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# PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN ALASKA: 1973-2003

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**Abstract:** During the 1960s and early 1970s, the International Biological Program sponsored a major 'human adaptability' project among Alaskan native populations. After 1972, there were no comparable initiatives, but there remained a high level of interest in Aleut, Inuit, and Athapaskan biological variation. Some workers focused on physiological and morphological adaptations to the stresses of the far north, from nutritional considerations to craniofacial characteristics. Others concentrated on the cranial and dental variation of past populations and genetic variation among extant groups to enhance our understanding of the differentiation and internal and external relationships of Alaska's indigenous groups. Finally, with the passage of NAGPRA, the past decade has seen a flurry of 'salvage physical anthropology' where human skeletal remains from Alaska, collected earlier in the century, were fully documented prior to reburial.

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As a subdiscipline, physical anthropology has focused traditionally on primate anatomy and behavior, the primate and hominid fossil record, human skeletal biology, and human variation and adaptability of extant populations. Given the latitude and biogeographic history of Alaska, contributions in the areas of primate studies and paleoanthropology have been nil (assuming, of course, that Alaskan muck does not hold *Homo erectus* or Neanderthal fossils). With that said, we can proceed to studies of prehistoric/protohistoric and contemporary Alaskan populations that fall within the purview of physical anthropology.

Alaska contains a diverse and unique set of human populations that fall within the Arctic (Aleuts, Yupik and Inupiaq Eskimos), Western Sub-Arctic (Kutchin, Koyukon, Kolchan, Ingalik, Tanaina, Ahtna, and Tanana Athapaskans), and Northwest Coast (Eyak, Tlingit, Haida) culture areas. The basic questions posed by physical anthropologists regarding Alaska's array of native populations is: (1) where did they come from? (2) how are they related to one another? (3) what can we infer about the health and lifeways of earlier populations from the study of skeletal remains? and (4) how have these groups adapted to the stresses of a northern environment? In other words, Alaskan physical anthropology has centered on four primary areas: population origins, affinity assessment, bioarchaeology, and human adaptability. The first area of focus, the origins of Alaskan native populations, is taken up by C.G. Turner II (this

volume). The second and fourth areas, affinity assessment and adaptability among prehistoric and living Alaskan populations, are reviewed in the following sections.

In 1974, I taught a course entitled "The Biology of Arctic Peoples" at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. My graduate training in the American Southwest did not 'pre-adapt' me for this role, but it did provide an opportunity to learn Arctic physical anthropology 'under fire.' As this paper centers on the period from 1973 to 2003, all the information I compiled for the Arctic peoples course dealt with data available before 1973. To set the stage for recent work, I provide a synopsis on the foundation laid before 1973 for studies of human variation and adaptability. Without providing some details on this foundation, it is difficult to appreciate how far physical anthropology in Alaska has progressed over the past 30 years.

## HUMAN VARIATION: FOUNDATIONS

### *Skeletal biology*

During the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Smithsonian Institution carried out many expeditions to Alaska for the purpose of recovering human skeletal remains from village sites. This effort was led by Aleš Hrdlička, aided at various times by other Smithsonian anthropologists, including Henry B. Collins, Jr. and T. Dale Stewart. During this period, several thousand skeletons were collected from many parts of the state and taken to the Smithsonian Institution for curation. By far the ma-

majority of these remains came from Eskimo and Aleut populations, especially those along the coasts of Alaska. Only a small number of Athapaskan remains were involved in this massive collection effort. Although Hrdlička covered most of Alaska's coasts, two of his major efforts were directed at the Aleutians and Kodiak Island. Monographs that included discussions of the archaeology and skeletal remains from these areas were published in two major books (Hrdlička 1944a; 1945). While focusing on the coasts, Hrdlička had earlier traveled up some of Alaska's major rivers to collect remains. These efforts are summarized in *Anthropological Survey of Alaska* (Hrdlička 1930). Given the times, it is not surprising that his work in obtaining collections far surpassed his work in analysis where he utilized only the most basic of descriptive statistics. This is well illustrated in his many 'catalogs of human crania' that are specimen by specimen listings of nine basic cranial measurements and associated indices, including the presumably all-important cranial index. Three of these catalogs dealt with skeletal collections from Alaska: (1) The Eskimo, Alaska and Related Indians, (2) Eskimos in General and (3) Non-Eskimo Peoples of the Northwest Coast, Alaska, and Siberia (Hrdlička, 1924, 1942, 1944b).

While the Smithsonian dominated the 'collecting' scene in Alaska, the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) also made a big splash when Helge Larsen and Froelich Rainey (1948) excavated a large number of skeletons from Point Hope, Alaska in the 1940s, representing early and late time periods (Ipiutak and Tigara). Several hundred skeletons were shipped to AMNH in New York for curation and analysis but, given the situation at the museum, it turned out to be mostly curation with very little analysis. Before 1973, the only paper that included data on the Tigara and Ipiutak series was written by the Russian anthropologist Debetz (1959). This brief but tantalizing analysis of cranial and post-cranial measurements suggested a major population break between Ipiutak and Tigara. Unfortunately, the series was never subjected to the detailed analysis it deserved. When Arctic physical anthropologists asked AMNH curator Harry Shapiro if they could examine the materials from Point Hope, he held that the collections were his to analyze and publish. While Shapiro found time to publish a book on Peking man's missing bones and Pitcairn Islanders, he never found the time to analyze the intriguing Ipiutak series. Some papers have since been published on various aspects of the Ipiutak collection (cf. Costa 1980, 1982; Utermohle 1984, 1988), but the sample has still not been subjected to a thorough analysis.

