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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 sfcarraher@gmail.com.

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

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President's Letter

Bill Hedman, Association President

It's been a busy summer field season for many of us including your Association Board Members. As the dust settles, we are happy to report progress on several fronts, particularly the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*, and our budget process.

We've had some very productive discussions with our AJA staff and I'm very happy with all of the effort that is going into making our Association journal really classy.

On the budget side of things, the Board will be meeting soon to finalize the FY17 budget and to draft the FY18 budget. We've had some minor additions to the budget recently. Perhaps the most significant is a proposed expenditure of \$1,500 for the services of a technical editor to assist our volunteer editorial staff.

We would like to commend the aaa's Public Education Group for the award-winning Archaeology Month Poster. The poster has won national awards two years in a row for the Denbigh and Northern Archaic posters, with sponsorship and design from the NPS and other agencies.

The Association has been getting an unprecedented number of requests for these posters as well as the 2016 Thule poster. The posters go out to all schools in Alaska and the mailing list has increased two-fold over the past three years.

We are happy to report that our scholarship committee has been successful in recruiting new applicants. In 2016, we had a greater number of high quality applications than ever before.

Please continue to encourage students and young professionals to apply for scholarships and continue to participate in the association.

As the New Year approaches, please think about the awards the Association gives out to its members. We have had no nominations for the "Outstanding Current Contribution" and "Outstanding Service to the Association" awards for over five years, and we are always looking for worthy candidates for the "Professional Achievement" award.

As always, we are happy to hear from our membership. Board meetings are held the second week of each month. Please contact board member Kelly Eldridge at alaskaanthroexternalaffairs@gmail.com if you would like to participate in the meeting or see the agenda.

Sincerely,

Bill

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@gmail.com.

aaa Board Updates

Vice President's Report

Julie Esdale

alaskaanthrovp@gmail.com

Fall is fast approaching and it is almost time to renew your aaa membership for 2017! Please renew between 1 October to 31 December. Early renewals will be credited to 2016. To renew your membership, please go to www.alaskaanthropology.org. Click on "Membership" to renew.

The aaa Board is looking for new members in 2017! Contact alaskaanthrovp@gmail.com to find out more about what we do or express your interest in running for the board. We are always looking for people with social media and web skills.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 44th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks, 27 February-2 March, 2017. The University of Alaska Fairbanks has organized a conference committee and they are doing a great job lining up the venue and attracting great speakers. More information to come!

We are currently looking for a host for the 45th aaa meeting (2018) in Anchorage. Last time the meeting was in Anchorage, the University of Alaska Anchorage hosted.

Please contact alaskaanthrovp@gmail.com if your organization is willing to host.

Publications Committee

Shelby Anderson

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We are happy to announce that future *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* (AJA) volumes will be indexed by Ebsco! Ebsco is a popular indexing service used by many libraries and we expect indexing to increase the visibility and distribution of the journal.

In other AJA news, the journal will be moving towards a single double issue each year in 2017. Please consider submitting an abstract for volume 15 (2017).

Articles must be submitted by 31 March, 2017.

Please send your submissions to journal editor Kenneth Pratt at akpratt@gci.net.

Printing and distribution of volume 14(2) is anticipated at the end of 2016/beginning of 2017.



The aaa Newsletter is
looking for submissions from
YOU!

Opportunities:

Student research/funding opportunities, internships, fieldschools, volunteers wanted, job postings, calls for papers and sessions.

Out and About:

Share updates with the membership about what students, professionals, and organizations are doing in Alaska anthropology and archaeology. Updates from museums around the state about programs, exhibits, or special activities are also encouraged!

Meetings of Interest:

News of upcoming all professional meetings and conferences, small and large are welcome.

In Memory:

When our friends, Elders, and colleagues in anthropology leave us, please consider writing a personal obituary and submitting a photo so we can honor them by paying our respects in the Newsletter.

Send submissions to sfcarraher@gmail.com.

The deadline for submissions is always listed on the front page of the Newsletter!

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@gmail.com.

The Museum of the North is also hosting "Halloween at the Museum" on Monday, 31 October. If you're in town that night, grab a Halloween costume, grab a buddy, and come see a delightfully spooky collection of bones, bugs, and bats. They are asking folks to also please bring canned food donations that night for the Fairbanks Community Food Bank.

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.

