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~ Julie Esdale, incoming aaa  
President, see page 2.

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**Deadline to submit  
materials for the next  
newsletter is  
1 June, 2017!**

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](mailto:sfcarraher@gmail.com).

**Right:** The Yurapik Drum Dancers performed for World Anthropology Day events in Anchorage on 18 February, 2017. Photo by Sally Carraher.



## President's Letter

Julie Esdale, Association President

Dear members,

With the end of another successful AAA Annual Meeting we say goodbye to retiring board members Bill Hedman, Kelly Eldridge, and Vivian Bowman, and thank them wholeheartedly for their years of service. Your skills and guidance will be greatly missed.

I am happy to introduce the new leadership of our organization. I am moving into the President position. Amy Chan is transitioning from secretary to Vice-President. Shelby Anderson (publications) and Phoebe Gilbert (scholarships and awards) are carrying on in their current positions as board members and chairing, respectively, the Publications and Scholarship and Awards committees. We have three new board members: Kory Cooper, our new Secretary, Yoko Kugo, student member and External Affairs Officer, and Elizabeth Andrews, Treasurer.

Our new board aims to keep a balanced budget, provide more opportunities for student participation in meetings, recognize outstanding contributors to Alaskan Anthropology and our association, and to fight for the protection of cultural resource preservation programs and policies that have emerged recently on a national stage.

I would like to call on all members of the Association to learn and act on some of the threats facing our discipline and the people and resources we serve. Of particular importance to Alaskan Anthropologists is the potential elimination of funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities and National Endowment for the Arts.

In addition, Congress recently voted to overturn the BLM Planning 2.0 Rule (House Joint Resolution 44), which gave the public significant input in the planning process for federal lands and improved the outlook for archaeological sites and other cultural resources. The President is expected to sign the measure shortly.

The Antiquities Act is also under threat in congress. The Improved National Monument Designation Process Act (Senate Bill 33), sponsored by Lisa Murkowski along with 27 cosponsors, threatens to restrict the President's ability to designate National Monuments without congressional approval and approval of the state legislature where the monument is located.

Also hitting close to home is the Military LANDs Act of 2017 (House Resolution 473), which would allow the military to remove properties from the National Register or withdraw National Historic Landmarks in an expedited manner for

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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](http://www.alaskaanthropology.org).

Please e-mail submissions to the newsletter to the editor, Sally Carraher, at [sfcarraher@gmail.com](mailto:sfcarraher@gmail.com).

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"reasons of National Security." The Society for American Archaeology and American Anthropological Association have shown leadership in responding to these issues and provided tools for effective advocacy.

You can contact your representatives through an automated letter-writing campaign at [http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/CongressionalAction/tabid/1552/Default.aspx#](http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/CongressionalAction/tabid/1552/Default.aspx#/).

I have contacted my representatives and I hope that you take the time to call or write to them as well.

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I'd like to thank the University of Alaska Museum of the North and UAF Department of Anthropology for organizing the 44th annual meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association.

The meeting was well attended and was a great experience for all involved. There were several sessions that integrated the fields of anthropology and I enjoyed the forums dedicated to honoring the amazing women and men who have paved the way in anthropology across the state.

Next year we look again to southcentral Alaska, where the National Park Service will organize the 2018 meeting in Anchorage with help from the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center.

I am happy to be serving as your new aaa president. Please contact me with suggestions or advice at [alaskaanthropresident@gmail.com](mailto:alaskaanthropresident@gmail.com).

Happy planning for the 2017 field season!

Julie Esdale

## Donations

**Elizabeth Andrews,**  
**Association Treasurer**

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# aaa Annual Meeting 2017

*Hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum of the North*  
Kelly Eldridge, Association member

A total of 172 people (53 of whom were students) attended the 44th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association in Fairbanks 28 February to 2 March, 2017, which was organized by the University of Alaska Museum of the North.

## Annual Business Meeting

Dr. Julie Esdale, Vice President of the aaa Board from 2015-2017, and our new President for 2017-2019, presented on the state of the Alaska Anthropological Association at the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday afternoon. New Board members, Ph.D. Student Yoko Kugo (University of Alaska Fairbanks) and Dr. Kory Cooper (Purdue University) were introduced, and departing Board members were acknowledged.

A significant topic of discussion raised by the audience was whether the aaa should start offering student travel grants to go towards conference attendance; the majority present were in favor of creating these grants.

The 2017 aaa conference cost \$28,395.81. The total conference income was \$29,575, for a profit of \$1,179.19. The expenses were approximately \$2,100 more expensive than estimated in the approved 2017 budget. All in all, not too shabby!

## Conference Highlights

The theme of the conference this year was "Bridging Humanities and Sciences through Studies of Circumpolar Societies." Keynote Speaker Dr. Anna Prentiss (Department of Anthropology, University of Montana) presented on findings from a nineteenth-century *St'át'imc* household in her talk, "The Last House at Bridge River: Archaeology of an Aboriginal Household during the Fur Trade period in British Columbia" at the Dinner and Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Terrence Cole (Department of History, University of Alaska Fairbanks) kept the crowd rolling with a hilarious talk on the 1957 film *City of Gold*, a documentary

on Dawson City during the Klondike Gold Rush, during the Luncheon on Thursday.