While Smithsonian scientists did obtain skeletal remains on St. Lawrence Island, this rich resource was also tapped by Alaskan collector par excellence Otto Geist. In the 1930s, Geist 'mined' human skeletal remains out of the sites of Kukulik and Gambell and took many of them back to the University of Alaska Museum. Given his strategy of excavating with high pressure water hoses, provenance of the remains was never well established.

Professor Hans-Georg Bandi of the University of Bern spent the summers of 1971, 1972, and 1973 excavating sites on St. Lawrence Island. He focused on Gambell and Kitnepaluk, where he unearthed extensive archaeological remains and over 150 human skeletons. He took the remains back to Bern, Switzerland where they were subjected to a variety of analyses, including one by this author (Scott and Gillispie 2003).

In the pre-1973 era, Smithsonian scientists utilized Alaskan skeletal remains for a handful of descriptive and analytical studies. For example, T. D. Stewart (1953) published an analysis of neural arch defects in Alaskan natives while Collins (1932) and Goldstein (1931, 1932a, 1932b) published a series of papers on dental pathology, attrition and third molar agenesis in Eskimos. However, over the past thirty years, the Alaskan collections at the Smithsonian have been subjected to dozens of studies on craniometrics, nonmetric cranial traits, dentition, and paleopathologies. Many of the papers cited later were based on the observations and analyses of skeletal remains curated at the Smithsonian.

#### *Dental studies*

The foundation of Alaskan dental anthropology was laid by C.F.A. Moorrees (1957) in his seminal work on the Aleut dentition. Before this monograph was released, there were limited efforts to describe the dentition of Native Alaskans, from size and morphology to descriptions of dental wear and pathologies (Collins 1932; Goldstein 1931, 1932a, 1932b; ). Stimulated by the pioneering work of Moorrees on Aleuts, P.O. Pedersen (1949) on East Greenland Eskimos, and Albert A. Dahlberg (1951, 1963) on American Indians, C.G. Turner II (1967a) pursued this avenue of research in his dissertation *The Dentition of Arctic Peoples* (republished in 1991 by Garland). Turner was interested in assessing the pattern of dental morphological variation on the Aleutian Islands, which he attributed largely to genetic drift, a process still considered controversial in the 1960s by British evolutionary biologists. In follow up studies, Turner (1967b, 1969) used dental morphological data to estimate the amount of admixture in modern Koniag and Aleut

populations, who tended to show frequencies intermediate between those of Europeans and prehistoric Kodiak Island and Aleut skeletal collections. Finally, Matis and Zwemer (1971) made metric and morphologic dental observations on 47 Eskimos from Nome, along with samples of four Southwest Indian groups (Pima, Papago, Apache, Navajo). Using a discriminant function approach, they found that no Eskimo was ever classified as an American Indian although six Indians were classified as Eskimos. Interestingly, five of these six were Athapaskans, the significance of which was not fully appreciated at the time.

#### *Genetic markers*

Between 1900 and 1950, the study of blood group markers was in its infancy. When W. C. Boyd (1950) published his landmark volume *Genetics and the Races of Man*, he focused on gene frequencies at the ABO, MN, and Rh loci. Before 1950, only a handful of Alaskan groups had been sampled for these red cell antigens. The works of Levine (1947, 1949, 1951) on Eskimos from Nome and Barrow and the Tlingit, Matson and Roberts (1949) on Kuskokwim delta Eskimos, and Laughlin (1951a, 1951b) on Aleuts represented what was then known about Native Alaskan genetic markers at the ABO, Rh, and MN loci.

With the modern synthesis of evolution in the 1940s, there was a major shift in physical anthropology from the study of bones to the study of genes. During the 1950s and 1960s, blood samples were collected from Eskimos at Anaktuvuk Pass (Laughlin 1956) and Chignik (Chown and Lewis 1961). Small surveys were also conducted among interior Athapaskans (McKenna 1964), the Kutchin (Lewis et al. 1961) and the Haida (Thomas et al. 1964). As part of the larger Aleutian-Kodiak Island project (Laughlin and Reeder 1966), Denniston (1966) analyzed genetic variation among three Koniag isolates. In 1959, Corcoran et al. provided the most extensive genetic profile of Eskimo (Wainwright, Barrow, Anaktuvuk Pass), Athapaskan (Arctic Village, Fort Yukon, Beaver), and Tlingit samples to date. This study went beyond the three classic loci (ABO, MN, Rh) and included data on the Duffy, Kidd, Kell, P, and Diego blood group systems.

