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This obsidian projectile point was found in northeastern Oregon, where aaa member Annalisa Heppner has been working and recreating this summer. *Photo by Annalisa Heppner.*

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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 sfcarragher@uaa.alaska.edu.

Deadline to submit materials for the next newsletter is 15 August, 2016!



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alaskaanthro@gmail.com for information.



Letter from the Editor

Sally Carraher, Newsletter editor

Our illustrious President and several of our membership are out doing what Alaskan anthropologists look forward all year to doing in the summer time: Travel. And often to places with limited to no cell or Internet access. Thus, we are taking a break from the regularly-scheduled "President's Letter" and I am co-opting this space to make some of my own announcements as your newsletter editor.

The newsletter has seen a lot of changes over the years, most recently of my own doing. I look back at old issues, both during and prior to my time as editor, and I think "Wow, what a great anthropological scrapbook. A time capsule of sorts.

This newsletter is about more than just professional, academic news. As I review old "Out and About" sections and some past "Photo Essays", I get to relive the personal as well as professional achievements of our membership – everything from graduation news to new jobs, to awards earned, to retirement celebrations, to news of marriage and new family members. The "In Memory" section is for sharing obituaries of our members and friends lost over the years.

I cover important news about Arctic research, or the upcoming annual conference, or other items important to Alaska anthropologists. You can easily find the latest news on upcoming conferences of interest to our membership, along with upcoming submission deadlines. Richard Stern keeps us up to date with his list of "Recent Publications", many of which are grey literature or only available through the web sites and contacts he lists exclusively in the newsletter. By the way, Richard is trying to sell some of his amazing personal collection now. See page 7 for details.

The newsletter is truly a reflection of our membership. As we know from the annual meetings (and the Belzoni Society meetings), the aaa is a network of professionals who are also friends with each other. We know each other well - sometimes too well. There's just no way to keep up that kind of social intimacy at the national conference level. But I think that comradery is well captured within these pages.

Although I openly solicit content each issue, I realize the newsletter of the past three years under my charge is biased toward people I know better than others. The truth is I can't do this job without YOU, the members. Please, note that the deadline to submit content for the next issue is always on page 1 of the newsletter, along with my contact e-mail. Please consider submitting a brief update for "Out and About", news about events or conferences you think members would like to know about, or announcements about open jobs, internships, field schools, scholarships, and the like for our "Opportunities" section. And, when we need to, please share obituaries with me so we can give our friends taken too soon, and our anthro-elders, the farewell respects that they very much deserve.

Thank you,
Sally Carraher

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 a 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.

Please e-mail submissions to the newsletter to the editor, Sally Carraher, at 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.

Anchorage

April was Archaeology Month in Alaska (poster shown on the right). Richard VanderHoek helped to put on another very successful Alaska Atlatl Fun and Throw event at the end of April, at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. This was the 17th annual event! Participants got to try their arms at shooting mock-mammoths and other Pleistocene Era fauna.



Did you know that the word "Arctic" comes from ancient Greek, and it means "near the bear"? You can learn fun things like that by checking out the "Near the Bear" exhibit at the Anchorage Museum this summer, on display until 4 July. The exhibit uses a combination of science and art to teach patrons about the unique animals and plants that live in the Arctic. Fun for all ages!

Many UAA faculty and students are keeping busy with field schools, field work, and life in the lab. Dr. Paul White recently returned from a historical archaeology stint at Wake Island, and is about to head out to Gold Cord Mine to lead this summer's field school.

Graduate student Alexandra Taitt recently completed a digital modeling of an Iñupiaq baleen basket from the Wells Fargo Heritage Museum. Photogrammetry is a hotly developing area in anthropology that allow us to do a lot more analysis as well as sharing with the public with otherwise rare and fragile artifacts. You can view an example of her work by visiting <https://youtu.be/jsuYaxDQbW4>.

