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**Deadline to submit materials for the next newsletter is 30 January, 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 out the 2016  
aaa conference FaceBook page  
for updates on next year's meeting!**  
<https://www.facebook.com/2015aaa?fref=ts>

## New Bylaws Approved for the Alaska Anthropological Association

*Compiled by Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor*

There have been several important changes made in the Association this year that members should be aware of. Amendments to bylaws regarding the fiscal year, membership categories, and membership dues were made at the October 2015 Board Meeting. These are as follows:

### *Motion 1 Article III: Membership*

Section 5. Memberships will run one calendar year, from 1 October to 30 September. Memberships are for one calendar year at a time. Honorary lifetime members have no expiration date on their membership. Financial incentives, such as reduced rates for early renewal may be utilized by the Board to encourage timely membership renewal.

This means that members need to renew with the Association prior to registering for and attending the annual meeting in the Spring. Doing so will enable the Association to raise its membership dues well in advance of putting on the conference, which is the Association's largest expense each year.

This motion passed with 45 yes notes (1 vote no).

### *Motion 2 Article IV: Governing Body*

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be: a president; a five-member Board of Directors which will include a vice president and a secretary; an appointed newsletter editor; an appointed *Aurora* editor; and an appointed journal editor.

Election of the president and board members shall be by plurality of vote. All officers, whether elected or appointed, must be members of the Association. The Board of Directors serves as the primary governing body for the Association.

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## Message from the President

William Hedman, Association President  
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Dear Members,

I'm happy to tell you that your board continues to work hard in a number of areas. We have passed some important changes to the bylaws and are streamlining our budget process. We have also been busy working with the National Park Service to pull together the upcoming meetings in Sitka, and we are all feeling that this will be a memorable conference.

I want to share a number of changes that we are implementing and ask for your help in getting us on an improved path as far as our annual business cycle is concerned. We have invested in a website that we are very pleased with; one that provides a number of ways to better communicate with members and the public and that can serve as our primary conduit for bringing in funds and conducting Association business.

We have also transitioned to an automated service for processing membership dues and conference fees. This automation has costs, but these costs are clearly offset by a significant savings in time spent processing funds and entering accounting data.

Another significant change will be seen (and possibly felt) as we shift to using the federal fiscal year from 1 October through 30 September. In the past, the Association has taken in the majority of our operating funds at the time of the conference. Beginning this year, we would like membership renewals to take place between 1 October and 31 December, creating something of a renewal season.

We will be sending out e-mails and post information on the website including the direction that all renewals and conference fees will now have to be done electronically - again, using the website to its potential. The result will be that by the time of our annual business meeting in the spring, the majority of the Association's annual funds will be accounted for, and members will have a clear picture of what is available for various Association initiatives and recurring costs.

The final piece of this little reorganization relates to the function of the annual business meeting during the conference. The annual business meeting will now include approving a draft budget and establishing communication to work initiatives through to the approval of a final budget that will take place during the September board meeting. Some of our goals include: Getting ahead of costs rather than reacting to them; Becoming more strategic in how we allocate funds; Bringing a larger contingent of the membership into the budget process; And encouraging some creative growth in what kinds of activities the Association involves itself in and funds.

As always, do not hesitate to e-mail me any questions, comments, or suggestions. Thanks for working with us,

Bill

## ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION BOARD



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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 interested in 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 October. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$50 for student members, \$100 for regular members, and \$200 for institutional members. As of September 2015, the Association now only takes online payment via debit or credit card. To join, visit [www.alaskaanthropology.org/membership/](http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/membership/).*

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

# aaa Board Updates:

## New membership dues, renewal deadline

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This motion passed with 45 yes notes (1 vote no).

### *Motion 3 Article IV: Governing Body*

Section 4. The treasurer, newsletter editor, *Aurora* editor, and *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* editor are appointed by the president shortly after his or her election. The president makes and terminates these appointments with the advice and majority consent of the board of directors. These appointed officers serve a two-year term that coincides with the presidential term. The number of terms to which these officers may be re-appointed is unlimited. These appointed position(s) are as non-voting officers.

This motion passed with 44 yes notes (1 vote no).

### *Motion 4: Article VII: Amendments to the Constitution*

This constitution may be amended, provided the amendment is approved by two-thirds of those association members voting.

Proposed amendments shall be communicated to all members of the Association. Voting on constitutional changes and amendments shall be by mail vote only. Mechanism of delivery will typically be electronic via email or web application.

This motion passed with 45 yes notes (1 vote no).

### *Motion 5: Item 2: Finances*

Section 1. The fiscal year for the Association will run from 1 October to 30 September.

This motion passed with 43 yes notes (2 votes no).