The earliest study of variation in a serum protein was conducted by Blumberg et al. (1959) on haptoglobin variants in Alaskan Eskimos and Indians. Also going beyond standard genetic markers, Allison and Blumberg (1959) collected data on PTC (ability to taste phenylthiocarbamide) in Alaskan Eskimos while Allison et al. (1959) evaluated the genetic-metabolic marker  $\beta$ AIB ( $\beta$ -isobutyric amino acid secretion). In sum, prior to 1973, ge-

netic studies on Alaskan Native populations remained in their infancy.

#### **Human variation: 1973 to 2003**

During the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the general approach to evaluating human variation involved the comparison of two or more groups for a single variable (measurement, gene frequency, trait frequency). A longstanding alternative was to take two measurements, derive an index, and then compare groups for that index. The cephalic or cranial index (head breadth/head length X 100), the 'king' of indexes, was used to great effect in the Arctic. For example, many workers observed the contrast in general head form between north Alaskan Eskimos, southwest Alaskan Eskimos, and Aleuts. Northern Inupiaq Eskimos tended to be dolichocephalic (long and narrow headed), Yupik Eskimos were brachycephalic (short and broad headed), and Aleuts were hyperbrachycephalic (Laughlin et al. 1979a). While indexes do have some utility, they also have their limitations. On the bright side, however, indexes were far superior to the other comparative strategy of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century typology. Inferring population history on the basis of cranial types, popular for over 100 years, was used by Hrdlička (1944b) to deduce the actual numbers of Indian, Eskimo and Aleut types in the Uyak collection from Kodiak Island. Georg Neumann's (1952) paper on the different types of Native American skulls, tied as they were to various migration scenarios, represented the climax and portended the downfall of the typological approach. Among Neumann's eight primary types, he did include 'Inuid' and 'Deneid' (i.e., Eskimo and Na-Dene), adding that these represented the latest Native Americans to enter the New World.

Technological and methodological advances in the 1960s significantly impacted the way in which physical anthropologists assessed human variation. No longer did we have to rely on trait by trait, index by index, or type by type comparisons. Multivariate statistics, whose principles had been developed much earlier (e.g., Mahalanobis  $D^2$ , Penrose size and shape, principal components and factor analysis, discriminant functions, etc.), could finally reach their potential when revolutionary advances in computational hardware (computers, calculators) made their use practical and feasible on a large scale. Anthropologists enthusiastically embraced the general approach of multiple character comparisons across many samples that was being popularized in biology by the numerical taxonomists (Sokal and Sneath 1963).

To assess population affinity using the new tools of multivariate analysis and biological distance, physical anthropologists used several different kinds of data. Skeletal biologists utilized craniometric measurements, nonmetric cranial trait frequencies, and tooth crown and root trait frequencies to evaluate similarities and differences among groups. Human biologists who work with living populations utilized both quantitative traits, such as anthropometric and dermatoglyphic variables, and qualitative traits, including genetic polymorphisms for blood groups and serum proteins, and haplogroups for mitochondrial DNA and the Y-chromosome.

The three types of skeletal data used to evaluate between group relationships differ in methods of analysis and in assumptions about their inheritance. Craniometric traits, for example, are classic quantitative traits that can be measured with some precision (based on a well-defined set of landmarks) and are assumed to reflect a combination of underlying genetic factors and environmental influences. These interval scale traits are summarized by means, variances, and other parametric statistics. Cranial measurements co-vary to some extent so this fact has to be taken into account when population distances are estimated through methods like the Penrose size and shape or Mahalanobis'  $D^2$  statistic.

Nonmetric cranial characters, along with tooth crown and root traits, are not inherited as simple Mendelian traits even though expression is manifested in terms of presence or absence. For both nonmetric cranial and dental traits, presence expressions can be scored on a graded scale from slight to pronounced. After evaluating population, family and twin data, most workers have concluded these traits are threshold dichotomies, or quasicontinuous variants, with complex modes of inheritance (Scott and Turner 1997). In contrast to craniometric traits where samples are compared for means, variances, and the like, nonmetric traits are summarized and analyzed by trait frequencies.

The past 30 years have witnessed many efforts to evaluate population relationships among earlier Alaskan groups using skeletal and dental data. These efforts, in part, have been directed at making inferences on prehistoric population movements. Secondly, workers have also addressed any concurrent changes in the culture, language and biology of Arctic groups. The problems and results of the three data sets are reviewed below.

#### *Craniometrics*

In the late 1960s, Brennan and Howells (n.d.) prepared a paper for volume 3 of the Handbook of North

American Indians. Unfortunately, that volume is still 'in press' after 35 years but the paper does serve as a harbinger of things to come in Arctic craniometric analyses. Utilizing several of Hrdlička's 'catalogs of human crania,' these authors analyzed nine craniometric variables across 68 samples from Siberia and North America, 21 of which were from various parts of Alaska. Based on this analysis, they found a fundamental split between American Indians and Eskimos. Interestingly, the American Indian side of the dendrogram includes Aleut and Koniag samples that cluster specifically with Na-Dene samples (Apache, Tlingit). The Eskimo branch shows a basic dichotomy between Yupik-speaking groups from southwest Alaska (along with Siberian Eskimos and Chukchi) and Inupiaq groups distributed from northwest Alaska to Greenland.

