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***Deadline to submit materials for the  
next newsletter is 1 June, 2016!***

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

## Message from the President

William Hedman, Association President

Dear members,

I'd just like to highlight some of the great things that were accomplished this year at the annual meeting. A complete report is on page 3 of this newsletter. There are several important things that stand out that I want to take time to thank people for.

First, despite this being a time of financial hardship across Alaska and elsewhere, this conference was well attended by over 125 members! We also had high turn out at the Business meeting this year, and some highlights of that include:

Phoebe Gilbert and Amy Chan are new Board Members. Welcome aboard! Joan Dale was appointed to a new position as aaa Curator.

The conference more than paid for itself this year, by approximately \$2,000. A complete summary is available on page 3, as is our proposed budget for 2017.

Other highlights include important reminders about our new registration renewal calendar, new ideas for fundraising, the upcoming *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* volume 13(2), scholarships and awards announcements, and several updates regarding the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists, the Public Education Group, and the AHRs Advisory Committee.

Several historic events took place at the Sitka meetings, including the Arctic Horizon's Town Hall Meeting to discuss the future of NSF Arctic Social Science research priorities. More information about that is on page 5.

The 2017 annual meeting will be held in Fairbanks. The Board is considering several locations in addition to Fairbanks and Anchorage for future years, including Kodiak and Nome. I want to encourage all our members to think about the future of the aaa meetings and consider asking your department or agency to host the conference in upcoming years: 2018, 2019, and 2020. If your organization is interested in hosting a meeting in the near future, please contact the aaa at [alaskaanthro@gmail.com](mailto:alaskaanthro@gmail.com).

The more time in advance we have to plan for conferences, the better it is for everyone.

It was great to see everyone in Sitka, and I look forward to an exciting year in Alaska anthropology and archaeology.

Sincerely,

Bill Hedman

*A complete summary of the conference starts on page 3.*

## Alaska Anthropological Association



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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 October. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$50 for student members and \$100 for regular members. Memberships may be purchased online at [www.alaskaanthropology.org](http://www.alaskaanthropology.org).*

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

# Report from Sitka

## 2016 aaa conference was busy, successful, and profitable

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor



A Tlingit carver demonstrates how to design a traditional war canoe from cedar at Totem Park in Sitka. Photo by Sally Carraher.

This is a summary of the annual aaa business meeting held at the Sitka Meetings. Please see the aaa website for the complete minutes. 125 dedicated members came to the meeting where they were introduced to the new board members, Phoebe Gilbert and Amy Chan.

### Financial Update

The Association reported that we have changed our fiscal budget year to 1 October to 30 September. This will allow us to bring the next year's proposed budget to the annual meeting for voting. There were a total of 125 people registered for the Sitka conference, including volunteers.

The conference this year incurred a total of \$19,147.17 in expenses. This includes \$1,820.22 spent on the bringing up the Awards Banquet Speaker and the Saturday Luncheon Speaker, and \$2,804 spent hosting special events related to the conference. Over all, we raised \$23,055.20 in revenue between registration fees, donations, and sponsorships, meaning the conference more than paid for itself by approximately \$2,000.

The 2017 budget was proposed with approximately \$29,000 in operating expenses including accounting and treasurer fees, storage and the website, two journal issues, scholarships, and Archaeology Month products.

There was significant discussion focused on finding ways to bring additional funds into the Association; related to this was the decision to begin limited research grant sponsorship. As we explore this option more, we will keep membership informed. In the meantime contact the Association President, Bill Hedman, if you would like the aaa to partner on a grant submission.

We also established a fundraising committee to explore new ways to bring revenue into the Association to help offset the years that the annual meeting costs more money than we bring in.

### Conference Highlights

Three important special sessions were held in addition to the normally-scheduled paper sessions at this year's conference.

A National Science Foundation-sponsored project called Arctic Horizons kicked off the first of their Alaska-based visits on 3 March after the other conference events were concluded that day. This is part of a series of brainstorming sessions to help re-prioritize the Arctic Social Science Research program fund for the NSF.

The project is intended to help update NSF research priorities to fit with the contemporary issues and challenges we as researchers and as Indigenous communities are facing in the 21st century Arctic. As such, this project has the capacity to greatly impact what kinds of research proposals will be successfully funded over the next 15 years. For more information on how that went, see page 5.