A full house gathered to hear about "The Research Program of Jules Jetté," with paper presentations followed by an hour-long panel discussion featuring, among others, Dr. Eliza Jones of the Alaska Native Language Center.

Dr. Jones, who authored the Koyukon Athabascan Dictionary with the help of Jetté's extensive notes, shared her experiences with the audience, including how it felt to be able to connect the early twentieth century work of Jesuit missionary Jules Jetté with the oral histories and lived experiences of Koyukon Elders.



Presenters and panelists from the "Research Program of Jules Jetté." Photo courtesy of Kelly Eldridge.

"Inspirational Women in Alaskan Anthropology," was also one of the most well-attended sessions this year. In this session, women archaeologists, linguists, and cultural anthropologists were celebrated by their peers and mentees.

## Annual Awards, Scholarships

Congratulations to everyone who won an aaa award this year. Robyn Callahan won the John E. Lobdell Undergraduate Scholarship (\$1500.00).

Kate Yeske won the Thomas F. Eidel Graduate (MA Level) Scholarship (\$1500.00). Briana Doering won the Stefanie Ludwig Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$1500.00), and Francois Lanoë won the Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition (\$1000.00). Finally, Jason Miszaniec won the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologist's Christina Jensen Scholarship (\$700.00).

There were no applicants for the James W. VanStone Graduate (PhD Level) Scholarship, nor were there any nominations received for the Outstanding Current Contribution Award, Outstanding Service to the Association Award, or the Professional Achievement Award. Please keep these in mind to apply for or nominate someone next year. Information on aaa awards is available at [www.alaskaanthropology.org/awards-scholarships/](http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/awards-scholarships/).

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## Special Interest Groups

Kicking off the 2017 conference, two of the aaa's special interest groups met ahead of the conference. The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) User Group, run by the AHRS Advisory Board, held an open meeting to solicit ideas for improvement and discuss upcoming changes to the AHRS system, which is maintained by the Alaska State Office of History and Archeology (OHA). The AHRS Advisory Board chair is Dr. Morgan Blanchard (NLURA).

The Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists (ACZ) held its 16th annual workshop ahead of the conference. This year the workshop was "All About Teeth," with Dr. Mike Etnier of Western Washington University and graduate student Nathan Harmston of University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).

Attendees were instructed in two different methods for making tooth casts. They also learned how best to cut teeth with saws, identify growth structures, and determine age-at-death, and season-of-death. Multiple species were discussed, but pinnipeds, toothed cetaceans, and caribou dominated this workshop.

You can read more about the ACZ's "Year in Review" on page 11.

Finally, our most most-loosely associated and unofficial Belzoni Society brought the annual conference activities to its always much-anticipated culmination at the Pub on the UAF campus.

The Belzoni Society celebrated its 35th Anniversary this year and was well attended. Roberta Gordaoff did an outstanding job as the emcee, and Dr. Owen Mason performed the scared reading from the Tome of Belzoni.

As usual, the most important fundraiser of all was quite successful: The Belzoni Society bar tab was paid in full through generous donations by members, leaving us with a down payment on next year's bar tab.

A highlight was when Dr. Richard VanderHoek revealed a new award: the Patrick Saltonstall Field Expediency Award, because who needs a shovel when an antler is nearby?

## Future Meetings

The 2018 aaa meeting will be held in Anchorage, organized by the National Park Service with assistance from the Smithsonian Arctic Center Institute.

The 2019 aaa meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Nome, organized by the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

Be sure to "like" and "follow" the aaa Annual Meeting Facebook page for updates throughout the year as we begin to organize for the Anchorage conference: <https://www.facebook.com/2015aaa/>.

I would like to thank everyone in Fairbanks who helped to organize this year's conference, as well as everyone who volunteered and participated in any of the conference activities.



**Left:** Richard VanderHoek reveals the newest Belzoni Society Award for "Patrick Saltonstall Field Expediency" **Right:** Mike Etnier and Adam Freeburg tape closed a freshly poured mold of a female fur seal canine at the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists annual workshop. *Photos courtesy of Kelly Eldridge.*





Rachel Mason and Rhea Hood from the National Parks Service led an interactive ethnographic workshop.



The UAA Anthropology Club had books and crafts.

## *Thank you to everyone who helped with World Anthropology Day in Anchorage, 18 February, 2017!*

Photos by Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor



Three Alaska Native dance troupes performed for the public at World Anthropology Day 2017: Yurap'ik Dance Troupe, The Northern Lights Dance Troupe, and the Anchorage Unangax Dancers (shown here).



# Opportunities

## 'Tis the Season for Applying to Field Schools!

Compiled by Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

### Swan Point, Alaska

15 May – 17 June, 2017

Location: Delta Junction, Alaska

Application due 1 May, 2017

The UAF Anthropology Department is hosting a field school at Swan Point, Alaska this year, under Dr. Ben Potter, Dr. Charles Holmes, and PhD Candidate Gerad Smith.

Swan Point is one of the earliest sites in North or South America, representing four major cultural components; the earliest is over 14,300 years old, currently the oldest dated cultural

zone in Alaska. The oldest component of this stratified site contains microblade technology similar to the ancient Duktai cultural widespread in Siberia. This deeply buried site also represents occupations associated with the Younger Dryas, the middle Holocene, the late Prehistoric, and Historic periods.