### *Motion 6: Item 2: Finances*

Section 4. To manage the Association's assets in a fiscally responsible manner, the president, working closely with the treasurer, will prepare an annual budget for the Association. In preparing the Association budget, the president will receive all financial information from the newsletter, *Aurora* and *AJA* editors and any committee that proposes to make expenditures.

The Association budget will be submitted to the Board of Directors for their review and a budget will be approved by the Board of Directors by 30 September of each year.

This motion passed with 44 yes notes (1 vote no).

Other important changes include the online-only payment requirement for membership and journals. Hence, readers may have noticed the last two issues of the newsletter have no longer featured membership renewal and journal ordering forms on the back two pages.

## Association Treasury News

*Vivian Bowman*

[alaskaanthro@gmail.com](mailto:alaskaanthro@gmail.com)

The Association has recently changed some membership policies:

- Beginning 1 October, the Association will no longer offer a married/partner Level or 2-year renewal option
- Institutional dues have been raised to \$200
- Regular dues to \$100
- Student dues to \$50
- Membership payments can only be made online by card

## Association Website and External Affairs

*Kelly Eldridge*

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Announcements of anthropological events can be emailed to Julie or Kelly for posting on the aaa FaceBook page and website.

## Publications, Awards, Scholarships Committee

*Shelby Anderson*

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The AJA is seeking submissions for a special thematic issue, focusing on maritime archaeology and anthropology of Alaska and the circumpolar North.

Original and previously unpublished articles relating to underwater and maritime archaeology, Indigenous seafaring and watercraft, maritime history, and human interaction with the aquatic environment are welcomed.

Interested authors are encouraged to contact the guest editors of this special issue, Evguenia Anichtchenko at [anichenkojenya@gmail.com](mailto:anichenkojenya@gmail.com) and Jason Rogers at [alaskamaritima@gmail.com](mailto:alaskamaritima@gmail.com).

Articles will be subject to peer review, and publication decisions will be based on the evaluation of the editors and reviewers.

Deadline for submissions is 15 April, 2016.

# Out and About: Recent happenings in Alaska Anthropology

*Sally Carraher, Newsletter editor*

## Anchorage

Congratulations to Association member Kelly Eldridge, who just recently announced she'll be returning to Alaska to work for the US Army Corps of Engineers as an archaeologist. She will be continuing to work on her PhD at UC Davis while she is here. Welcome HOME, and great job, Kelly!

On 18 October, the UAA Department of Anthropology organized another very successful International Archaeology Day event at the University Center. Hundreds of people small, young, big, and old got to learn about what archaeologists do, and what we don't do (NO dinosaurs!). As always, this event was well-represented by professional agencies from around the State, and we couldn't have pulled it off without all of our faculty, agency, and student volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped out!

If you're in town and need something fun and educational for the whole family to do, make sure you stop by the Museum to see the "Our Stories" art exhibit, on display until 11 September, 2016. "Our Stories" features contemporary Alaska Native art works designed to tell people's and communities' stories about "what it means to be Alaska Native in a changing time, place, and perspective" (Anchorage Museum web site).

Finally, make sure you take some time over the winter holiday season to see "Winter Up Here", by guest curator Drew Michael. The art-installation exhibit is inspired by the "cabin culture" of the Circumpolar North and will feature the Nordic sensibilities of our habitats and architecture.

## Fairbanks

It smells like some UAFers have been having a grand ol' time lately! Especially in November, when Dr. Kara Hoover traveled to present on the molecular and evolutionary science of smelling for the "Being Human: Consider Smell" event in England. The Being Human 2015 traveling series of events Consider Smell Nottingham & London engaged with the human sense of smell across

diverse geographic spaces and in the context of deep evolutionary time. Activities included smelling "stinky man smell" and elephants to a smell walk of the streets of Kensington around Hyde Park. Doesn't that sound like a great time? If so, visit <http://www.considersmell.com/#!arctic-2016/bvki9> to learn about their upcoming smell events in the Arctic, in 2016.

Another fun-filled event occurred on 8 December, for the UAF End-of-Semester Pot Luck, when Linguistic Anthropology MA student Della Hall presented "Tales from the Archives: Archival and Discourse Analysis and Alaskan flight pioneers" about her archival and discourse analysis research on the travel narratives of Alaskan flight pioneers. Congrats on a job well done, Della!