On 6 March, Kyle Wark, of the First Alaskans Institute, also organized the first of a series of collaborative workshops to be held in Alaska, the Great Lakes, the Central Plains, the Southwest, and Northwest regions of the United States in order to make "guidelines for building collaborations between Native and non-Native researchers working with Native communities."

According to the website, "The research team proposes that these guidelines reflect Indigenous knowledge production, honor In-

## Donations

Vivian Bowman,  
Association Treasurer

Thanks to the members listed below who recently made donations to our Association:

Christyann Darwent  
Douglas Veltre  
Theodor Weber-Geiser  
Alan DePew  
Cynthia Williams  
Heather Hall  
Jacqueline Lathrop  
Thomas Wolforth  
Janell Smith  
Kenneth Adkisson

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# 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 [sf-carraher@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:sf-carraher@uaa.alaska.edu).*

## Anchorage

You never know where anthropology will take you. Steve Langdon has been in the news a lot the last year regarding his work to help track down and return an important funerary totem pole to Southeast Alaska, from which it was stolen in the 1920s and ended up, at one point in the 1950s, gracing the southern California yard of now deceased horror movie actor Vincent Price!

Now the totem pole is returned to its proper home, under the care and ownership of its rightful Tlingit tribe. This is just one of many important, but unexpected ways, that anthropologists can contribute to decolonizing and working as allies with Indigenous communities and cultures. Great job, Steve! To read about this fascinating story, visit <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/04/20/the-tallest-trophy>.

UAA is full of busy people like Steve – from our emeriti and full time faculty as well as our graduate and undergraduate students. UAA recently hosted the first ever "World Anthropology Day" in Alaska. For more information, see page 6.

UAA Anthropology and the Anthropology Club also recently held a panel discussion on "Ethnographic Research and Ethics" which was well received, with panel-

ists Kyle Wark of First Alaskans Institute, James Fall of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Kristen Ogilvie, applied anthropologist at UAA.

And UAA Departments of Anthropology and Theater and Dance recently co-hosted applied anthropologist Dr. Jonathan Marion of the University of Arkansas Fayetteville to speak about topics ranging from dance to cultural preservation, to gender representations in comic books. UAA Anthropology graduate student Alyssa Willet was key in organizing Dr. Marion's visit. Thank you Alyssa, for your dedicated and amazing work!



## Fairbanks

From UAF thesis defenses to museum events, to the recent Arctic Horizons meeting on 14 March, anthropologists and archaeologists are keeping themselves plenty busy during this unusually warm winter.

Oh, by the way, Anchorage says "Thank you, Fairbanks" for letting us truck some of your snow down to our city so the Iditarod teams would have something to run on for the ceremonial start at Fur Rondy this year. Your donation was much appreciated!

Congratulations to UAF graduate student Katherine Mulliken, who defended her thesis "Holocene Volcanism and Human Occupation in the Middle Sustina River Valley, Alaska" on 29 February.

The Arctic Horizons town hall meeting in Fairbanks was one of several meetings to gather input for the National Science Foundation's Arctic Social Sciences program. More information about the Arctic Horizons work is on page 5.

In other news, the Carol Gelvin-Reymiller Scholarship Fund is now at \$11,000. Our goal remains to create a sustainable endowment that will provide a \$1000 per year scholarship from the interest that would build off a \$25,000 principle.

In 2015, the fund grew by nearly \$3500, so we are gaining and continue to maintain the original goal of the sustainable fellowship in Carol's name: the Carol Gelvin-Reymiller Fellowship.

We have recently worked with Carol's family to draft the purpose of the fund that will be administered through the Department of Anthropology at UAF.

The fund will be open to all students and student research in anthropology, but with a requirement that their focus be maintained to further knowledge based in Alaska and its people.

There will be a preference given to students interested and focused on studying and researching anthropology and art.

Congratulations to former UAF Professor of Anthropology, G. Richard Scott, who recently received one of the highest awards offered to faculty by the University of Nevada, Reno: Recognition as a 2016 UN Reno Foundation Professor.

# Arctic Horizons

## Anthropologists meet to inform NSF on Arctic research priorities

*Shelby Anderson, Association member*

Arctic social sciences have experienced substantial growth and development the past 15 years since the last arctic social sciences visioning workshop held in 1999. The Arctic Horizons project provides a framework and process that will bring together the Arctic social science research and Arctic Indigenous communities to reassess goals, potentials, and needs in the diverse disciplinary and trans-disciplinary currents of social science research of the circumpolar North.