The focus of the current field school will be to explore archaeological components associated with these horizons in the Shaw Creek flats. This is a great opportunity for field school students to participate in the excavation

of an important North American site, and will provide experience with cutting edge archaeological equipment and methodology that will provide valuable training for their professional future.

Students may earn up to 6 credits through UAF. Cost of admission includes \$1,534 for tuition and fees, plus \$1,600 for food, equipment, and round trip transportation between Fairbanks and the site.

Please visit <https://sites.google.com/a/alaska.edu/uaf-swan-point-field-school/> for eligibility, requirements, and instructions on how to apply.

### Roman Archaeology in Transylvania

Archaeotek offers an array of field schools in Romania that provide students opportunities to learn about the Roman era as well as practice various excavation, survey, and analysis methods. Here's a list of upcoming field schools. To apply to any of these, email [archaeology@archaeotek.org](mailto:archaeology@archaeotek.org).

### Roman Provincial Settlement Excavation and Survey – Life by the Imperial Roads

Session 1: 21 May – 10 June, 2017

Session 2: 11 June - 1 July, 2017

Session 3: 2-22 July, 2017

Location: Rapolt, Hunedoara County, Transylvania - Romania

### Roman Villa Excavation – Identity and Wealth on the Roman Frontier

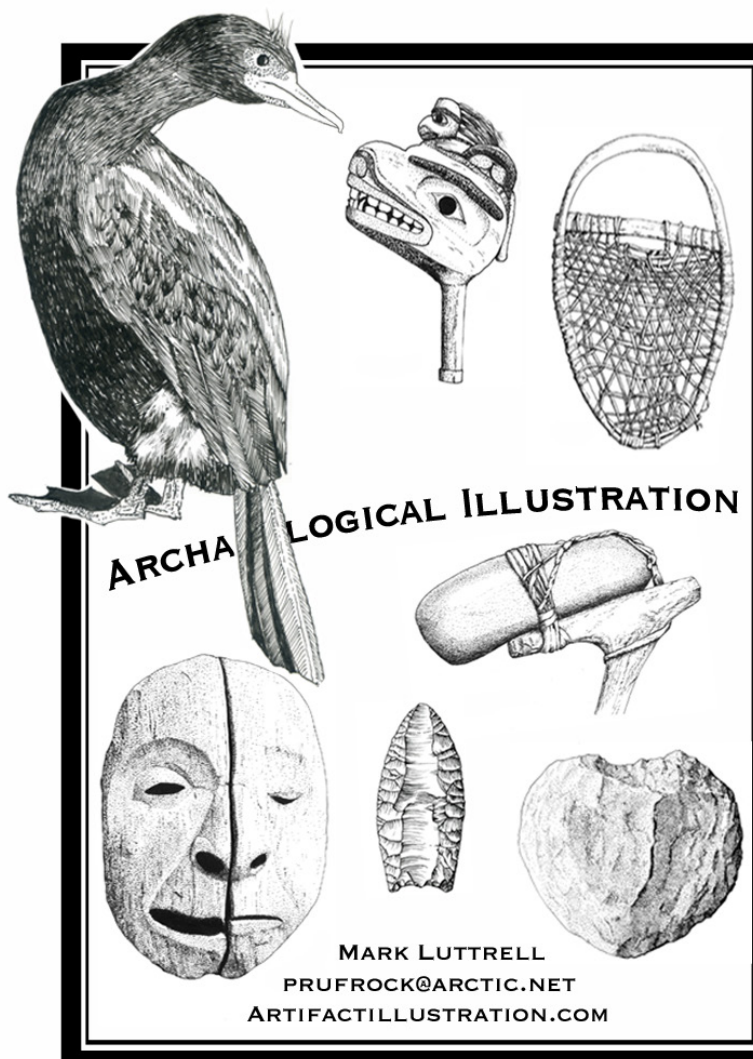
Session 1: 11 June - 1 July, 2017

Session 2: 2-22 July, 2017

Session 3: 23 July – 12 August, 2017

Location: Rapolt, Hunedoara County, Transylvania – Romania

Email archaeotek for more information about these schools, and their "Applied Field Geophysics: Ground Penetrating Radar Workshops" which are integrated into the schedule for the above schools.

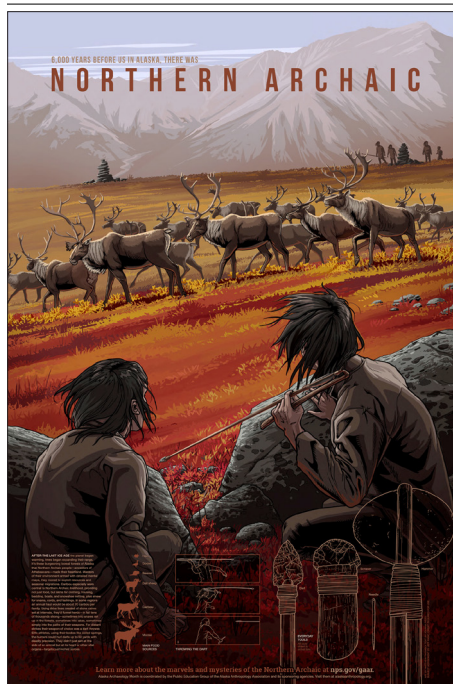


Additional field trips will be taken to other important cultural sites throughout the Interior every Sunday. The Tanana River Valley is a wide river basin with lush stands of spruce, birch, poplar, and willow.