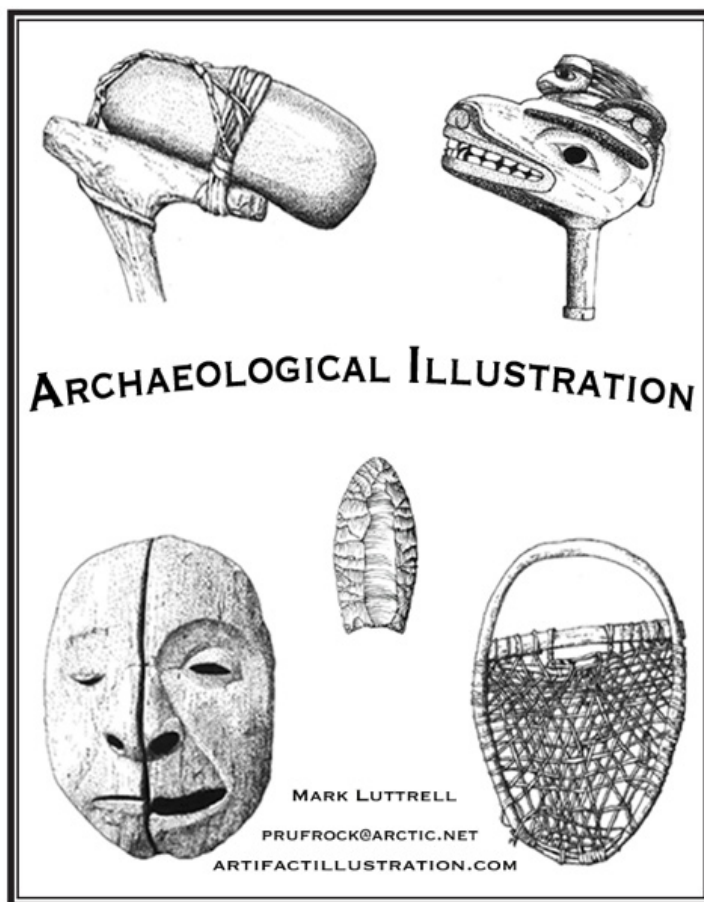
A recent Museum of the North exhibit featured Alaska dinosaurs, with over 80,000 Lepidoptera specimens, many of them never previously on public display. Although these 250-66 million year old critters long predate our anthropological interests in the North, the exhibit deserves mention here because of the manner in which it was created and shared with the public: In addition to real Alaska dinosaur fossils, the exhibit showcased contemporary art works by Alaskan artists James Havens and Ray Troll, and an interactive "scientific base camp" for patrons to explore.

Furthermore, UAF faculty and student researchers have honored Iñupiaq heritage by naming

one of the four unique species of dinosaur found in the Alaska high Arctic Ugrunaaluk kuukpikensis (oo-GREW-na-luck KOOK-pik-en-sis), which means "ancient grazer" in the Alaska Native language. This is important, as so much of our planet's geography, past, and fossils have tended to be named for Western cultural icons and persons, often to the detriment of recognizing Indigenous peoples' heritages and naming practices. The exhibit "Expedition Alaska: Dinosaurs" is open through May, 2016.

## Yukon

The Arctic Institute of North America recently held an information session for their program "Advancing Knowledge for a Changing North". AINA will be holding a field school for students in archaeology and anthropology in the Yukon this coming May and June, 2016. For more information about this field school, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/uci/abroad/gsp/yukon>.





# 2016 aaa Meeting News

## Book travel, hotel now, plus calls for papers

*Compiled by Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor*

Please see the AAA website for information about lodging and travel

<https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/>

Check out the Sitka Meeting Facebook page for more information!

<https://www.facebook.com/2015aaa/>

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be held in Sitka, Alaska, 2-6 March, 2016. Thank you to the National Park Service organizing committee.

Symposium abstracts should be sent to Brinnen\_Carter@nps.gov by 15 December, 2015.

Individual Paper and Poster abstracts can be submitted via the aaa website, and are due by 15 January, 2016. All presenters must register for the conference. Meeting registration will be online only, via the aaa website (coming soon!).

Please renew your 2016 AAA membership when you sign up for the meeting. Registration fees and membership renewal can now only be done online and by credit card. Credit card processing fees will be added to your registration at checkout.

In addition to the general meeting registration, you have the option of purchasing a breakfast and lunch ticket for \$50. This ticket will get you breakfast on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and lunch on Thursday and Friday (6 meals!), catered by the Sheldon Jackson Fine Arts Camp. We strongly suggest this option, as it will save you money and transportation time.

Donations are still being accepted for scholarships, publications, ACZ, PEG, and to the Association general fund, and can be paid with a credit card on the website.

### Travel to Sitka

Sitka is situated on Baranof Island in South-



This year's aaa meeting will be held on the Sheldon Jackson Fine Arts Campus in Sitka, Alaska. Photo courtesy of the Sitka Fine Arts Camp.

east Alaska, and may be reached by either sea or air. We encourage staying before and after the conference. Herring spawning season typically begins the following week, and it is an event not to be missed! Scheduled daily jet service via Alaska Airlines links Sitka directly with Seattle, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Ketchikan.