Anchorage

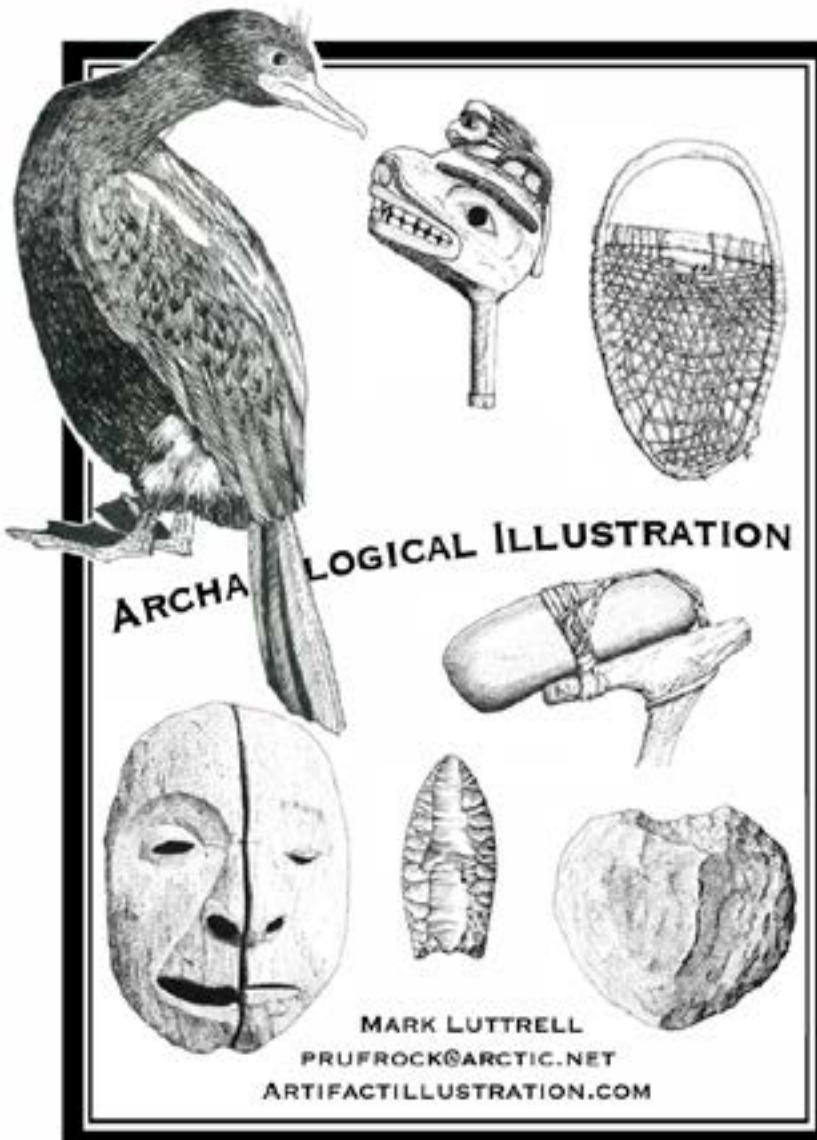
Something fishy was going in the Alaska Consortium for Zooarchaeology recently! Diane Hanson recently led a workshop titled "Don't Fear the Fish: Identify North Pacific Marine Fish" on 17 September on the UAA campus. On 29 October, Nathan Harmston and Samantha Dunning are developing a workshop titled "Alternate Methods of Studying Animal Remains." On 19 November, Doug Causey will lead "Identifying Sea Birds from the North Pacific", and on 10 December, Ryan Harrod will lead "Interpreting Bone Pathology."

This fall series of workshops is free and open to the public. For more information on the ACZ and their workshops, visit www.alaskazooarch.org. The ACZ also maintains a Facebook page, at <https://www.facebook.com/alaskazooarch/>.

And if you're in town Thursday, 6 October, or Friday, 7 October between 1-3 p.m., come check out "Material Traditions: Twining Cedar" at the Anchorage Museum. Haida master weaver Delores Churchill and her daughter Holly Churchill, along with Tsimshian artists Kandi McGilton and Karla Booth, will be demonstrating how to weave cedar baskets. Cost to attend is the normal museum entry rate.