The site is located in the foothills of the Yukon Tanana Uplands, a region of low elevation hills. The Alaska Range, visible to the south, is typi-

# April is Alaska Archaeology Month

Compiled by Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor



Alaska's winning submissions for the SAA Archaeology Month Poster Contest, left to right: Northern Archaic (2015), Thule (2016), and Paleoarctic (2017). All posters submitted by the Alaska Public Education Group (PEG).

April is Alaska Archaeology Month. Learn about Alaska's rich history and cultural heritage at public events and activities for all ages throughout the spring and across the state.

Find the latest information at <http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaAnthropologicalAssociation>.

## Alaska Wins SAA Archaeology Month Poster Contest 3rd Year in a Row!

Alaska's Archaeology Month poster won 1st place (AGAIN!), recognizing ours as the best in the nation for 2017! This is the third consecutive year that Alaska has won (formerly Wyoming held several 1st place titles in this contest). Congratulations to Jeff Rasic and all those involved!

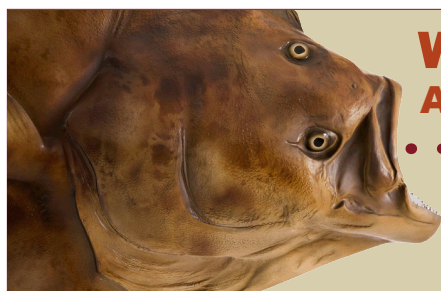
Robert King accepted the award for Alaska again this year at

the annual business meetings of the SAA in Vancouver, B.C.

In total, this is Alaska's fourth time winning 1st place and our 6th award in the past 11 years. Alaska won second place in 2006 at the San Juan, Puerto Rico, meeting, third place in 2007 at the Austin, Texas, meeting, and first place in 2008 at the Vancouver, BC, SAA meeting. For the past three years we have received first place in San Francisco (2015), Orlando (2016), and again in Vancouver (2017).

There are several fun and educational events happening in honor of Alaska Archaeology Month this year, in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, and Unalaska. For a complete list, see page 13.


So spread the word to your colleagues, neighbors, friends, and family - or better yet, plan a trip to one or more of these events and bring some friends!



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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 [sfcarraher@gmail.com](mailto:sfcarraher@gmail.com).*

Friday, April 7, 2017

Dear Alaska Anthropology Association,

Thank you for your past participation in International Archaeology Day (IAD)! In 2016, IAD participation skyrocketed to over 700 worldwide events organized by 530 Collaborating Organizations. Events were held in at least two dozen countries including: Argentina, Belize, Canada, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Georgia, Greece, Guyana, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Kosovo, Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, and the United States.

International Archaeology Day 2017 will be held on October 21, but as always events can be held any time in October.

Thank you so much for partnering with us to celebrate archaeology around the world. We look forward to working with you again! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

K. Sophie Will

Programs Assistant

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### Anchorage

Anchorage is gearing up to host a number of events for the Week of the Arctic, 12-14 May, 2017. As the Arctic Council Chairship passes from the United States (2015-2017) to Finland (2017-2019), the Anchorage-based Arctic Council Host Committee is putting on a conference "Innovate Arctic" at the Anchorage Museum on Friday, 12 May, 2017. For more information about this and other Arctic Week events, visit <https://akarctichostregistration.org/north-by-north-festival/innovate-arctic/>.

### Fairbanks

A big thank you to UAF for their hospitality during the meeting and conference! UAF is keeping busy too - as they will be co-organizing with the Alaska Arctic Council Host Committee to put on the Week of the Arctic, 8-12 May, 2017. For more information, visit <http://akarctichost.org/program/arctic-interchange>, or their FaceBook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/405237793146329/>.

### Utqiagvik (Barrow)

The furthest-north United States settlement and active whaling community formerly known as Barrow has been in the news a lot over the past several months. One of the big highlights has been the changing of the community's name from Barrow to an Iñupiat name of Utqiagvik.

If you live in or near Utqiagvik, or will be traveling that way in April, be sure to check out the free public lecture "Walakpa: How Salvaged Archaeological Remains can Benefit Our Community" on 25 April at 7pm in the Upeagvik Iñupiat Corporation Science Building. This is one of several Alaska Archaeology Month events occurring around the state in April.

See page 13 for a complete list of events.

**Left:** The Alaska Anthropological Association recently received a letter of thanks from the Archaeological Institute of America for our work in 2016 International Archaeology Day.

If your organization or agency would like to organize an event for the next International Archaeology Day, on 21 October, 2017, please e-mail K. Sophie Will at [programsassistant@aia.bu.edu](mailto:programsassistant@aia.bu.edu).