You can book your flight to Sitka now, using discount code **ECMW529** online, or by mentioning it to your reservation agent at the Alaska Airlines Group Reservation Desk at 1-800-445-4435.

Sitka is a year-round port of call for the Alaska Marine Highway System. These state-operated ferries provide an extraordinary opportunity to navigate the Inside Passage at a leisurely pace.

Passengers can embark – with or without their vehicle – at Bellingham, Washington (just north of Seattle) and Prince Rupert, BC, and in Skagway or Haines, Alaska.

Cruise times to Sitka are 3 days from Bellingham, 18 hours from Prince Rupert, 16 hours from Haines.

A ferry shuttle provides daytime transportation to and from the Sitka Ferry Terminal, located six miles north of town. You can call to reserve a ferry at 907-747-5800.

### Rooms

The conference will be held at the Sitka Fine Arts Camp, on the former campus of Sheldon Jackson College. The Camp has rooms available adjacent to the conference venue. Single rooms are \$60 per night, shared rooms are \$30, and all rooms have shared bathrooms (dorm-style).

Blocks of rooms have also been reserved at both the Westmark Sitka (800-544-0970) and Totem Square Hotel and Marina (907-747-3693).

The Westmark has doubles for \$129 per night, plus \$20 per extra person when you use the discount code **Alaska Anthropology Assoc.**

The Totem Square Hotel and Marina have double rooms for \$119 per night when you use the discount code **AKAA**.

### Conference fees

*Early Bird registration open through 31 December:*

Regular Members \$150  
Student Members \$100

*Regular registration, starting 1 January:*

Regular Members \$175  
Student Members \$125

# Meetings of Interest

Compiled by 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).

## March

### **Alaska Anthropological Association**

43rd annual meeting

Sitka, Alaska

2-6 March, 2015

Web site: <http://www.alaskaanthropology.org>.

### **Arctic Science Summit Week**

Fairbanks, Alaska

12-18 March, 2016

Web site: <https://assw2016.org/>.

### **Society for Applied Anthropology**

Annual meeting

Vancouver, British Columbia

29 March-2 April, 2015

Web site: <http://sfaanet.org>.

### **American Ethnological Society**

Annual meeting

Washington D.C.

31 March-2 April, 2016

Web site: <http://aesonline.org/meetings/spring-conference/>.

## April

### **Society for American Archaeology**

Annual meeting

Orlando, Florida

6-10 April, 2016

Web site: <http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/>.

### **American Association of Physical Anthropologists**

85th Annual meeting

Atlanta, Georgia

12-16 April, 2016

Web site: <http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/85th-annual-meeting/>.

## May

### **Canadian Archaeological Association**

49th Annual meeting

Whitehorse, Yukon

4-7 May, 2016

Web site: <http://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting>.



## June

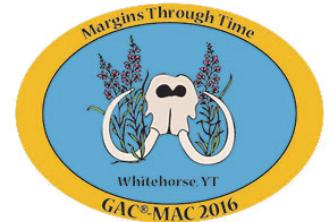
### **Geological Association of Canada**

Annual meeting

Whitehorse, Yukon

1-3 June, 2016

Web site: <http://whitehorse2016.ca/>.



# 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!



### **Alaska Anthropological Association**

Abstracts are due 15 January, 2016.



### **Canadian Archaeological Association**

Abstracts are due 29 February, 2016.



### **American Ethnological Society**

Abstracts are due 31 January, 2016.



### **American Anthropological Association**

Abstracts are usually due in the spring. Stay tuned.

## 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).*

Alix, Claire, Owen K. Mason, Nancy H. Bigelow, Shelby L. Anderson, Jeffrey T. Rasic and John F. Hoffecker  
2015 Archéologie du cap Espenberg ou la question du Birnirk et de l'origine du Thulé dans le nord-ouest de l'Alaska. Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie 141.

Averbouh, Aline  
2015 Recherches autour des critères d'identification sexuelle des bois de renne. Constitution d'une collection de référence. Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie 141.

Barnett, James K. and David L. Nicandri (editors)  
2015 Arctic Ambitions: Captain Cook and the Northwest Passage. Anchorage, Museum, Cook Inlet Historical Society, Washington State History Museum in association with University of Washington Press, Seattle and London.

Bradley, Bruce  
2015 The Two Cs: Cola de Pescado and Clovis. *PaleoAmerica* 1(2):127-130.