Fairbanks

The Museum of the North is gearing up to have a fun-filled October. On 10-14 October from noon-4 p.m. each day, you can bring your friends and family and come hang out with some real-live archaeologists in the museum lobby. They will have artifacts from various collections available to view, and can answer people's questions about archaeology – maybe even regale you with a story or two. Then on Saturday, 15 October, the museum will be hosting International Archaeology Day.



International Archaeology Day 2016

Volunteers from schools, agencies wanted

Compiled by Sally Carraher, Newsletter editor



International Archaeology Day is Saturday, 15 October this year. It will be held in Anchorage at the University Center on Old Seward Hwy; and in Fairbanks at the Museum of the North.

UAA is looking for individuals and agencies to help run booths and educational activities. And please feel free to bring your kids along! This event is always free and all-ages.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer to help out with Archaeology Day activities in Anchorage, please contact Diane Hanson at dkhanson@alaska.edu.

What kinds of things do we do on Archaeology Day?



Top left: Learn about Mesoamerican agriculture, and how people ground their maize to make their meals.

Center left: Learn how ancient peoples made things they used in everyday life, including weaving and braiding.

Bottom left: People of all ages love to dig up bones and artifacts and learn how archaeologists do their jobs.

Bottom right: Try your hand at throwing a spear with an atlatl. Would you be a good hunter?

Photos reprinted from the Northern Light, 2015.



In Memory: Kay Branch

1954-2016

Reprinted from Alaska Dispatch News (July 15, 2016)



Kay Branch 1954-2016. Photo reprinted from the *Juneau Empire*.

Kay Branch, age 61, passed away on July 9, 2016, from metastatic cancer, surrounded by her family including true love and husband, Bill Herman; daughter, Laura Herman; father, Herman Winstead; sister, Sue Wilson; goddaughter, Su Ling Caballero; and friends, Teresa Nelson, Julie Holden, Debbie Angleton and Pat Miles. Her cancer was sneaky, cruel and unrelenting.

Moving to Anchorage, she did important statewide planning to improve elder care. Out of gratitude, tribal elder care leaders successfully advocated for Kay to receive the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2012 Community Health Leader Award. She was also a prominent national leader in the Native elder care field. Although diminutive in height, Kay was a powerhouse, beaming astounding love and light that deeply touched all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Because she was so loved by elders, she was given an honorary Yup'ik name: Arnayagaq (Little Woman).

Kay also loved all aspects of nature and energetically backpacked and kayaked throughout Alaska with her loving husband, Bill. She was very active in the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). [A] celebration of her life [was held] on July 27, 2016, at...the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Elder Health Fund of the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation at <http://inspiringgoodhealth.org/help-us-care-for-our-elders/>.

We are devastated and miss her dearly, yet we relish knowing that she is no longer suffering. Kay grew up in Lakeland, Fla., and moved to Alaska in 1984, remaining there for the rest of her life. She lived in Dillingham for four years, managing the BBNA Elder Care program, the beginning of her beloved life's work.

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 publica-

tions you know of that may be of interest to our members to Richard at ros@northernlanduse.com.

Balestrery, J.E. (2016) "Indigenous Elder Insights about Conventional Care Services in Alaska: Culturally Charged Spaces," *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

Bland, Richard L.

2015 Smallpox, Aleuts, and Kayaks: A Translation of Eduard Blashke's Article on His Trip through the Aleutian Islands in 1838. *Journal of Northwest Anthropology* 49(1):71-86.

2015 Another Version of the Wreck of the Neva. *The International Journal of Maritime History* 27(2):285-301.

2016 Alphonse Louis Pinart Among the Natives of Alaska. *Journal of*

Northwest Anthropology 50(1):119-144.

Fienup-Riordan, Ann and Alice Rearden

2016 Anguyiim Nalliini/Time of Warring: The History of Bow-and-Arrow Warfare in Southwest Alaska. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, Alaska.

2016 Ciulirnerunaki Yuuyaqunak/Do Not Live Without An Elder: The Subsistence Way of Life in Southwest Alaska. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Grinëv, Andrei V.

2015 Russian Ship Names: Ships on the shores of Russian America. *The Mariner's Mirror* 101(2):200-212.

2015 The Problem of Classification

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of Vessels of the Russian-American Company in Russian Historiography. *Sibirica* 14(2):45-65.