## 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@north-ernlanduse.com](mailto:ros@north-ernlanduse.com).*

Burns, Jennifer M., James M. Van Lanen, David Withrow, Davin Holen, Tatiana Askoak, Helen Aderman, Greg O'Corey-Crowe, Garrett Zimpelman and Bronwyn Jones

2016 Integrating Local Traditional Knowledge and Subsistence Use Patterns With Aerial Surveys to Improve

Scientific and Local Understanding of the Iliamna Lake Seals. Technical Paper No. 416. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Anchorage, Alaska.

Bogoslovskaya, Lyudmila, Ivan Slugin, Igor Zagrebin, Igor I. Krupnik and Edited by Igor Krupnik and Rachel Mason

2016 Maritime Hunting Culture of Chukotka-Traditions and Modern Practices. Translated by Marina Bell. USDOI, National Park Service, Shared Beringian Heritage Program, Anchorage, Alaska (available from [Rachel\\_mason@nps.gov](mailto:Rachel_mason@nps.gov))

BurnSilver, Shauna, James S. Magdanz, Rhian Stotts, Matthew Berman and Gary Kofinas

2016 Are Mixed Economies Persistent or Transitional? Evidence Using Social Networks from Arctic Alaska. *American Anthropologist* 118(1):121-129.

Fall, James A. and Garrett Zimpelman, editors

2016 Update On The Status Of Subsistence Uses In Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Area Communities, 2014. Technical Paper No. 412 (Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Project Final Report-Res-

toration Project 15150112). Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Anchorage, Alaska.

Fall, James A. and Terri Lemons

2016 Subsistence Harvests of Pacific Halibut In Alaska, 2014. Technical Paper No. 414. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Anchorage, Alaska.

Ferguson, Jeanne

2016 Language has a Spirit: Sakha (Yakut) Language Ideologies and Aesthetics of Sustenance Arctic Anthropology 53(1):95-111.

Friesen, T. Max and Owen K. Mason (editors)

2016 The Oxford Handbook of the Prehistoric Arctic. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Hansen, Anne Merrild and Pelle Tejsner

2016 Identifying Challenges and Opportunities for Residents in Upernavik as Oil Companies are Making a First Entrance into Baffin Bay. *Arctic Anthropology* 53(1):84-94.

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## Publication Spotlight

Monty Rogers, Association member

The *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* (AJA) is seeking thesis and dissertation abstracts relating to Alaska anthropological research to publish. Abstracts must be from 2015 or later. This is one of the easiest and best ways to share your research: 1) you don't have to write anything new because you're submitting the abstract you've already written; 2) your abstract gets published in a peer-reviewed journal; and 3) the abstract section of the AJA is free to download, so anyone can see it.

### Abstract Submission Requirements

- AJA will accept BA, BS, MA, and MS theses and PhD dissertation abstracts for research on circumpolar arctic and sub-arctic anthropological research relevant to Alaska
- Abstracts should be 200-500 words in length
- Only the thesis or dissertation author can submit the abstract

### Abstract Submission Formatting

- Thesis Title (bold)
- Author
- Thesis or Dissertation, Degree, Year, Department, University
- Hyperlink to download free .pdf of the thesis or dissertation (optional)
- Abstract

Submittal of a thesis or dissertation abstract does not guarantee publication in the AJA.

Please contact Monty Rogers at [culturalalaska@gmail.com](mailto:culturalalaska@gmail.com) if you have any questions or comments.





# Year in Review

## Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists

Rhea Hood, ACZ President

## ***“Thank You” to All ACZ Volunteers!***

Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists' volunteers make it happen! The successes of the past year would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and comradery of our volunteers.

These accomplishments include the annual pre-conference workshop, a new ACZ mini-workshop series which will pick up again in the fall of 2017, and several public outreach and educational events.

Volunteers assisted Mike Etnier and Nathan Harmston at the “All About Teeth” Annual ACZ Workshop at this year’s Alaska Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska.

## Free ACZ Mini-Workshops Series

ACZ organized four mini workshops this winter, free to the public, students, and professionals:

- “Don’t Fear the Fish: Identify North Pacific Marine Fish, September” was held in September and led by Diane Hanson.
- “Alternate Methods of Zooarchaeology: Isotopes and Ancient DNA” was held in October and led by Nathan Harmston and Samantha Dunning.
- “Identifying sea birds from the North Pacific” was held in November and led Doug Causey.
- “Interpreting bone pathology” was held in December and led by Ryan Harrod.