Brubaker, Mike, Kevin Zweifel, Jennifer Demir and Anahma Shannon  
2015 Climate Change in the Bering Strait Region. ANTHC, Center for Climate

and Health, Anchorage, Alaska.  
<http://www.anthc.org/chs/ces/cliente/bbs/upload/Climate-Change-and-Health-Effects-in-Bering-Straits-Region3-2015.pdf>

Coen, Ross  
2015 John Cobb's Photographs of Labor in Alaska's Fisheries, 1907-1918. *Alaska History* 30(2):23-36.

Ducker, James H.  
2015 Alaska History: Looking Backward. *Alaska History* 30(2):37-42.

Ferguson, Megan C. and Sofie M. Van Parijs, Guest Editors  
2015 Biologically Important Areas Issue. *Aquatic Mammals* 41(1):1-148.

Friesen, T. Max  
2015 The Arctic CHAR Project: Climate Change Impacts on the Inuvialuit Archaeological Record. *Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie* 141.

Frink, Helen Hiller  
2015 Oil, Ice, and Bone: Arctic Whaler Nathaniel Ransom. Peter Em Randall, Portsmouth, NH.

Gauthier, Émilie, Vincent Bichet, Charly Massa, Typhaine Guillemot, Laurent Millet, Christophe Petit and Hervé Richard  
2015 De la déglaciation à l'agriculture moderne: histoire environnementale du sud du Groenland. *Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie* 141.

Gomez Coutouly, Yan Axel, Brian T. Wygal, Kathryn E. Kradinski and Randolph M. Tedor  
2015 À la recherche des premières occupations préhistoriques de l'Alaska dans la vallée de la Tanana (États-Unis). *Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie* 141.

Graf, Kelly E., Lyndsay M. DiPietro, Kathryn E. Krasinski, Angela K. Gore, Heather L. Smith, Brendan J. Culleton, Douglas J. Kennett and David Rhode  
2015 Dry Creek Revisited: New Excavations, Radiocarbon Dates, and Site Formation Inform on the Peopling of Eastern Beringia. *American Antiquity* 80(4):671-694.

Halffman, Carrin M., Ben A. Potter, Holly J. McKinney, Bruce P. Finney, Antonia T. Rodrigues, Dongya Y. Yang and Brian M. Kemp  
2015 Early Human Use of Anadromous Salmon in North America at 11,500 y Ago. *PNAS-Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*:1-5.

Harritt, Roger K.  
2013 Toward an Archaeology of Late Prehistoric Eskimo Bands in Coastal Northwest Alaska. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 32:659-674.

Haynes, Gary  
2015 The Millenium Before Clovis. *PaleoAmerica* 1(2):134-162.

Houmard, Claire  
2015 Dorsetiens et Thuléens dans l'Arctique de l'est canadien (ca. XIII siècle apr. J.-C.), quelle modalité de remplacement? *Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie* 141.

Joly, Kyle, Sanford P. Rabinowitch and Julie Joly  
2015 Dual Management of Wildlife in Alaska: Making Federal Practice Align with Federal Mandates. *The George Wright Forum* 32(1):18-24.

Kan, Sergei  
2015 Symbolic Immortality. (revised, updated, with a new introduction and epilogue), 2nd ed. University of Washington Press, Seattle, WA.

Keeney, Joseph and Robert J. Hickey  
2015 Using Satellite Image Analysis for Locating Prehistoric Archaeological Sites in Alaska's Central Brooks Range. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 3(2015):80-89.

Loring, Philip A. and S. Craig Gerlach  
2015 Searching for Progress on Food Security in the North American North: A Research Synthesis and Meta-Analysis of the Peer-Reviewed Literature. *Arctic* 68(3):380-1392.

Markov, Alexander (Introduced, translated, and annotated by Richard L. Bland)  
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Alaska History 30(2):1-22.

Mereuze, Remi

2015 La construction de la maison 33 du cap Espenberg (nord-ouest de l'Alaska) au XVIII siècle. Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie 141.

Neffe, Angélique

2015 Faisons parler les pierres. Le jade de la préhistoire récente de l'Alaska. Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie 141.

Raff, Jennifer A., Margarita Rzhetskaya, Justin Tackney and M. Geoffrey Hayes

2015 Mitochondrial Diversity of Inupiat People From the Alaskan North Slope Provides Evidence for the Origins of the Paleo- and Neo-Eskimo Peoples. American Journal of Physical Anthropology published online 2015:1-12.

Reuther, Joshua D., Jason S. Rogers, Julie Rousseau and Patrick S. Druckenmiller

2015 AMS Dating of the Late Pleistocene Mammals at the Colorado Creek Site, Interior Western Alaska. Radiocarbon 57(5):943-954.