A series of five regional workshops is engaging approximately 150 western and Indigenous scholars in this re-visioning process.

Additional participation by the broader Arctic social sciences, Indigenous science, and stakeholder communities is being actively sought through an interactive web platform that also shares workshop and project outcomes developed in the Town Hall sessions at national and regional conferences such as this one.

A group of 53 conference participants joined us in Sitka, Alaska on 3 March for our first of these five Arctic Horizons town hall events. The group was diverse, including scholars from various points in their career (students to late career researchers) and an-

thropologists working in a variety of settings (government agencies, universities, private sector).

Participants worked in break-out groups for an hour to consider the question: What are the domains of human experience in the North that warrant further attention on the part of the social science researchers over the next 10-15 years?

We then met as a larger group for an hour to discuss and record the break-out groups. The discussion was lively and the results are an important contribution to our overall project, and ultimately, the final report. Thank you to all of the participants for joining us!

You can find additional project information and participate on our website at <http://arctichorizons.org/home>. Contact Shelby Anderson at [ashelby@pdx.edu](mailto:ashelby@pdx.edu) or Mike Etnier at [metnier@pdx.edu](mailto:metnier@pdx.edu) for more information.



**Below:** Conference attendees put their heads together in Sitka at the Arctic Horizons Town Hall meeting on 3 March, 2016. This is one of several meetings taking place to help inform the National Science Foundation about what their Arctic research funding priorities should be in the future. *Photo courtesy of Shelby Anderson.*





# World Anthropology Day held in Anchorage

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

Photos by Sally Carraher



UAA Visiting Researcher Anna Mossolova and the UAA Anthropology Club lead an Alaska Native mask making activity.



18 February was World Anthropology Day. Similar to Archaeology Day held in October, World Anthropology Day is a day for anthropologists of all four subfields to share their discipline with the public.

Association member Monty Rodgers volunteered to lead the ever-popular mock dig activity, always a huge draw at Archaeology Day.

The UAA Department of Anthropology celebrated World Anthropology Day at the University Center in Anchorage, with help from professional, community, and student volunteers. (Although, we held it on 28 February, which was a Sunday). Thank you to all who participated!

**Quyana (Thank you) to the Yuparik Drummers and Dancers, who volunteered to come and share their Yup'ik heritage and arts with the crowd during World Anthropology Day. Dance leader, Valerie Tony, is currently an Anthropology major at UAA.**



# 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*. USDOJ, National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office, National Historic Landmarks Program, Anchorage, Alaska.

Update of the 1999 edition

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.

Pasda, Clemens

2014 *Regional Variation in Thule and Co-*  
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lonial 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'l'ena Bena) Archaeological Investigations. Unpublished M.A. thesis, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska-Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska.

Shackleford, 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.

Wygall, Brian T. and Stephan M. Heidenreich

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

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Indigenous innovation, and resonate Indigenous perceptions of place and as such, they will incorporate Native principles, protocols, and practices. This approach to scientific collaboration...creates a new vision for interdisciplinary research, one that includes scientific and Indigenous scholarly perspectives."

This project is in collaboration with the First Alaskans Institute. For more information, visit <http://iprs.ku.edu/cfirst/chirp3/>.

Also, another collaborative workshop was held in conjunction with a session of papers addressing sustainability in the Arctic. Two scholars from the University of Vienna traveled to co-chair the Arctic FROST young scholars panel. Paper topics covered a wide array of social and environmental issues related to Arctic sustainability, including mining and development in Yukon First Nations communities, winter bicycling in Alaska, Arctic Sister City relationships, the archaeology of communal hunting in Alaska, and GIS modeling of submerged archaeology sites. For more information about Arctic FROST, email Susanna Gartler at [s.usn@gmx.net](mailto:s.usn@gmx.net).

### Association Publications

The *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* just came out with its first 2015 issue 13(1). Both the *AJA* and *Aurora Monograph Series* are looking for submissions to remain viable and allow for timely publications. All *AJA* volumes that are two years or older have shifted to open access.

