcomes submissions for papers in all fields of anthropology. Although there is generally an emphasis on the Alaska and northern regions of North America and Siberia, research or creative projects of general interest to anthropology from any region of the globe are welcome.

We will do our best to place presenters in the most appropriate sessions, but if you have a preference, please note the title of the symposium you wish to be included in on the online abstract submission, in the "preferred session" line. Submit all general papers via the online application at [http://uaa.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6Jp08Aip3f1BZZ3](http://uaa.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6Jp08Aip3f1BZZ3).

**CALL FOR POSTERS**

The aaa welcomes submissions for posters from all fields in anthropology. Please submit your poster abstract directly to the aaa online by 30 January, 2015.

Posters will all be displayed all conference long, with an opportunity for authors to stand by their poster and answer questions during the poster session. Boards and thumbtacks will be provided. Authors are responsible for any extra materials they might wish to display (i.e. small printouts, business cards). Authors are responsible for taking down their posters at the end of the conference. Unclaimed posters will be recycled or thrown away.

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