Schneider, William S., Karen Brewster and Knut Kielland

2015 Team Building on Dangerous Ice: A Study in Collaborative Learning. Arctic 68(3):399-404.

Slobodin, Sergei B.

2014 Archaeology of the Kolyma and Continental Priokhot'e in the Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene. Translated by Richard L. Bland. USDOI, National Park Service, Shared Beringian Heritage Program, Anchorage, Alaska.

2015 The Upper Kolyma and Continental Priokhot'e During the Neolithic and Early Metal Periods. Translated by Richard L. Bland. USDOI, National Park Service, Shared Beringian Heritage Program, Anchorage, Alaska.

Unger, Suanne

2014 Qaqamiigux: Traditional Foods and Recipes from the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands. Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Anchorage, Alaska.

Viot, Camille

2015 Tous semblables, tous différent. Quelles méthodes pour appréhender le lien entre variabilité et fonction des couteaux ulu? Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie 141.

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## Publication Spotlight:

### AJA Maritime anthropology special issue

*Evguenia Anichtchenko and Jason Rogers, Association members*

The *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* is seeking submissions for a special thematic issue, focusing on maritime archaeology and anthropology of Alaska and the circumpolar North. Original and previously unpublished articles relating to underwater and maritime archaeology, Indigenous seafaring and watercraft, maritime history, and human interaction with the aquatic environment are welcomed.

Established in 2000, the *AJA* is a publication of the Alaska Anthropological Association. *AJA* is a peer-reviewed journal on the anthropology of the north, specifically the greater Alaska region known as Beringia.

Interested authors are encouraged to contact the guest editors of this special issue, Evguenia Anichtchenko at [anichenkojenya@gmail.com](mailto:anichenkojenya@gmail.com) and Jason Rogers at [alaskamaritima@gmail.com](mailto:alaskamaritima@gmail.com). Articles will be subject to peer review, and publication decisions will be based on the evaluation of the editors and reviewers. Deadline for submissions is 15 April, 2016.

Anticipated publication is by the end of 2016.



# In Memory: Florence R. Collins

## (1921-2015)

*Reprinted from the Fairbanks Daily News Miner*

Florence R. Collins, long-time resident of Lake Minchumina, passed away quietly Nov. 4, 2015 at the Pioneer's Home. Her birth in May 1921 was an especially joyful event since her parents had nearly given up on having children. Florence Rucker probably inherited her curiosity from her father, an inventor; her lifelong love of reading fed a sharp intellect and long memory. As a child, her favorite word was "Why?" and as an adult she served as a living encyclopedia, answering questions as diverse as "How old is the Earth?" "Who was Henry VIII?" and "What's ANILCA?"

Although fascinated by paleontology, geology offered more opportunities for a young woman during World War II, so she studied rocks at the prestigious University of Chicago. There she struck up a lifelong friendship with another young Florence, Miss Robinson. In 1945 the pair witnessed an exhibit of fighter planes meant to encourage people to invest in war bonds but which instead triggered them to invest in flying lessons. Gas rationing meant no fuel for a car, but they could buy gas for a plane. By the time the pair learned to drive in 1947, they had already flown from Texas to Florida.

Adventurous spirit led the young ladies up the Alaska Highway the first year it opened to the public. Later, master's degrees in geology allowed Florence and Florence (a.k.a. Ru and Ro) to return to Alaska as employees of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Florence found 1949 Fairbanks a fascinating town, with Cushman and Second boasting the only pavement, dog teams in the streets and float planes on the Chena. She and Ro microscopically analyzed rock cores from northern Alaska oil fields, while envying male field workers who geologized remote outcrops in the exotic far north.

In 1950 the two paid \$3,800 for a Cessna 140 which they flew to Alaska. With their own wings, the two Florences flew al-

*"Florence didn't give up her adventures just because she'd 'settled down.' She went moose hunting shortly before giving birth and flew home from the hospital with Dick and their new babies."*

most every weekend to Nome, Kotzebue, the North Slope and Canada. Once, over Lake Minchumina, they spotted an isolated homestead on the lakeshore, with the quintessential log cabin and garden plot. "Gee, it would be wonderful to own a place like that!"

The thought so intrigued them that when some property came up for sale at Minchumina, they joined another pilot, Nancy Baker, to buy it sight unseen, only to discover they'd purchased the same idyllic site they had flown over! Weekends at Minchumina gave Florence a chance to know Dick Collins, the FAA station manager there, but more adventures lay ahead before marriage entered her mind.

In 1953, she and a group of friends floated the Yukon from Whitehorse to Circle, 700 miles of wilderness only 55 years after the great Klondike stampede opened the country. The two Florences also kayaked Porcupine River from Old Crow to Fort Yukon.