### Annual Awards, Scholarships

The scholarship committee reported a large number of excellent submissions in 2016 but submissions for peer awards such as the lifetime achievement award and the service award are few.

Richard Bland won the Professional Achievement Award. Christopher Cannon won the James W. VanStone Graduate Scholarship, which is awarded to a PhD Student. Alexandra Taitt won the Thomas F. Eidel Graduate Scholarship, which is awarded at the MA level. Another MA student, Ranna Wells, won the Stephanie Ludwig Memorial Graduate Scholarship. Nicolette Edwards won the John E. Lobdell Undergraduate Scholarship. Congratulations to you all!

### Special Interest Groups

The Association has three active groups: the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists (ACZ); the AHRs Advisory Committee; and the Public Education Group (PEG).

ACZ will be celebrating their 20th anniversary later in the year. Keep your ears and eyes open for any event announcements. Also, it was discussed at the business meeting the possibility of establishing different chapters of the ACZ in multiple Alaska towns.

The AHRs Advisory Committee which just created a formal board that will give input to the SHPO about the functioning of the AHRs.

PEG has a new Archaeology Month poster on Thule hot off the presses. For more information, contact Karlene Leeper at [karlene.leeper@us.af.mil](mailto:karlene.leeper@us.af.mil).

### Future Meetings

The 2017 AAA meeting will be held in Fairbanks and hosted jointly by the University of Alaska Museum of the North and the UAF Anthropology Department.



# 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).

## April

### **Society for American Archaeology**

81st annual meeting  
Orlando, Florida  
6-10 April  
Web site: <http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/tabid/138/Default.aspx>

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

85th annual meeting  
Atlanta, Georgia  
13-16 April  
Web site: <http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/85th-annual-meeting/>

### **Arctic Research Consortium of the US**

Arctic Science Summit Week  
Toyama, Japan

23-30 April  
Web site: <http://www.arcus.org/events/arctic-calendar/20301>

## May

### **Canadian Archaeological Association**

49th annual meeting  
Whitehorse, Yukon Territory  
4-7 May  
E-mail: [greg.hare@gov.yk.ca](mailto:greg.hare@gov.yk.ca)

## June

### **International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX)**

9th annual meeting  
Umea, Sweden  
8-12 June  
E-mail: [gabriella.nordin@umu.se](mailto:gabriella.nordin@umu.se)

## 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>

### **Alaska Historical Society**

Annual meeting  
Juneau, Alaska  
21-24 September  
Web site: <http://www.alaskahistoricalociety.org>

## November

### **American Anthropological Association**

115th annual meeting  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
16-20 November  
Web site: <http://www.americananthro.org/AttendEvents/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1578>