The work by Brennan and Howells ushered in a very active period of craniometric analysis of Alaskan groups. As part of the IBP project in northwest Alaska, Zegura (1971) devoted his dissertation to the analysis of craniometric variation in 609 crania from 12 recent Eskimo series (11 Alaskan, 1 Greenlandic). Using the Hrdlička data set once again, Utermohle and Merbs (1979) analyzed 25 Aleut, Eskimo and Chukchi samples, using the Penrose shape statistic and cluster analysis. This analysis led to a massive effort by Utermohle (1984, 1988) that involved the analysis of 1384 crania in 26 Arctic samples, including 16 from Alaska. Although using different samples and statistical methods, Zegura and Utermohle were both trying to determine the extent to which linguistic divisions in the Arctic paralleled divisions indicated by craniometric variation. For the most part, they both found that cranial measurements dichotomized Inupiaq and Yupik Eskimos with a high level of consistency. They also found Aleuts and Koniags to be outliers compared to both Yupik and Inupiaq Eskimos. (Zegura 1975, 1978; Utermohle 1984, 1988).

In a later study on 'exploratory human craniometry' in the Arctic, Heathcote (1986, 1994) evaluated the differences among Yupik and Inupiaq Eskimos, Aleuts, Athapaskans, and Iroquoians. In many ways, his findings paralleled those of Zegura and Utermohle in finding the Aleut to be closer to the Koniag than to any other Eskimo group. He also found his Athapaskan sample was far more similar to Eskimos (especially Yupik Eskimos) than to his American Indian sample.

While the craniometric analyses of Zegura and Heathcote were mostly synchronic, with an emphasis on sampling recent Alaskan populations, Utermohle also took on the task of evaluating ancestral-descendant sequences

in different parts of Alaska. While there is evidence for biological continuity in the Barrow region from Birnirk to recent times, the same cannot be said for Point Hope where there appears to be a distinct dichotomy between the early population from Ipiutak and later Thule aged populations. For Kodiak Island, Utermohle (1984) found that the early series from Uyak (Blue, or Pre-Koniag) was most similar to Yupik speaking Eskimos from southwest Alaska while the more recent Uyak sample (Black, or Koniag) clustered with Aleuts. Zegura and Heathcote do not weigh in on this issue as they did not study the early Uyak samples. However, Brennan and Howells (n.d.) found a similar pattern linking Koniags and Aleuts on the one hand and Pre-Koniags and Yupik samples on the other.

#### *Nonmetric cranial traits*

While several physical anthropologists pursued Native Alaskan affinity assessment through craniometry, comparable research on nonmetric cranial traits was dominated by one scholar – Nancy Ossenberg. From the early 1970s to the late 1990s, Ossenberg traveled to numerous museums, collecting data on 25 nonmetric cranial traits in dozens of skeletal samples. For Alaska alone, she amassed data on over 20 Eskimo, Aleut and Indian samples. She made observations on at least seven different Aleut samples, seven Yupik samples, and three Inupiaq samples. Moreover, she observed Na-Dene samples that the craniometricians did not consider, including Tlingit, Haida, Northern Athapaskan, Apache and Navajo. For broader comparisons, she includes Algonquin, Siouan, Siberian, and Asian samples. Her data set for Alaskan and Arctic populations rivals that of C. G. Turner II on the dentition of northern groups.

Ossenberg (1977, 1992, 1994) found a broad pattern in her data that suggests (1) Aleuts are more similar to American Indians than they are to Eskimos; and (2) Kodiak Islanders from the three Uyak levels (Blue, Red, Black) are not only closely related to one another but are also closely related to Yupik speaking groups from southwest Alaska. These findings, running counter to the long held belief of biological ties between Eskimos and Aleuts and their distinction from American Indians, was not tested by Zegura or Utermohle as they did not include Athapaskan or Indian samples in their analyses. However, the findings are hinted at in the work of Brennan and Howells (n.d.) and Heathcote (1986). Despite linguistic ties to Eskimos, Aleuts are biologically enigmatic.

#### *Dental studies*

After 1973, work proceeded apace on the dental anthropology of Native Alaskans. Turner, who was ex-

panding his data base on morphological variation throughout the world, analyzed collections from Kodiak Island, the Aleutians, Barrow, and Kachemak Bay (cf. Turner 1983, 1984, 1985a, 1985b, 1986, 1988). He also made morphological and pathological observations on the teeth of the Medvedev Party, a group of ten Russians massacred by Aleuts on Umnak Island in 1764 (Turner et al. 1985). Data on crown and root trait variation were also collected by G.R. Scott on St. Lawrence Islanders (Scott and Gillispie 2002) and Kodiak Islanders (Scott 1991, 1992, 1994). Based on dental comparisons among the three time periods represented at the Uyak site, Scott concluded that there was continuity from Kachemak to Koniag times, contrary to the findings of the craniometricians although congruent with the findings of Ossenberg (1992) on nonmetric cranial traits. Turner (1988) feels the Kodiak Island samples from Uyak were not strictly Eskimos, a point Hrdlička (1944a) made in his monograph.