Florence R. Collins in Houston, Texas, 1947. Photo courtesy of <https://www.NPS.gov>.

The USGS rudely interrupted Ru and Ro's northern adventures by shipping them to Washington, D.C., to write reports. As soon as they acquired a grant for a new Alaska study, the two women bought a Supercub on floats and flew from the Potomac River to the MacKenzie Delta and down to Fairbanks. Landing at isolated locations for fuel garnered stares of amazement at the daring women piloting the lanky craft.

Ru and Ro spent summer 1956 at Lake Minchumina, studying prehistoric sand dunes that ripple across much of the flat country between Nenana and Minchumina. They landed at many remote lakes, naming several of them including Dune Lake, Totek and Big Spectacle Lake.

A romance blossomed between Florence and Dick, and by 1959 they were a family with a son and twin daughters. Florence didn't give up her adventures just because she'd "settled down." She went moose hunting shortly before giving birth and flew home from the hospital with Dick and their new babies. They flew around Alaska and across the nation and made family vacations from Kobuk to the Bahamas.

They invested years in building a new home at Minchumina, which included blasting a basement in the bedrock with dynamite and hauling local boulders for cementing into a stone basement before rafting in cabin logs for a two-story home.

After a few idyllic years, the kids made the

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This year's conference is being organized by the National Park Service.

Thank you, NPS!

Registration for non-aaa members: \$200  
Daily registration: \$75

Dinner Banquet tickets: \$45 each

Luncheon tickets: \$25  
Breakfast and lunch meal ticket: \$50

### Don't miss these events!

#### Wednesday

- AHSR advisory board meeting
- ACZ Workshop (\$25)
- Russian American walking tour
- Sheldon Jackson Museum collections tour (\$5)
- Opening reception with no-host bar
- "Anthropology of Alaska 2 Minutes at a Time"

#### Thursday

- Conference sessions
- Poster sessions
- Book Room

#### Friday

- Conference sessions
- Poster sessions
- Book Room
- Dinner Banquet with no-host bar, with guest speaker maritime archaeologist Dr. James Delgado

#### Saturday

- Conference sessions
- Poster sessions
- Book Room
- Lunch Banquet with guest speaker, Dr. Rosita Worl
- Belzoni Society meeting at Ernie's

## Special sessions

### Current Research in Alaskan Coastal Anthropology

Intensification in coastal erosion, permafrost melt, storm frequency, and other climatic threats has increased the number and necessity of studies focusing on coastal cultural heritage in recent years. This symposium will feature current studies in the Alaskan coastal region addressing human-environment interactions, subsistence, settlement studies, and regional climatic issues. Our goal is to bring together a wide range of views that address the complex and dynamic interplay between humans and coastal environments across past and present Alaska, with the purpose of building cross-disciplinary dialogue. We welcome participants from across the discipline, including cultural anthropology, linguistics, zooarchaeology, geoarchaeology, and experimental

archaeology among others. Contact Justin Junge at [jjunge@pdx.edu](mailto:jjunge@pdx.edu) or Shelby Anderson at [ashelby@pdx.edu](mailto:ashelby@pdx.edu) by 8 January if you are interested in participating.

### Papers in Medical Anthropology in Alaska

There is a wide array of anthropologists working in medical and health-related fields in Alaska, but we are spread geographically thin and it is some times difficult to keep in touch. For the last 6 years the Alaska Anthropological Association has included paper sessions on medical and health anthropology. Steadily, our number of participants and the size of our audience has been growing, and we wish to continue that trend in 2016 in Sitka. We are asking now for people to join in us in presenting a paper of your own work at the 2016 meeting. Topics, regional focus, and anthropological subfield are all open. And, of course, students are welcome and encouraged to present with us!

If you are interested, please send a email with your full name, affiliation, and preferred contact email to Dr. Sally Carraher at [sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu) by 14 December. Please also join us for an informal medical anthropology get-to-together during the meeting, location and time TBA.

### Call for additional sessions

If you would like to organize your own special session, send a symposium abstract to [Brinnen\\_Carter@nps.gov](mailto:Brinnen_Carter@nps.gov) by 15 December.

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mistake of becoming teenagers. Knowing that after eight years of home schooling, they would benefit from a formal education, Dick and Florence sacrificed five winters in Fairbanks so they could attend public school.

During the late 1970s and early 1980s, the couple made many 300 to 800-mile wilderness journeys in their 22-foot riverboat. They hauled the dog team back to Fairbanks for the school year, and headed off to the Yukon River site of Birches to set up a ham radio rig for helping the Yukon 800 boat races.