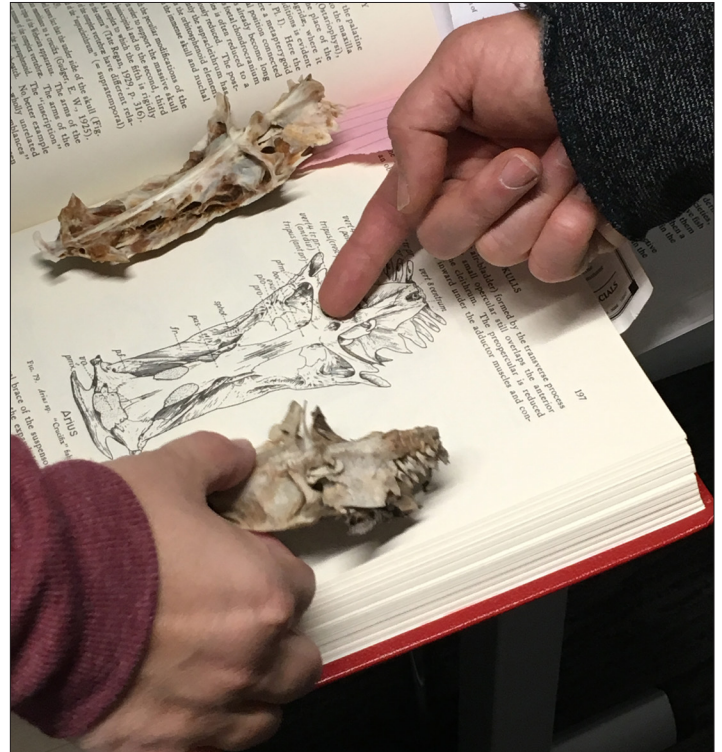
Did you miss these? Well, be sure to look out for more Mini-Workshops this fall and winter. Let us know if you'd like to teach a workshop in your own town and we can lend specimens or other assistance.

For more information, e-mail [alaskazooarch@gmail.com](mailto:alaskazooarch@gmail.com).

## Public Outreach

The ACZ is committed to public education and community service as well. Highlights from last year include several opportunities to partner with other organizations and work directly with community members of all ages.

ACZ volunteers hosted a hands-on display of the collection at



ACZ workshop participants compare cat fish specimens to reference drawings of the characteristic “crucifix-shaped” basocranium. *Photo courtesy of Rhea Hood.*

International Archaeology Day with UAA in October.

Volunteers worked with archaeologists from Cultural Alaska and USACE to plan and host activities and a display at World Anthropology Day with UAA in February.

Also, in February the ACZ partnered with the National Parks Service to teach methods and benefits of heritage documentation and archaeology for the Girl Scouts of America “Women of Science” initiative.

**Christina Jensen Scholarship Winner**

Congratulations to Jason Miszaniec, who was selected for this year's Christina Jensen scholarship. Jason is studying Northwestern Alaska subsistence at the University of California Davis.

## Get Involved!

Get updates at [www.alaskazooarch.org](http://www.alaskazooarch.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/alaskazooarch>.

# 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](mailto:sfcarraher@gmail.com).

## Conference Spotlight:

### Alaska Native Studies Conference

Be on the look out for a call for papers for the 6th annual Alaska Native Studies Conference, put on by the Alaska Native Studies Council. This conference is keeps growing each year, and brings Alaska Native scholars, elders, youth, and other community representatives together with academics to share knowledge and work together on the big issues facing Alaska Native peoples today!

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Alaska-Native-Studies-Conference-1138548962847525/>.

## 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).

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## June

International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX)  
9th annual meeting  
Umea, Sweden  
8-12 June, 2017  
E-mail: [gabriella.nordin@umu.se](mailto:gabriella.nordin@umu.se)

## September

Alaska Historical Society  
Annual meeting  
Anchorage, Alaska  
27-30 September  
Web site: <http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/conference-information/>



## Alaska Native Studies Council

## November

American Anthropological Association  
116th annual meeting  
Washington, D.C.  
29 November-3 December  
Web site: <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index>

## December

ArcticNet  
Annual meeting  
Quebec City, Quebec  
11-15 December  
Web site: <http://www.arcticnetmeetings.ca/ac2017/index.php>

## Upcoming conference deadlines



### American Anthropological Association

Abstracts are due 14 April



### American Association of Physical Anthropologists

Abstracts are usually due in September



### Alaska Historical Society

Abstracts are due 1 May



### Society for Applied Anthropology

Abstracts are due 15 October



### Society for American Archaeology

Abstracts are usually due in the Fall



### Alaska Native Studies Council

Abstracts are usually due in January/February



# Alaska Archaeology Month

**Check out these Archaeology Month events  
in an Alaskan community near you!**

Compiled by Robert King, Association member



## Anchorage Archaeological Collections from Alaska National Parks

Exhibit  
All month long

Anchorage Alaska Public Lands  
Information Center  
Web site: <https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/exhibit/mwLSpGOXWnRSKw>

## The Alaskan Paleoarctic Tradition and the People of Beringia

Public lecture  
25 April, 2017, noon

Anchorage Alaska Public Lands  
Information Center  
Web site: <https://www.alaskacenters.gov/anchorage.cfm>

## 17th Annual Alaska Atlatl Fun & Throw

Activity  
30 April, 2017, noon-5pm

Alaska Native Heritage Center  
Information: 907-269-8728

## Fairbanks

### New Views of Viking Green- land: Resilient, Adaptive, but Still Extinct

Public lecture  
5 April, 2017, 7pm

Anchorage Alaska Public Lands  
Information Center  
Web site: [cnsu.uaf.edu/vikings](http://cnsu.uaf.edu/vikings)

## Kotzebue

### Igliqtigsiugviguak (Swift Water Place)

Film screening  
26 April, 2017, 7pm

Northwest Arctic Heritage Center  
Information: 907-442-8321

## Artifacts from Tulaagiaq

Open house  
28 April, 2017, 2pm

Utuqqanaat Inaat and National  
Park Service  
Information: 907-442-8342

## Utqiagvik (Barrow)

### Walakpa: How Salvaged Archaeological Remains can Benefit our Community

Public lecture  
25 April, 2017, 7pm

Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation  
Science Building

## Unalaska

### Archaeological Research in the Islands of Four Mountains

Public lecture  
1 April, 2017, 7pm

Museum of the Aleutians



**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 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](mailto:sfcarraher@gmail.com).