Beyond issues of affinity assessment, additional dental studies include those of Bang and Hasund (1971, 1973; Hasund and Bang 1985) on the morphology of small Eskimo samples from Point Lay, Point Hope and Anaktuvuk Pass. The oral health of earlier Alaskan populations was considered by Costa (1980, 1982) in his study of Kodiak Islanders and samples from Point Hope, including, amazingly enough, Ipiutak. Recently, Schwartz et al. (1995) found an example of ‘tooth drilling’ in an individual from Point Hope, indicating an early example of therapeutic treatment.

In his master’s thesis, C. J. Utermohle (1975) analyzed patterns of dental wear in western Alaskan Eskimos. He found that males consistently wore their teeth more than females, an observation that ran counter to many earlier Arctic observers who felt females should wear their teeth more because of their unique behavioral activities (e.g., chewing frozen mukluks). Scott and Gillispie (2002) report a similar pattern of wear in prehistoric St. Lawrence Islanders.

Turner and Cadien (1969) found that dental chipping (small traumatic fractures of tooth enamel) was extremely common in Alaskan Eskimos, much more so than in Aleuts or northern Indians. Later support for this view comes from Scott and Gillispie (2002) who found crown chipping to be extremely common in prehistoric St. Lawrence Islanders.

#### *Genetic studies*

Before 1973, anyone interested in assessing the genetic affinities of modern Alaskan populations had to deal with a very limited data set. Some groups were known

for a few loci but many populations had never been sampled at all. To some extent, this situation has been remedied over the past 30 years. Pioneering work on serum protein and red cell enzyme variation was conducted by E. M. Scott and his colleagues (Duncan et al. 1974; Scott 1979; Scott and Wright 1978, 1983a, 1983b; Scott et al. 1966, 1970), among others (cf. Schanfield et al. 1990). While their efforts were statewide in scope, one region surveyed that was largely unknown up to this time was the Yupik area of southwest Alaska. Workers now had a larger array of methods for assaying genetic variability, a fact put to good use in population genetic studies of St. Lawrence Islanders (Ferrell et al. 1981), Kodiak Islanders and Pribilof Island Aleuts (Majumder et al. 1988). In the 1990s, data on nuclear markers were supplemented by mtDNA haplogroup frequencies in Alaskan Inuit and Athapaskan populations (Shields et al. 1992, 1993).

While our knowledge of Native Alaskan genetic variation increased significantly over the past 30 years, there are still many areas of the state that have been but little studied. There is no adequate genetic profile for a number of major groups, including the Tlingit, most interior Athapaskan populations, and the Eskimo populations of the Seward Peninsula. The current emphasis on mtDNA and Y-chromosome haplogroups has overshadowed efforts to complete profiles for standard nuclear markers.

Despite the fact that gaps still exist in the genetic record, the situation is far better than it was before 1973. This has led a number of workers to analyze recent data sets through modern methods of affinity assessment. The classic study of Szathmary and Ossenberg (1978) evaluated both genetic data and nonmetric cranial traits on Eskimo, Athapaskan, and Algonquian samples. Their conclusion was set forth in the title: "Are The Biological Differences Between Eskimos and American Indians Truly Profound?" The title might overstate the case given that no American Indians south of the Canadian/U.S. border were included in the study. However, they do find a closer relationship between 'northern' Indians and Eskimos than most earlier authors would admit. Laughlin (1951a, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967) devoted a great deal of effort to laying out the differences between Eskimos and Indians, so it was probably this position that Szathmary and Ossenberg took issue with. Szathmary (1977, 1979a, 1979b, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1993a, 1993b) has reiterated her finding of close Eskimo-Athapaskan affinity on many occasions. She feels the two most plausible explanations for the similarity between Eskimos and Indians (Athapaskans) is either ancient gene flow or common

origins. Her position has received support from the findings of Shields et al. (1993) on mtDNA haplogroups, who found a small distance value between Inuit-Athapaskan. Although genetic 'clocks' are always somewhat suspect, this analysis resulted in an estimated divergence date of 7000 BP for these groups. Whether the 'clock' for mtDNA can be trusted in this instance is unknown, but what most workers would agree on is this: Athapaskan gene frequencies and genetic distances tend to be intermediate between Inuit and American Indian populations (cf. Cavalli-Sforza et al. 1994). The question of whether the Inuit and Athapaskans diverged before or after their arrival in the New World is an open question in the minds of many anthropologists and geneticists.

Adding to the conundrum is a rare genetic variant, Albumin Algonquin, that has a frequency of 3-9% in Athapaskans and Algonquians but is effectively absent in Eskimos (Lampl and Blumberg 1979; Schell and Blumberg 1988). The explanations for the shared occurrence of this rare variant in Athapaskans and Algonquians are again common ancestry or ancient gene flow. More data are needed to resolve the long-standing puzzle of the interrelationships of all native northern populations, Eskimo-Aleuts, Na-Dene and Algonquin groups alike.