Graduate student Alyssa Willett is traveling this summer, visiting the Labon Institute of Movement Studies among other cool plac-

es. Alyssa is doing her MA thesis research on the bio-cultural anthropology of dance. Once she returns to UAA, she'll be working on scanning dancers in real time and then digitally modeling and analyzing the movements. She is also doing ethnographic interviews with the dancers, making for a truly holistic approach to understanding this unique and universal human practice. Boas himself would be proud of you, Alyssa!

The Alaska Museum of Science and Nature recently reopened! If you're in Anchorage and want to check it out this summer, they are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 10 am-4 pm.

Also, the Anchorage Museum is showing "Our Story", a collection of Indigenous art that tells the story of what it means to be Alaska Native today. Drew Michael is the guest curator, and the exhibit is on display until 11 September.

Fairbanks

A big congratulations to Drs. Carrin Halfman, Ben Potter, and Josh Reuther, who have received an NSF award to study ancient salmon use in Alaska. This work will combine stable isotope, zooarchaeological, and ancient aDNA analyses to explore the human uses of salmon in central Alaska from the earliest occupations during the last Ice Age all the way through the late prehistoric period. Post-doctoral Fellow Bruce Finney is also part of the team.

Congratulations are also in order for Sve-

ta Yamin-Pasternak who has received the Dennis Demmert Award for Rural Student Services, which is given to recognize faculty who "go above and beyond to demonstrate UAF's goal of being the educational center for Alaska Native students." Great job, Sveta!

Kodiak



The Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak is continuing to offer Alutiiq language classes every Wednesday at noon through out the summer. This language club is hosted by the Sunaq Tribe. What a great way to keep your mind sharp during summer vacation! Not from town? That's OK! Drop on by for a one-day visit when you're in Kodiak. For more information, call 907-486-7004.

You can also see "Inartalicirpet: Our Weaving Ways" on display at the Alutiiq Museum until May, 2017. This exhibit looks at the revival of Alutiiq weaving practices.

Soldotna

History buffs on the Kenai Peninsula are organizing an event for next year's sesquicentennial observances. Titled "150 Years: Kenai Peninsula History Conference," it is tentatively scheduled for 21-22 April, 2017, at the Kenai Peninsula College campus in Soldotna.

For more information, see the call for papers, sessions in "Opportunities" on page 7.

Tales from the Field

Anthropologists, archaeologists, summer work, and shenanigans

Compiled by Sally Carraher, Newsletter editor

Folks, it's that magical time of year again - SUMMER! This year, the aaa membership is scattered far and wide, with some of our folks working in the Arctic, in the Interior, out on the Aleutians, in the Lower 48, and even in eastern Europe! Whether we're outside

digging and hiking, doing ethnographic research, or in the labs, the truth is Alaska anthropologists and archaeologists work hard, and play hard! And we have the photos to prove it! Please enjoy this photo essay of "Tales from the Field."



Above: Norma Johnson's burial pit shows the outline of a coffin wall while she worked at a bioarchaeology field school in Romania this summer. The burial is part of a 15th-to-16th century graveyard being excavated by the school. *Photo courtesy of Norma Johnson.*



Above: UAA Graduate student Alexandra Taitt uses photogrammetry to create 3-D models of artifacts. Shown here, she photographs some slippers from the Wells Fargo Alaska Heritage Museum's collection. *Photo courtesy of Alexandra Taitt.*



Left: Recent UAA graduate Norma Johnson is standing in front of the entryway to a 13th century fortified church in Odorheiu Secuiesc, in Transylvania, Romania.

Norma participated in a bioarchaeology field school there this summer.

Photo courtesy of Norma Johnson.



Left: Check out that culturally-modified tree Annalisa Heppner is proudly posing next too! This, and other great finds including projectile points and historic structures can be seen at Lookout Mountain in northeastern Oregon. Annalisa is working in Oregon for the summer. *Photo courtesy of Annalisa Heppner.*



Above: "Here's lookin' at YOU, kid!" That's what the fox in the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists collection says. *Photo courtesy of Diane Hanson.*



Above: UAF students got this beautiful summer off to a great start back in March, when they enjoyed the "warm" water in Sitka during the annual conference. *Photo courtesy of Sally Carraher.*