## 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 due 15 April



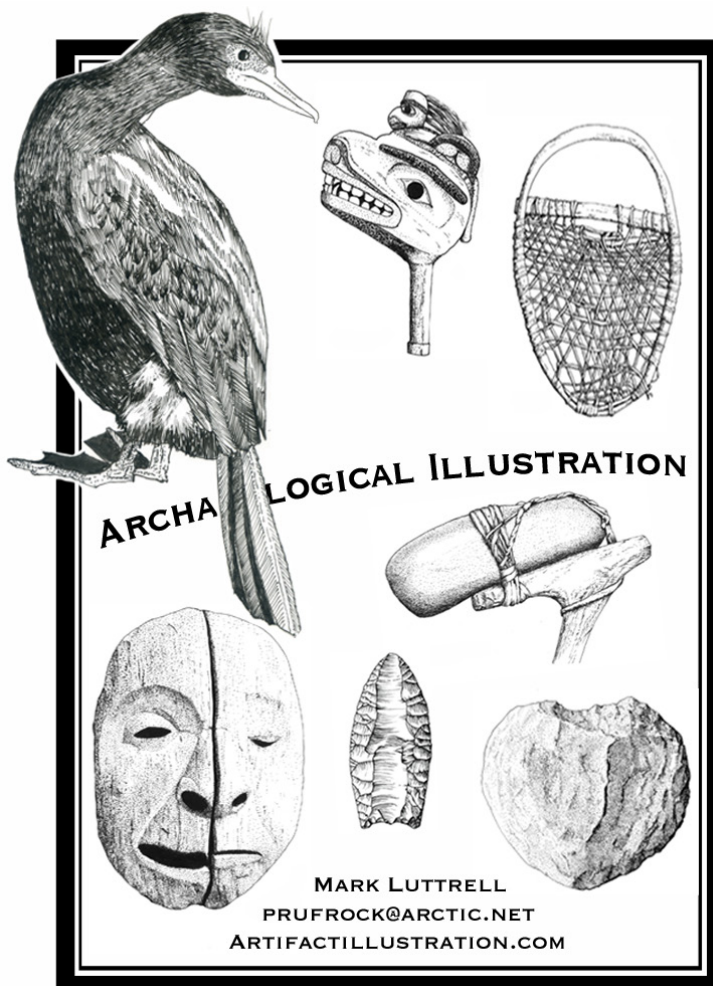
### **Alaska Historical Society**

Abstracts are due 1 May



### **Society for American Archaeology**

Abstracts are usually due in the Fall



# Opportunities: Scholarships, internships, field schools!

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

"Opportunities" is a column used to alert our membership to upcoming jobs, scholarships, field schools, internships, workshops, and other professional opportunities.

If you or your institution are looking to recruit qualified applicants for any of these types of things, please submit that information to our editor at [sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:sfcarraher@uaa.alaska.edu).

## Workshops

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is hosting courses in "Essentials and Advanced Section 106" on 21 April at the Marriott Anchorage Downtown.

The Section 106 Advanced Seminar focuses on the effective management of complex or controversial undertakings that require compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The seminar is designed for experienced Section 106 users who are familiar with the regulations and want to know more about addressing the challenges of seeking consensus and resolving adverse effects to historic properties.

For more information and registration, go to our website at <http://www.achp.gov/106advanced.html> or contact Cindy Bienvenue at [cbienvenue@achp.gov](mailto:cbienvenue@achp.gov).

## Field Schools in Europe

There are several field schools being offered in Romania this summer by ArchaeoTek.

ArchaeoTek is currently interested in excavating and studying two major historical continuity breaks in the region. The first one was triggered by the collapse of the Dacian Kingdoms after their final defeat in 106AD to Trajan's legions and subsequent colonization; and the second one following the defeat of the European armies at the Battle on Mohacs in 1526 and subsequent Ottoman invasion.

For more information on any of the following field schools, visit [www.archaeotek-archaeology.org](http://www.archaeotek-archaeology.org), or contact us at [archaeol-](mailto:archaeol-ogy@archaeotek.org)

[ogy@archaeotek.org](mailto:ogy@archaeotek.org). You can also check out the ArchaeoTek Community page on FaceBook.

## Bioarchaeology field schools

- Medieval Cemetery Funerary Excavation – Lost Churches Project (12 June–2 July and 3–23 July, 2016)

## Human osteology lab field Schools

- Intensive Osteology Research Workshop - Field Oriented: "Crisis" Population of the Lost Churches Project (22 May–11 June, 2016)
- Adult Osteology Research Workshop: Late Medieval "Crisis" Populations – The Remaking of the European Frontier (5 June–2 July, 2016)
- Juvenile Osteology Research Workshop – Bioarchaeology of Children: Victims of Change (3–30 July, 2016)
- Pathology Osteology Research Workshop (3–23 July, 2016)

## Archaeological excavation field schools

- Roman Settlement Excavation – Life by the Imperial Roads (29 May–2 July, 2016)
- Roman Villa Excavation – Identity and Wealth on the Roman Frontier (3 July–6 August, 2016)
- Roman Military Excavation – A Soldier's Life on the Frontier (3 July–6 August, 2016)
- Roman Imperial Urban Excavation – Sarmizegetusa, First Roman City North of the Danube (3 July–6 August, 2016)

## Applied field schools

- Applied Field Geophysics Workshop – Intensive Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Survey and Analysis (29 May–1 June, 2016; intensive 5 day sessions)
- Field Museology, Ethnoarchaeology and Traditional Crafts Workshop (5 June–2 July, 2016)



The 2014 Mead Site field school. Photo courtesy of Ben Potter.

## Field Schools in Alaska Mead Site, Interior Alaska

Mead site is a multicomponent site dating from 14,000 to 1,400 years ago in the mid-Tanana Basin, near Delta Junction, Alaska. Initial excavations have yielded lithic tools, organic tools, and faunal remains from multiple components. Mead is one of the oldest sites in northern North America, and we have two Pre-Clovis components that we should encounter in 2016.