Another attempt at analyzing gene frequency data in the broader context of the archaeological and linguistic record was carried out by A. Harper (1980; Harper and Laughlin 1982). While finding close correspondence between divergence dates estimated by linguistic and genetic similarities, Harper bases his 'clock' on the assumption that the site of Anangula represents an early Aleut population. While the pattern of splitting he reports is consistent with the population relationships found by most other workers, his dates appear to be off by a few thousand years because of the 'Anangula assumption' developed and promulgated by W. S. Laughlin.

Although beyond the scope of this review, the past 30 years have seen a tremendous increase in the number of genetic surveys among Siberian populations. Workers who have analyzed the genetic variation of native Alaskan groups in a broader northern context include Crawford and his co-workers (Crawford and Enciso 1982; Crawford et al. 1981), Szathmary (1979a, 1981, 1984) and Eriksson et al. (1980).

#### *Anthropometrics*

Taking measurements on living individuals was, at one time, the bread and butter of physical anthropology. However, few workers now collect anthropometric data

with the goal of affinity assessment. Despite this caveat, a recent paper by Ousley (1995) resuscitates an anthropometric data set collected under the direction of Franz Boas during the Jesup North Pacific Expedition (1897-1903). Of the northern groups studied during this survey, the only Alaskan group represented was the Aleut. The remaining 26 groups were from Siberia, Arctic Canada and the Northwest Coast. To expand his analysis beyond the JNPE set, Ousley included anthropometric data on Alaskan groups collected by A. Hrdlička and R. Moore between 1929 and 1931 (i.e., four Eskimo samples: lower Yukon, lower Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay, St. Lawrence Island; two Athapaskan samples: Koyukon, Kutchin).

In his conclusion, Ousley (1995:452) says “The anthropometric picture is in agreement with craniometric and nonmetric studies indicating a separation of Aleuts from geographically distant Eskimos.....and Aleut-Amerindian similarity.” This conclusion runs somewhat counter to both the raw distance values (pp. 448-449) and the dendrogram for all groups (Fig. 5; 450). The smallest pairwise distance values between Aleuts and other groups in the array are with Bristol Bay Eskimo (1.7), Bella Coola (2.7), Kwakiutl (2.8), Kuskokwim Eskimo (2.9), Yukon Eskimo (4.1), St. Lawrence Island Eskimo (4.6), and Koyukon (4.9). All other Aleut pairwise distances are over 5.0. While the similarity between the two Northwest Coast Indian samples and Aleuts is interesting, their primary similarity is still to Yupik-speaking groups of southwest Alaska. This is also apparent in the dendrogram. In a second article that analyzed anthropometric data from the JNPE, Jantz et al. (1992) evaluated differences between many American Indian populations but only one Eskimo sample.

## **HUMAN ADAPTABILITY: FOUNDATIONS**

Given the latitudinal dispersion and varied maritime influences, Alaskan populations have been subject to a broad range of environmental stressors. At one extreme are the groups along Alaska’s northern coast who are subject to cold, dry conditions and pronounced seasonal swings in temperature and light. Populations along the Gulf of Alaska coast are exposed to cold, wet conditions with high precipitation and more moderate seasonality in light and ambient temperature. Groups along the Chukchi and Bering Seas fall between these extremes. Populations of Alaska’s interior show similar contrasts in environmental stressors, dependent again on latitude and proximity to major bodies of water.

Before discussing research on human adaptability in Alaska, a few basic definitions are required. Homeo-

stasis refers to the ability of an organism to maintain a steady-state equilibrium in basic life functions such as temperature, pulse, respiratory rate, and blood glucose levels. An external or internal force that deflects an organism off homeostatic levels is referred to as a stress or stressor. The degree to which an organism is thrown off homeostatic levels (e.g., varying levels of lowered body temperature below 37° C) is called strain (Little and Morren 1976). Adaptation is accomplished when an organism relieves stress, reduces strain, and reestablishes homeostasis through a hierarchy of adaptive responses (Slobodkin 1968).

Behavioral (or cultural) adaptation provides an organism with the first line of defense against an environmental stress. For example, when ambient air temperature falls below thermal neutrality (75-80° F), humans can engage in activities that help them generate body heat (e.g., build a fire, eat, exercise, etc.) or reduce heat loss (e.g., add layers of clothing, find shelter, etc.), the goal of which is to maintain a core temperature of around 37° C. When behavioral strategies cannot alleviate a particular stress, neurological, physiological, and chemical mechanisms are brought to bear on the challenge. This tier of the hierarchy, referred to as physiological adaptation, occurs when peripheral receptors in the skin transmit messages to the hypothalamus. With exposure to cold and an inadequate behavioral response to meet the stress, there is vasoconstriction of peripheral arteries, elevated metabolic and heart rates, and nonshivering thermogenesis. The physiological and behavioral goal is the same – maintaining a core temperature that tracks closely to 37° C.