Right: UAA graduate student Alyssa Willett demonstrates how the "icosahedron" works while she visits the Labon Institute of Movement Studies. Alyssa is doing her MA research on the bio-cultural anthropology of dance. *Photo courtesy of Alyssa Willett.*





US Army Corps of Engineers Archaeologist Kelly Eldridge shares some photos from her recent trip to Attu Island. **Above:** Old fuel-header left behind in Old Navy Town. **Top right:** A chimney is all that's left of this WWII-era structure. **Middle right:** A pump station in Old Navy Town. **Below:** The Japanese Peace Monument on Attu was erected in 1987 to honor the memory of all those who died in the Pacific Northwest during WWII. *Photos courtesy of Kelly Eldridge.*



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.

Balestrery, Jean Emily

2016 Social Work Education without Walls: Ethnography as a Lens for Transformative Learning. *Social Work Education: The International Journal* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2016.1151490>:1-17.

Bergman, Ingela and Greger Hörnberg

2015 Early Cereal Cultivation at Sami Settlements: Challenging the Hunter-Herder Paradigm? *Arctic Anthropology* 52(2):57-66.

Christianson, Justine and Christopher H. Marston (editors)

2015 Covered Bridges and the Birth of American Engineering. National Park Service, Historic American Engineering Record, Washington, D.C. <http://www.nps.gov/hdp/CoveredBridges2015.pdf>.

Fall, James A. and Terri Lemons

2015 Subsistence Harvests of Pacific Halibut in Alaska, 2014 - REVIEW DRAFT. Technical Paper No. 414. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Anchorage, Alaska. <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/techpap/TP414.pdf>

Fall, James A., Caroline L. Brown, Sarah S.

Evans, Rosalie A. Grant, Hiroko Ikuta, Lisa Hutchinson-Scarborough, Bronwyn Jones, Meredith Ann Marchioni, Elizabeth Mikow, Joshua T. Ream, Lauren A. Sill, and Terri Lemons

2015 Alaska Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon Fisheries 2013 Annual Report. Technical Paper No. 413. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Anchorage, Alaska. <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/techpap/TP413.pdf>.

Frink, Liam and Celeste Giordano

2015 Women and Subsistence Food Technology: The Arctic Seal Poke Storage System. *Food and Foodways* 23(4):251-272.

Frink, Liam

2016 Indigenous-Colonial Engagements in Southwestern Alaska. University of Arizona Press, Tucson, AZ.

Gadamus, Lily and Julie Raymond-Yakoubian

2015 A Bering Strait Indigenous Framework for Resource Management: Respectful Seal and Walrus Hunting. *Arctic Anthropology* 52(2):87-101.

Harritt, Roger K.

2015 The Wales, Alaska, Archaeology Project, 1996-2006. University of Oregon Anthropological Papers No. 71. Museum of Natural History and Culture, Eugene, Oregon. (available through online order at <http://natural-history.uoregon.edu/research/publications/uoap>).

Hood, Bryan C.

2015 Framing Sámi Entanglement in Early Modern Colonial Processes: Ethnohistorical and Archaeological Perspectives from Interior North Norway. *Arctic Anthropology* 52(2):37-56.

Källén, Anna

2015 Postcolonial Theory and Sámi Archaeology--A Commentary. *Arctic Anthropology* 52(2):81-86.

Kan, Sergei (editor)

2015 Sharing Our Knowledge: The Tlingit and Their Coastal Neighbors. University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lehtola, Veli-Pekka

2015 Sámi Histories, Colonialism, and Fin-

land. *Arctic Anthropology* 52(2):22-36.

Langdon, Steve J.

2015 Foregone Harvests and Neoliberal Policies: Creating Opportunities for Rural, Small-scale, Community-based Fisheries in Southern Alaskan Coastal Villages. *Marine Policy* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2015.03.007>.

Loeffler, David

2015 Surreptitious Sámi--Suppressive Swedes: Maintaining Sámi Identities through the Use of Religion and Stone Circles. *Arctic Anthropology* 52(2):67-80.