They traveled the world from New Zealand to Iceland to Bonaire. Closer to home, Florence served alternately as president and secretary of the local Homeowner's Association, boating across the lake and ziping around the village perched behind Dick on his motorcycle.

Florence continued the environmental work she'd begun with pioneers Ginny Wood and Celia Hunter, and worked as a subsistence liaison with Denali Park. Members of the Denali Subsistence Commission voted her president for about two decades; the Park Service gave her a lifetime achievement award; and the Northern Alaska Environmental Center named an award in her honor.

Time flows unstopping, but even after her husband died in 2004 Florence joyfully went dog sledding, snow machining or boating each time she caught the mail plane to Minchumina for a visit home. She chose to move into the Pioneer's Home when in her mid-80s, but still joined her daughters on the 300-mile round trip flight to the lake for her 90th birthday, her last great thrill in adventure-filled life.

Florence is survived by her son Ray and his family - wife Frankie and children Richard and Karen - and her twin daughters, Miki and Julie.

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# 2016 aaa Board Nominations: 2 seats open

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Two seats on the Alaska Anthropology Association are up for election. Please read the list of nominees and their bios. The election will take place by email. In order to be eligible to vote, please renew your aaa membership for 2016 first. Watch your email inbox for a ballot. Voting will be open for the period of 7-31 December, 2015.

## **Phoebe Gilbert, MS**

Hi Everybody,

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to vote. I'm the archaeologist at Denali National Park and Preserve where I've worked since 2012. I've been working as an archaeologist in Alaska since 2006 and in the Lower 48 previous to that.

I received a BA in 2004 from North Central College where I studied rock art in the Driftless Area of Wisconsin (where I grew up), and a MA in 2011 from UAF where I studied geoarchaeology. I've always been a believer in the multidisciplinary approach to anthropology and I'm interested in continuing to build and strengthen the collaborative partnerships that this organization promotes.

I'm also interested in providing opportunities for students and the public to learn about the cultural heritage of Alaska through public outreach and increased student participation in Association events. I've benefited greatly from this organization during the past nine years as both a student and archaeologist and if elected would work to help promote more opportunities for the next generation of scholars and professionals.

## **Amy Phillips-Chan, PhD**

My family moved to Alaska during my childhood and I have been drawn back over the years working as a teacher on the Yukon and a community-based researcher in Arctic art and anthropology. I received a PhD from Arizona State University in 2013.

I now serve as the Director of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum in Nome where we are finalizing construction of a new facility and pursuing collaborative exhibit development. For the past four years, the Alaska Anthropological Association has offered a vibrant forum to share my research endeavors and connect with other northern anthropologists.

I welcome the opportunity to join the board where my goals would be to promote museum-community partnerships, engage youth in applied collections research, and involve the public in collaborative exploration of their circumpolar cultural heritage.

## **Jennifer Shaw, PhD**

I am an applied medical anthropologist and Senior Researcher at Southcentral Foundation (SCF) in Anchorage. After moving to Alaska in 2003, I worked for the National Park Service for four years and earned a PhD in anthropology from Case Western Reserve University in 2013. My dissertation was an ethnographic, mixed-methods case study on the role of subsistence culture in the wellbeing of 19 Dena'ina Athabascan youths.

Since joining the SCF Research Department in 2010, I have led multiple team-based, NIH-funded studies to improve health services and reduce AN/AI health disparities related to suicide, depression and substance use. Outside of work, I volunteer as special advocate for children in state custody and spend time hiking, camping, fishing and traveling with my husband Tim and our Bernese Mountain Dogs, Buttercup and Kismet.

As a Board member, I would bring expertise as an applied anthropologist and health services researcher with experience leading complex, community-engaged projects, as well as a passion for developing sustainable, collaborative community-academic partnerships.

## **Erin Laughlin, MA**

Thank you for the opportunity to run for a board seat. I am an archaeologist and osteologist that is entirely schooled and trained in Alaska.

In 2007, I earned a BA in Social Sciences with a major in Anthropology from the University of Alaska Southeast. Then, in 2015, I earned an MA in Applied Biological Anthropology from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Between 2006 and 2014, I worked as an archaeologist, osteologist, and cultural resource manager for private firms and federal agencies.

Within the state, I have found that archaeological and osteological research is dynamic, exciting, and continually evolving. For these reasons, I am enthusiastic about these disciplines and I would appreciate the opportunity to translate this enthusiasm into encouraging students, professionals in related "ologist" fields, and the public to contribute to further study of Alaska and its cultural heritage.

My personal goals are in line with the broader goals of the Alaska Anthropological Association and my passion for research can be exploited as an asset for the organization. It is in this unique venue that I hope to begin to fulfill what I see as an obligation to archaeology, osteology, and Alaska's Indigenous populations.