Humans adapt to environmental stress primarily through behavioral and physiological means. In some instances, though, either chronic or acute stressors can call into play the most expensive strategy in the adaptive hierarchy — genetic or evolutionary adaptation. Over the past four decades, workers have tried to determine if any of the anatomical or physiological differences between natives of Alaska and peoples from other regions can be attributed to genetic adaptation. This may sound straightforward in principle but is complicated by the difference between acclimatization and developmental acclimatization. Most humans have the ability to acclimatize to new environmental conditions, usually within a few days or weeks of exposure to these conditions. However, a sojourner may never be able to match the physiological capabilities of an individual raised under the same stressful conditions — such individuals are developmentally acclimatized. It would not be difficult to distinguish between acclimatization and genetic adaptation but the latter is hard to distinguish from developmental acclimatization.



How do humans tolerate and adapt to extremes in climate? Do different 'racial' groups vary in their tolerance to extremes in temperature or altitude? Such questions were rarely addressed in anthropological circles prior to the 1950s. The differential response to cold of white and black American troops fighting in Korea generated both the interest and funding needed to address this problem. After the Korean conflict, the Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory at Ladd Air Force Base in Alaska played a significant role in early studies of cold adaptability (cf. Adams and Rennie 1955; Bollerud et al. 1950; Meehan 1955). At the same time, workers were starting to evaluate the causes behind the significantly elevated metabolic rates observed in Eskimos (Brown et al. 1954; Rodahl 1952). At this time, Brown and Page (1952) also noted the difference between Eskimos and whites in hand temperature responses to extremity cooling. Although most cold research focused on Eskimos (cf. Milan and Evonuk 1966), basic research was also conducted on the responses of Arctic Indians (Athapaskans) to standardized cold tests (Elsner et al. 1960a, 1960b; Irving et al. 1960).

The work at the Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory was the precursor to a more ambitious effort to address human adaptability on a worldwide scale. Between 1962 and 1972, researchers from a multitude of disciplines, including anthropology, conducted systematic studies of the earth's major biomes. Although most of the focus was on plant and animal ecology and adaptations, one project area within IBP addressed questions of human adaptability (HA). One goal of the HA project was to study human populations that had been minimally impacted by modernization and who, over the long course of history, had to adapt to an environment that had one or more major stressors such as heat, cold, or high altitude.

To study cold adaptation, the IBP/HA committee focused on a number of populations residing in the circumpolar zone, including Lapps (Saami), the Ainu, Eskimos from Greenland, Canada and Alaska, and select Siberian populations. As the focus of this paper is on Alaska, only research in this region is addressed here. For broader summaries of circumpolar physical anthropological research, see Milan (1980) and Scott et al. (2000).

For Alaska, a research team led by Frederick A. Milan (1968, 1978) determined that Wainwright village would be a suitable site for studying stresses brought on by: (1) extreme winter temperatures, or cold; (2) highly variable photoperiods, with pronounced seasonal differences; (3) a high protein, high fat, low carbohydrate diet; (4) strenuous physical labor during seasonal movement and subsistence pursuits; (5) local disease vectors; (6)

population-resource imbalances; and (7) introduced diseases and foodstuffs, primarily of European origin. To compliment studies in Wainwright, additional study sites in north Alaska included Anaktuvuk Pass, Barrow, and Point Hope.

### HUMAN ADAPTABILITY: 1973-2003

Although the IBP program ended in 1972, major publications emanating from that effort appeared after 1973. From an Alaskan standpoint, the most significant synthesis volume is *Eskimos of Northwestern Alaska: A Biological Perspective* (Jamison et al. 1978). Its 22 chapters include coverage of traditional anthropological topics such as anthropometry, dermatoglyphics, and craniofacial variation but by far the greatest number of articles focus on biochemical variation, nutrition, and metabolism.

Two later synthesis volumes emanating from IBP/HA research in the north include *The Human Biology of Circumpolar Populations* (Milan 1980) and *The Health Consequences of "Modernization": Evidence From Circumpolar Peoples* (Shepard and Rode 1997). In the first work, authors summarize research in areas such as genetics, nutrition, physiology, anthropometry, demography, etc., that serves to put northwest Alaskan Eskimos into a larger comparative framework. The second volume places more emphasis on health related concerns and considers at length recent changes in the health and biology of circumpolar groups, including north Alaskan Eskimos.

Some of the basic findings from IBP/HA research teams suggest that Inuit groups show more cultural than biological adaptations to the rigors of high latitude environments. From a physiological standpoint, Eskimos differ from Europeans in showing a quicker warming response to finger immersion in ice-water baths (i.e., Lewis Hunting reflex). Another physiological difference between Eskimos and Europeans is in the notably higher basal metabolic rates of the former. Much of this difference has been attributed to the high protein-high fat diet of northern populations, so this distinction may not be indicative of a physiological adaptation to cold temperatures. Although genetic adaptations to life in the north have been difficult to find, most agree that the body proportions of the Inuit (relatively short limbs compared to torso dimensions) are in line with the ecogeographic rules of Bergmann and Allen. Shorter extremities reduce the surface area to mass ratio and thus helps conserve heat in an environment that places a premium on both heat production and heat conservation.