McKechnie, Iain and Madonna L. Moss

2016 Meta-analysis in Zooarchaeology Expands Perspectives on Indigenous Fisheries of the Northwest Coast of North America. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*:1-16. [10.1016/j.jasrep.2016.04.006](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2016.04.006).

Moss, Madonna L.

2015 An Ethnozoarchaeological Study of Land Otters and People at Kit'n'Kaboodle (49-DIX-46), Dall Island, Alaska. *B.C. Studies* 187: 21-51.

2015 The Nutritional Value of Pacific Herring: an Ancient Cultural Keystone Species on the Northwest Coast of North America. *Journal of Archaeological Sciences: Reports*, online <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2015.08.041>.

2015 Haida and Tlingit Use of Seabirds from the Forrester Islands, Southeast Alaska. In: *Sharing Our Knowledge: the Tlingit and Their Coastal Neighbors*, edited by Sergei Kan, pp. 297-319. University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln.

Moss, Madonna L., Antonia Rodrigues, Camilla F. Speller, and Dongya Y. Yang

2015 The Historical Ecology of Pacific Herring: Tracing Alaska Native Use of a Forage Fish. *Journal of Archaeological Sciences: Reports*, online <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2015.10.005>.

Ojala, Varl-Gösta and Jonas M. Nordin

2015 Mining Sápmi: Colonial Histories, Sámi Archaeology, and the Exploitation of Natural Resources in Northern Sweden. *Arctic Anthropology* 52(2):6-21.

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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.

Scheiber, Laura L. and María Nieves Zedeño (editors)

2015 Engineering Mountain Landscapes. An Anthropology of Social Investment. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Spangen, Marte, Anna-Kaisa Salmi and Tiina Äikäs

2015 Sámi Archaeology and Postcolonial Theory-An Introduction. *Arctic Anthropology* 52(2):1-5.

Yu, Pei-Lin (editor)

2015 Rivers, Fish, and People. Tradition, Science and Historical Ecology of Fisheries in the American West. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Opportunities

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.

Call for Papers, Sessions

ICASS 2017

The International Congress on Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS) is held every three years. ICASS IX's theme is "People and Place." A focus on people and place highlights the many variances across the region in terms of climate, political systems, demography, infrastructure, history, languages, legal systems, and land and water resources.

ference

History buffs on the Kenai Peninsula are organizing an event for next year's sesquicentennial observances. Titled "150 Years: Kenai Peninsula History Conference," it is tentatively scheduled for 21-22 April, 2017, at the Kenai Peninsula College campus in Soldotna.

A call for proposals will be distributed later this year. Associated projects such as field trips and outreach in schools are planned. If you have questions, want to get involved, or would like to be on the conference's mailing list, please contact organizer Shana Loshbaugh at s.loshbaugh@gmail.com or 907-460-7554.



ALASKA
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Volunteers Wanted!

The Alaska Museum of Science and Nature is looking for anyone in the Anchorage area to volunteer for them. After having to shut its doors briefly this year, the museum opened again on 9 June, and will be open for new summer hours every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am-4 pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact David Yesner at dryesner@uaa.alaska.edu.

Book Sale

Richard Stern is retiring and downsizing a lifetime library of Alaskana: archaeology, ethnography, linguistics, history, Canadian Mercury Series, and rare and out of print items. Lots of general anthropology and world archaeology and ethnography. Journals: *Arctic*, *Arctic Anthropology*, *American Anthropologist*, *Canadian Journal of Archaeology*, *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*, *American Antiquity*, *Historical Archaeology*, and miscellaneous others. Cash, checks, money orders only.