**The deadline for submissions is al-  
ways listed on the front page  
of the Newsletter!**

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Monchot, Hervé, Andrea Thompson, Benjamin Patenaude and Claire Houmard

2016 The Role of Birds in the Subsistence Practices of the Dorset Peoples of Nunavik. *Arctic Anthropology* 53(1):69-83.

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Sturm, Camilla, Julia K. Clark and Loukas Barton

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2016 Do You Have Any Particular Favorite Place? Hunters' and Anglers' Secrets Meet Tourism in Northern Norway. *Arctic Anthropology* 53(1):58-68.

Walls, Matthew

2016 The Morris Bay Kayak: Analysis and Implications for Inughuit Subsistence in the Pikiarsorsuaq Region. *Arctic Anthropology* 53(1):1-21.

## #ThisPlaceMattersAlaska

### OHA Seeks Public Review of New Historic Preservation Plan

Summer Louthan, Association member

The Alaska Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) has launched a statewide historic preservation planning effort by inviting Alaskans to identify historic places throughout the state that are important to them. Alaska's current Historic Preservation Plan, *Saving Our Past*, expires the end of 2017. While the initial public outreach process has ended, the draft goals and objectives should be available for comment by early April with a full draft plan available for review and comment by early summer. Updates on the planning process can be found on the OHA web site: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/planning/hpplanupdate>.

Following the New Hampshire SHPO's lead with their My New Hampshire online photo sharing campaign, OHA created as both a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of NHPA

and as an additional way to solicit public participation in our planning effort. Photo submissions to the [#ThisPlaceMattersAlaska](#) website can depict historic buildings and structures, residential neighborhoods, downtown streetscapes, historic and rural landscapes, and archaeological sites (the location of archaeological sites will be generalized for their protection). Participants can submit a photo using an online form.

Sites posted so far include the Russian American Magazine in Kodiak, Sealing Point observation tower on the Kotzebue Sound, McCarty Telegraph Station in Big Delta, Kake Cannery in Kake, Holly Assumption Russian Orthodox Church in Kenai, and the 4th Avenue Theater in Anchorage as well as over 40 other sites across the state. [#ThisPlaceMattersAlaska](#) will remain open through the end of 2017.



# #RESIST

## What to Do When Cultural Heritage and Science are Threatened by American Politics

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

National politics as well as domestic and international forces are always shaping where, when, and how anthropological work can be done, disseminated, and preserved for the future. These forces also shape what kind of questions will be asked, what and how much research will be allowed to occur, and who will benefit from such work, sometimes at the expense of others.

Right now, things are unfolding that have the potential to deeply impact Alaska anthropology and archaeology immediately as well as long-term. These include a continuing decline in State funding for an array of programs in government, environmental management, education, and community infrastructure, as well as recent policy shifts and executive orders affecting things like immigration, travel bans, and slashing or possible elimination of federal programs that Alaska relies on. It is toward these immediate concerns that I direct the aaa membership's attentions.

### Cultural Resources and Preservation

The Society for American Archaeology (SAA) has recently reinstated their Governmental Affairs Network State Representative (GANSR) system. GANSR work by using a volunteer representative from each state to inform the SAA of state-level regulatory and legislative issues affecting archaeology and cultural resource preservation, and to alert archaeologists within a state when it is time to act on an issue. For more information, contact David Lindsay at david\_lindsay@saa.org.

The Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) is updating the Alaska Historic Preservation Plan, and the draft plan is available now for public comment until 1 June, 2017. OHA will finalize the plan after that and submit to the National Park Service (NPS) by 31 September, 2017. For more information, or to submit your

comments, contact Summer Louthan at [summer.louthan@alaska.gov](mailto:summer.louthan@alaska.gov).

### Education Issues

UA President Jim Johnson is encouraging UA faculty, staff, and students to continue to reach out to our State legislators to reduce the budget cuts being discussed in the Alaska Senate.

The UA Board of Regents originally requested \$341 million for 2017. Governor Walker approved a budget of \$325 million (which maintains the amount UA received in 2016), and the House approved maintaining that amount at \$325 million. The budget is being negotiated in the Senate right now, with the Republican-majority proposing to only fund UA at \$309 million – a \$14 million decrease from last year's funding that fails to address fixed cost increases in maintaining buildings and infrastructure, in addition to many other funding reductions and eliminations.

A list of current legislative committee and subcommittee updates as well as tips for how to advocate for education funding and programs is available at <https://www.alaska.edu/state/sessionand-budget/>.

Our primary and secondary schools need help too. Specifically, funding and support for language programs, school infrastructure and maintenance, and overall general funding need to be protected from budget slashing. Most recently with the appointment of Betsy DeVos as US Secretary of Education, Alaskans are concerned our public schools will suffer

greatly from funding cuts and the elimination of programs, especially those that support low-income students, schools in low-income districts, and rural schools where no private alternative to public education exists, period. If any schools are shut down in rural communities, the reality is simply that many children will not have the means to travel to the next nearest school, and we will be leaving an entire generation of Alaskans behind.