2016 The Specific Character of Professional Statuses of Finns in Russian America. *Scandinavian Studies* 88(1):17-41.

2016 Cultural Borrowings of Russians from the Natives of Alaska in the 18th and 19th Centuries. *International Journal of Cultural Studies* <http://ics.sagepub.com/content/early/2016/02/01/1367877916629732.full.pdf+html>.

Hamilton, Lawrence C., Kei Saito, Philip A. Loring, Richard B. Lammers and Henry P. Huntington

2016 Climigration? Population and Climate Change in Arctic Alaska. *Population Environment* Springerlink.com 1-19. Doi: 10.1007/s11111-016-0259-6.

Hoffecker, John F., Scott A. Elias, Dennis H. O'Rourke, G. Richard Scott and Nancy H. Bigelow

2016 Beringia and the Global Dispersal of Modern Humans. *Evolutionary Anthropology* 25:64-78. doi:10.1002/evan.21478.

Kir'yak (Dikova), Margarita Aleksandrovna

2015 The Enigmatic World of Ancient Graffiti: Rock Art in Chukotka: The Chaunskaya Region, Russia. ArchaeoPress Publishing, Ltd., Oxford, England.

Krasinski, Kathryn E., Brian T. Wygal, Joanna Wells, Richard L. Martin and Fran Seager-Boss

2016 Detecting Late Holocene Cultural Landscape Modifications Using LiDAR Imagery in the Boreal Forest, Susitna Valley, Southcentral Alaska. *Journal of Field Archaeology*:1-17. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00934690.2016.1174764>.

Lay, J. Stephen and Sue Mattson

2016 Modestly Alaska. Epicenter Press, Anchorage, AK (\$9.95)

Owens, Kenneth N. and Alexander Yu. Petrov (editors and translators)

2015 Empire Maker: Aleksandr Baranov and Russian Colonial Expansion into Alaska and Northern California. University of Washington Press, Seattle, WA.

Phillips, James W.

2016 Alaska Yukon Place Names. Northwest Corner Books. (originally published 1973, \$16.95)

Pitul'ko, Vladimir V. and Elena Yu. Pavlova

2016 Geoarchaeology and Radiocarbon Chronology of Stone Age Northeast Asia. Texas A&M University Press, College Station, Texas.

Qu, Feng

2014 Eskimo Art Prototypes in the Chinese Neolithic: A Comparison of Okvik/Old Bering Sea and Liangzhu Ritual Art. *Sibirica* 13(3):45-78.

Reuther, Joshua D., Ben A. Potter, Charles E. Holmes, James K. Feathers, Francois B. Lanoe and Jennifer Kielhofer

2016 The Rosa-Keystone Dunes Field: The Geoarchaeology and Paleocology of a late Quaternary Stabilized Dune Field in Eastern Beringia. *The Holocene* sagepub.co.uk:1-15. doi: 10.1177/0959683616646190.

Rogers, Jason S.

2016 Icescapes and Archaeology: Interactions Above and Below Zero. In *Marine Ventures: Archaeological Perspectives on Human-Sea Relations*, edited by Hein Bjerck, Heidi Breivik, Silje Fretheim, Ernesto Piana, Birgitte Skar, Angélica Tivoli and A. Francisco Zangrando, pp. 205-218, Equinox Publishing, Sheffield, England.

Wien, Merrill

2016 Noel Merrill Wien: Born to Fly. Alaska Northwest Books, Anchorage, Alaska (\$19.99)

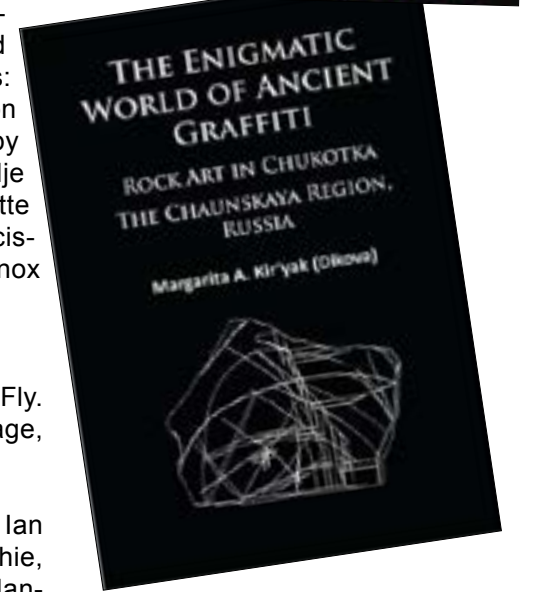
Urban, Thomas M., Jeffrey Rasic, Ian Buvit, Robert W. Jacob, Jillian Richie, Steven Hackenberger, Sydney Han-

son, William Ritz, Eric Wakeland and Sturt W. Manning

2016 Geophysical Investigation of a Middle Holocene Archaeological Site Along the Yukon River, Alaska. *The Leading Edge*:345-349. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1190/tle35040345.1>.