The 2016 excavation and field school at Mead is designed to better understand activity areas and technological and subsistence change through time. Specifically, we will focus on areas of the site where we recovered thousands of faunal remains (bison, waterfowl, fish) dating to 12,500 cal BP, that may represent multiple ancient house floors, which are extremely rare in Paleoindian archaeology.

This field school occurs from 16 May–18 June, 2016. Tuition and course fees total \$2,956.

To Register:

To register, the students must:

- 1) send an email requesting permission to register to [bapotter@alaska.edu](mailto:bapotter@alaska.edu)
- 2) send an unofficial transcript
- 3) ask an academic reference to send a brief letter of support

Registration is closes on 4 May, 2016. This  
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field school is led by Dr. Ben Potter of UAF. More information is available at <https://sites.google.com/a/alaska.edu/dr-ben-a-potter/2016fieldschool>.

### **Gold Cord Mine, Hatcher Pass Alaska**

The UAA Department of Anthropology is leading a field school in historical archaeology at Gold Cord Mine, in Hatcher Pass, Alaska. Gold Cord Mine is rare intact gold mine from the 1930s era.

The 2016 field school season will focus on the documentation of aboveground features. Students will gain experience in surveying techniques, plane-table mapping, total station, and photography.

This field school occurs from 27 June-22 July, 2016.

Students are able to earn 4 upper-division level credits in ANTH431. There is a course fee of \$350 plus tuition and normal UAA fees. Instructor permission is required for enrollment. For more information, email Dr. Paul White at [pjwhite2@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:pjwhite2@uaa.alaska.edu).

### **Internships**

#### **St. Paul Island, Alaska**

University students interested in studying film, languages, American Sign Language, data management, and teaching/education, may now apply for a summer internship on St. Paul Island in the summer of 2016 in the Pribilof Islands Aleut Community "Unangam Tunuu Intensive".

The tentative field dates are 5 June-20 August.

This internship provides round trip airfare between Anchorage and St. Paul Island, housing, and a meal per diem valued \$34/day. Space is limited, so contact Aquilina Debbie Lestenkof if you are interested, at [ad-lestenkof@aleut.com](mailto:ad-lestenkof@aleut.com), or call 907-546-3229.

#### **National Museum of the American Indian**

The National Museum of the American Indian seeks application for 6-9 month paid residencies, with opportunities for extensions



Gold Cord Mine in Hatcher Pass, Alaska. Photo courtesy of Paul White.

of up to 12 months, for entry-level Native American museum professionals interested in pursuing museum careers or those early in established careers who feel they would benefit from a residency at NMAI.

A successful candidate will demonstrate commitment to the museum profession through academic preparation, experience with paid or volunteer work at museums or community cultural centers, experience with exhibitions and/or collections research, and/or a track record of community-based scholarship.

The Curatorial Resident will join the staff of NMAI's Museum Scholarship group or Collections Management and will be assigned projects under the supervision of NMAI staff. Residents will enjoy all the privileges and responsibilities of NMAI professional staff and work assignments will be created to assist with the development of professional skills necessary to the curatorial or collections management professions.

Applications should include:

- 1) complete curriculum vitae or professional resume
- 2) a letter of support from an academic or community-based sponsor or mentor
- 3) an essay of no more than 1200 words describing: a) the candidate's career goals for museum work; b) what the candidate hopes to gain from the residency experi-

ence; and c) why the NMAI in particular can play an important role in the candidate's career development.

Consideration will be given to candidates who can demonstrate how their experience will benefit their communities.

Compensation for the Residency will be competitive with entry-level museum appointments in the Washington, D.C. area, accompanied by a benefits package including health insurance. The Residency includes travel funds for professional development and participation in professional conferences, to be determined in consultation with supervision. Candidates must be American citizens.

Please send applications to: Patricia Scott, Cultural Resources Center, 4220 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746-2863.

### **Call for Papers**

The Alaska Historical Society has put out a call for panels, papers, and posters to their annual conference, to be held 21-24 September, in Juneau, Alaska. The theme this year is "Exploring Alaska's Past in the Pacific World."

The deadline to submit abstracts is 1 May, 2016. For more information, please contact Program Chair Chris Allan at [sprucetip105@gmail.com](mailto:sprucetip105@gmail.com).