Title VI and Fulbright-Hays funding supports foreign languages and cultural experts within the US Department of Education. In Alaska, Title VI funding supports

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## Keep Up with the Issues!

In addition to the regular news for your region, make sure to read the news from each of your professional organizations. Often news updates about important political, economic, and policy-related issues as well as critical news events is posted on these web pages.

### Alaska Anthropological Association

<http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/news/>

### American Anthropological Association

<http://www.americananthro.org/stayinformed/newslist.aspx?navItemNumber=570>

### Society for American Archaeology

<http://www.saa.org/ForthePress/SAANews/tabid/139/Default.aspx>

### Society for Historical Archaeology

<https://sha.org/blog/>

### Society for Applied Anthropology

<http://sfaa.net/news/>

### Arctic Institute of North America

<http://arctic.ucalgary.ca>

### Museums Alaska

<https://museumsalaska.org/category/newsletter/>

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language programs including English as a Second Language and Alaska Native language programs. Their funding has been consistently slashed since 2010, with the largest declines occurring over the past four years, and is at danger of even deeper cuts for FY17-18. Learn more at <http://p2a.co/kVFEeav>.

Great Alaska Schools is a grassroots organization with local chapters in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Mat-Su. The Anchorage chapter meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Title Wave Books on Northern Lights Blvd. Great Alaska Schools primarily advocates for funding for Alaska's public primary and secondary schools. Learn more about Great Alaska Schools at <http://www.greatalaskaschools.com> or on their FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Great-Alaska-Schools-Anchorage-463614410406133/>.

### Look Within and Outside of Alaska for Help

There are a number of well-organized, connected, and resourceful groups who are already doing a lot to support the disciplines of anthropology and archaeology. Likewise, there are a number of groups working from the grassroots level up to the Statewide level to put Alaska communities, Alaska Native issues, culture, heritage, and human rights first. Here's

a list of some Alaska groups to consider contacting, supporting, or joining.

### Coalition for American Heritage

The American Cultural Resource Association (ACRA) the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA), the AAA, and the SAA have formed the Coalition for American Heritage.

The Coalition brings together like-minded organizations to leverage a broad constituency to advocate for and defend the United States' historic preservation program as well as research in history, archaeology, anthropology, and other social sciences. Please visit [www.heritage-coalition.org](http://www.heritage-coalition.org) for information or email Burr Neely at [bjn@northernlanduse.com](mailto:bjn@northernlanduse.com) to subscribe to the email list.

### SAA Congressional Action Portal

Use the SAA Congressional Action Portal as a fast, easy way to write your legislators. The portal also provides a way to look up the elected officials for your residential area. The portal is available at [http://www.saa.org/AbouttheSociety/CongressionalAction/tabid/1552/Default.aspx#](http://www.saa.org/AbouttheSociety/CongressionalAction/tabid/1552/Default.aspx#/) and can also be "shared" with your friends via FaceBook, Twitter, and GooglePlus.

### Historic Artifact Curation List

Sign up for the Historic Artifact Curation

Email List. The focus of this email list is to deal with how to appropriately manage and preserve cultural materials collected from state land and curated in state facilities. It will rely heavily on input from Alaska conservators and historic archaeologists who have been working on this problem for many years.

The email list will be a place for people to post appropriate articles, discuss topics, plan meetings and move Alaska to develop workable procedures for dealing with curation issues. To join the list, email Richard VanderHoek at [Richard.vanderhoek@alaska.gov](mailto:Richard.vanderhoek@alaska.gov).

### 500 Women Scientists

500 Women Scientists is an international grassroots organization that works in small locally-organized groups called "pods" (after pods of whales). These pods take local actions on issues affecting the sciences broadly, and especially issues facing women and LGBTQI scientists.

There is an Alaska pod that is looking for more involvement from social scientists. Please visit <https://500womenscientists.org/who-we-are/> for more information, or <https://500womenscientists.org/updates/2017/3/29/pod-of-the-week-alaska> to learn about the Alaska pod.

## Be Real: Tips to Avoid Burn Out

Burn Out is a real problem for anyone, and it can greatly hinder organizing for social justice. Depending on where (or for whom) you work, you may be more or less capable to speak out for, defend, resist, or work to change policies and actions that threaten to harm Alaska's environments, communities, cultures, and cultural resources. Be realistic about what you and your local colleagues and community members can do, and make plans for actions that utilize the strengths and resources already available to you:

1) Learn your employer's policy regulations and restrictions. Particularly, federal and state agencies often have specific rules about what activities employees can engage in when representing their institution in public.

2) Be realistic about how much time you can devote each week, month, or during certain seasons toward organizing and participating in fund raisers, marches, public outreach events, and other actions.

3) Don't volunteer to do something if you are not sure you have the time, knowledge, and skills to be able to pull it off. Effective organizing for one person may mean writing legislators and donating money to grassroots organizations and campaigns. For others, effective organizing may mean forming and leading an advocacy group, volunteering time to organize and run a march or sit-in, or joining an already formed group whose activities can be fit into your personal and professional obligations and schedule. What will effective organizing mean for you?