From the standpoint of nutrition, researchers have found that Eskimos have relatively high frequencies of lactose intolerance, in line with the lack of dairy in the traditional diet. More interesting is the fact that some of the very few cases of sucrose intolerance in the world were found in north Alaskan Eskimos, a testimony to the very low levels of carbohydrates in the diet (Bell et al. 1973, 1978; Draper 1978; Duncan and Scott 1972).

#### *Skeletal adaptations in northern populations*

Although human biologists who evaluate growth, physiology, and nutrition dominate studies of human adaptability, skeletal biologists have also contributed in this area. For example, a long-standing debate among Arctic physical anthropologists has focused on the distinctive features of Inuit craniofacial morphology (e.g., broad cheekbones, small brow ridges, gonial eversion, sagittal keeling, large oral tori, narrow nasal index, etc.). Some authors, for example, have argued that extreme cold sculpted the face of Arctic populations (cf. Coon et al. 1950). Others contend that heavy chewing, not cold, is primarily responsible for the distinctiveness of the Eskimo skull.

In 1977, W. L. Hylander wrote an influential article on the adaptive significance of Eskimo cranio-facial morphology. In earlier times, the bite force Eskimos could produce between their upper and lower first molars was 2 to 3 times greater than that produced by Europeans or American whites (Waugh 1937). Hylander tied this great difference to cranio-facial architecture. He felt that some characteristics helped Eskimos generate a large bite force while other traits reflected the dissipation of these forces. For example, the projecting cheekbones, sagittal keeling, a relatively short mandible and broad ramus, along with powerfully developed temporalis, masseter and pterygoid muscles, changed the biomechanics of the bite, greatly increasing its power. To dissipate these enormous forces, Eskimos show a number of other distinctive characteristics, including pinched nasal bones, high and distinct temporal lines, large palatine and mandibular tori, and thickened tympanic plates.

One of the few skeletal characteristics observed in Eskimos that may not reflect heavy chewing is a reduced brow ridge and smaller frontal sinus. Koertvelyessy (1972) studied frontal sinuses in five Alaskan Eskimo series for size and occurrence and found a relationship between reduced sinus size and low wind chill temperatures. Hanson and Owsley (1980) found that Canadian Inuit had even smaller sinuses than Alaskan Eskimos. Finally, Beals (1972; Beals et al. 1984) studied worldwide clines in brain size dimensions and found that brain mass increases in relationship to latitude. Aleuts and Eskimos have some of the biggest brains in the world!

Although most workers have focused on cranial adaptations, Laughlin and his co-workers (1979b) focused on data from long bones. They studied cortical thickness of the femur and bone mineral content (BMC) in Eskimo and Aleut samples. Aleuts showed both thicker bones and higher BMC values than Eskimos. Mazees and Mather (1974) also found rapid bone loss with advancing age in northwest Alaskan populations. To what extent osteoporosis can be attributed to latitude, a high fat-high protein diet or some combination of the two has yet to be resolved.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

This review likely differs from others in delving into history beyond the assigned time frame of 1973-2003. However, much of the work accomplished during the past thirty years would not have been possible without the collection efforts of Aleš Hrdlička and other museum personnel. When physical anthropologists wanted to study prehistoric Native Alaskan relationships, their primary destination was the Smithsonian Institution. The work of Turner, Ossenberg, Utermohle, Zegura, Heathcote, and many others was dependent on skeletal series obtained by Smithsonian, AMNH, and other museum researchers during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Although NAGPRA did not take effect until the early 1990s, very few skeletons were unearthed in Alaska after 1973. This author disinterred skeletons from cemeteries in Kotzebue (Scott et al. 1978), Barrow and Nome in the 1970s and 1980s (at the direction of local authorities) but all remains were reburied immediately. In other words, physical anthropologists and archaeologists were sensitive about the excavation of Native Alaskan remains well before NAGPRA was enacted. The common approach to treating the recovery of human remains is well attested by the discovery, study and disposition of prehistoric frozen mummies found on St. Lawrence Island and Barrow (Scott et al. 1984; Zimmerman and Aufderheide 1984; Zimmerman and Smith 1975). In both cases, scientists worked with native communities to ensure that the interests of both groups would be served. The remains were evaluated scientifically and then returned to the communities for reburial.

Starting in the early 1990s, many Alaskan communities requested the return of skeletal remains removed from their village sites. One of the best publicized cases involved the Uyak site on Kodiak Island. The process of repatriation is documented from the initial requests to reburial by Bray and Killion (1994) in a volume entitled *Reckoning With the Dead: The Larsen Bay*

*Repatriation and the Smithsonian Institution.*

Following the resolution of the Uyak case, many other skeletal collections have been returned to Native Alaskan communities. Prior to reburial, most skeletal series have been or are being subjected to intensive data collection efforts at the Smithsonian and elsewhere, using a standard set of guidelines (cf. Scott et al. 1995, 1996; Street and Scott 1995; Verano and Urcid 1994). Local communities are achieving the goal of reburying their ancestors after physical anthropologists obtain as much information as time allows on the morphology and health of earlier Alaskan populations – an imperfect compromise in an imperfect world.

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