Urvina, Anthony and Sally Urvina

2016 More than God Demands: Politics and Influence of Christian Missions in Northwest Alaska, 1897-1918. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, Alaska. (\$50.00)



Opportunities

Compiled by 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@gmail.com.

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.

We encourage the participation of Indigenous peoples, northern residents, decision-makers and politicians, as well as academics. ICASS 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 Sessions has been extended to 7 October, 2016. A Call for Papers will be distributed later this fall.

KPC history conference

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.

Student Research Position

Dr. Shelby Anderson, Portland State University (PSU), welcomes applicants for a M.S. Student Research Assistant Position as part of the collaborative Birnirk Prehistory and the Emergence of Inupiaq Culture in Northwestern Alaska, Archaeological and Anthropological Perspectives project.

The student will join an interdisciplinary and international team of researchers working at Cape Espenberg, Alaska. The overall goals of the project are to explore human interaction, settlement history, climate, and landscape dynamics in relation to the Birnirk archaeological complex, ca. AD 1000.

The student will work with Dr. Anderson on ceramic sourcing and technological analysis aimed at establishing the connections between people living at this site and those in the surrounding region.

A thesis project will be developed as a part of this work. The position includes up to two years of funding (tuition and stipend) and an opportunity to join the field team in summer 2017.

Qualifications:

- BA/BS in anthropology with a focus or specialization in archaeology

- Experience conducting ceramic analysis and/or soil geochemical analysis

- Excavation experience

- Interest in Arctic archaeology

See the PSU anthropology website for submission details at <http://www.pdx.edu/anthropology/graduate-admission>.

The submission deadline is 1 February, 2017. Please contact Shelby Anderson at ashelby@pdx.edu with any questions prior to submitting an application.

Job

Archaeologist job at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. Applications due 9 September. For more information, visit <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/View-Details/449564200/>.

This posting is for federal status employees only. If they don't fill the position from this announcement, there may be an "All US Citizens" announcement coming.

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.

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@gmail.com.

October

20th Biennial Inuit Studies Conference
St. John's, Newfoundland
7-10 October

Web site: <http://www.mun.ca/isc2016/>

November

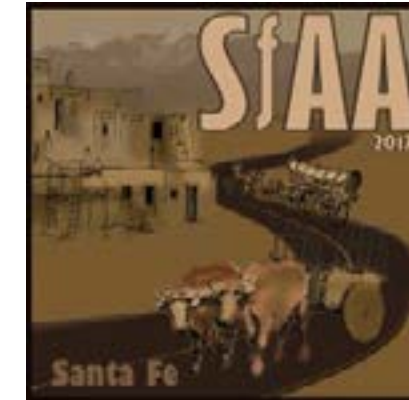
American Anthropological Association
115th annual meeting
Minneapolis, Minnesota
16-20 November

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

February

Alaska Anthropological Association
44th annual meeting
Fairbanks, Alaska
27 February-2 March, 2017

Web site: <https://www.alaskaanthro.org>



March

Society for Applied Anthropology
77th annual meeting
Santa Fe, New Mexico
28 March-1 April, 2017
Web site: <https://www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/>

Society for American Archaeology
82nd annual meeting
Vancouver, British Columbia
29 March-2 April, 2017
Web site: <http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/tabid/138/Default.aspx>

April

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.loshbaugh@gmail.com

June

International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX)

9th annual meeting
Umea, Sweden
8-12 June, 2017

E-mail: gabriella.nordin@umu.se

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!



ICASS IX

Session abstracts due 7 October
Call for Papers coming soon



Society for Applied Anthropology

Abstracts are due 15 October



Alaska Anthropological Association

Abstracts are due 31 January



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