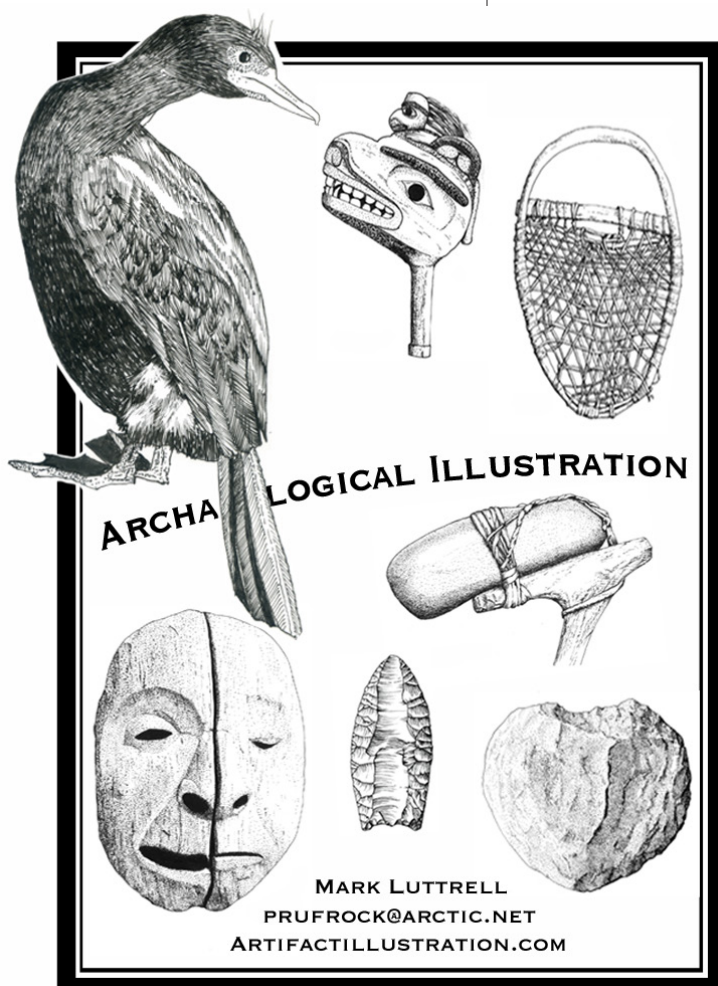
Call/text evenings 907-242-1847 for a list and prices. For more information, e-mail DStern8107@aol.com.

We encourage the participation of Indigenous peoples, northern residents, decision-makers and politicians, as well as academics. IASSA is now seeking proposals for sessions. Please submit session proposals by 23 September, 2016 to Gabriella Nordin at gabriella.nordin@umu.se. Please include:

- Session title
- Organizer
- Organizer's contact information
- A brief description of the session

The Call for Papers will be distributed in Autumn 2016, with a preliminary list of sessions.

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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.

September

IUCN World Conservation Congress

Special congress on "Global Environmental Change Threats to Heritage and Long Term Observing Networks: The Arctic Case and Beyond"

Hawai'i

1-10 September

Web site: <https://portals.iucn.org/congress/session/9685>

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.alaskahistoricalsociety.org>

November

American Anthropological Association

115th annual meeting

Minneapolis, Minnesota

16-20 November

Web site: <http://www.americananthro.org/AttendEvents/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1578>

American Association of Physical Anthropologists

86th annual meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana

19-22 April, 2017

Web site: <http://www.physanth.org/annual-meetings/86th-annual-meeting/>

Kenai Peninsula History Conference

Soldotna, Alaska

21-22 April, 2017*

*This schedule is tentative. See updated information in the next newsletter, or e-mail Shana Loshbaugh (below).

E-mail: s.losbaugh@gmail.com

2017

Society for Applied Anthropology

77th annual meeting

Santa Fe, New Mexico

28 March-1 April, 2017

Web site: <https://www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/>


International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX)

9th annual meeting

Umea, Sweden

8-12 June, 2017


E-mail: gabriella.nordin@umu.se



The 44th annual meeting of the

Alaska Anthropological Association

will be 27 February - 2 March, 2017 in Fairbanks



Please check the aaa 2017 Facebook page for the latest updates: <https://www.facebook.com/2015aaa#>

...PLUS! It's the 35th anniversary of the Belzoni Society!

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!



Society for American Archaeology

Abstracts are usually due in the Fall



American Association of Physical Anthropologists

Abstracts are usually due in September



Society for Applied Anthropology

Abstracts are due 15 October



Alaska Anthropological Association

Abstracts are usually due in January