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Arctic Horizons is a series of workshops bringing together Indigenous experts and Arctic social scientists to determine what the **NSF funding priorities** should be for the Arctic Social Sciences Program for the next 15 years. More information on page 3.

The Arctic as a National Imperative

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Do you know of any upcoming conferences, workshops, exhibits, funding or job opportunities, calls for papers,

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



We want YOU!



to submit your photos...

We are looking for **photos from your summer fieldwork** and other adventures in anthropology!

Please submit photos to sccoffman@alaska.edu.

Include your name, a brief description of the photo, and the photo credit (if you are not the original photographer).

President's Letter

Julie Esdale, Association President
Dear aaa Members,

Many of you are now busy with the summer field season. As you spend time planning and conducting surveys, excavations, and interviews that, in Alaska, often take place on or around federal public lands, I hope you'll take note of Congress' quiet (or not so quiet?) attempts to dismantle longstanding legislation that protects cultural resources.

Our state representatives are in full support of revoking National Monument designations across the country and selling federal public lands. Representative Don Young and Senator Lisa Murkowski responded to my recent letters about protecting historic properties designated under the Antiquities Act by claiming an intent to protect subsistence opportunities and provide more local input on how land is used. This sounds good, but does turning federal public lands that all Americans share into private and state lands really accomplish these goals? They need to hear from Alaskans that we see a great value in protecting public lands in order to safeguard significant cultural resources and ensure people's continued access and connections to these lands.

The Department of the Interior was recently directed by executive order to review all National monuments designated since 1996. Although none of the monuments under review are located in Alaska, I urge you to provide comments about those you know and love. Comments on all monuments under review are due on July 10. A full list can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/05/11/2017-09490/review-of-certain-national-monuments-established-since-1996-notice-of-opportunity-for-public-comment>.

In Association news, the Board has been working with conference planners to pin down dates and venues for our 2018 and 2019 meetings. Please pencil in 21-24 March, 2018 at the Egan Center in Anchorage for an annual meeting organized by the National Park Service. The 2019 meeting is scheduled in Nome, 27 February-2 March and is being organized by the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. We will be working hard to keep costs reasonable for both events while still having productive and enjoyable meetings.

This summer I encourage each of you to reach out to a member of your community and take them on a visit to an archaeological excavation, a historic building, or a place of cultural significance. Let's encourage an appreciation for the past and all the information that it holds. Send photos of your experiences to alaskaanthro@gmail.com and we will post them on our Facebook page and in our next newsletter!

Wishing you good weather an a rewarding summer field season,

Julie Esdale

Alaska Anthropological Association



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The purpose of the Alaska Anthropological Association is to serve as a vehicle for maintaining communication among people interested in all branches of anthropology; to promote public awareness and support for anthropological activities and goals; to foster knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Alaska Native and circumpolar cultural heritage; to work in collaboration with Indigenous communities on all aspects of research and education; and to facilitate the dissemination of anthropological works in both technical and non-technical formats.

Membership is open to any individual or organization indicating an interest and concern for the discipline of anthropology. The Association holds its annual meeting during March or April of each year and generally publishes four newsletters a year.

The membership cycle begins each year on 1 October. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$50 for student members and \$100 for regular members. Memberships may be purchased online at www.alaskaanthropology.org.

Please e-mail submissions to the newsletter to the editor, Sally Carraher, at sfcarraher@gmail.com.

aaa Motions to Use Funds for Travel Grants to Annual Conference

Julie Esdale, Association President

The Association currently has an investment account resulting from some large member donations and past aaa savings.

Interest from this account was intended to pay for the Van Stone, Eidel, and Lobdell scholarships and a ten-year rolling average on the interest from this account is currently being used to make up shortfalls between the association budget and membership income, and includes the cost of these scholarships. Extra investment income is rolled back into the account which currently sits at just over \$220,000. The current board would like

to propose using a small amount of the interest and/or principle annually for travel grants to aaa meetings.

We would like your input on a proposed motion, which will be put out to the association members for a vote after a thirty-day comment period and amendments. The proposed motion is as follows:

The Alaska Anthropological Association Board motions to spend up to \$1000 from the Vanguard Investment Account annually on travel grants for the Alas-

ka Anthropological Association annual meeting. Grant awardees will be awarded up to \$500 per person and their conference registration fees will be waived. A committee of Alaska Anthropological Association members will determine award criteria and the annual recipients. Award recipients shall be association members or members of the community nominated by association members.

Please send your comments on this motion to:

alaskaanthropresident@gmail.com.

“Arctic Horizons” Connecting Scientists, Indigenous Experts, and Setting New NSF Funding Priorities

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

The National Science Foundation's Arctic Social Sciences Program is the leading source of funding for US-based social science research in the Arctic.

Funding priorities are set for 15 years at a time since 1999, and so that time is up and the “Arctic Horizons” project has been working since 2015 to bring together members of Indigenous communities with social science researchers to reassess NSF ASSP funding priorities to better match what's happening in the dynamic and changing Arctic today.

Through partnership with the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the Jefferson Institute, Portland State University, Brown University, and the University of Northern Iowa, “Arctic Horizons” has organized a series of workshops at locations across the nation (3 in Alaska!) to bring Indigenous knowledge bearers and social scientists together to discuss Arctic social science needs.

This is important to Alaska anthropologists and archaeologists, as the results of these workshops will translate into funding priorities set for all NSF ASSP grant opportunities for the next 15 years.

Recently, they held a webinar on the Outcomes of Arctic Horizons for the Portland and Sitka workshop participants. If you were at the aaa conference in 2015 in Sitka, you may have participated in that workshop.

If you didn't catch the recent webinar on the results, you can still visit the website to view the results or reach out and contact the organizers with any questions you may have.

An official report of the workshop outcomes will be available soon, as well.

In the meantime, to keep up with the latest news from “Arctic Horizons”, visit: <http://www.arctic-horizons.org>.



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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 sccoffman@alaska.edu.



graphs. Growing up Iñupiat and with more than a decade of professional training and experience, Brian showcases Inuit context and heritage in his work that is impossible to capture without having been a life-long Alaskan with personal connections to the Arctic. This project was commissioned by the Inuit Circumpolar Council-Alaska and the exhibit is on display until 3 September.

Fairbanks

Congratulations to Emilie Springer who recently defended her dissertation "Sea Change, Know Fish: Catching the Tales of Fish and Men in Cordova, Alaska" at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



If you're in town and looking for

ology and Mammalogy", a must see for zooarchaeologists and anyone interested in learning more about how people and animals lived in ancient Alaska!

Kodiak

"Qayat – Kayaks" is on display at the Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak this summer. This exhibit, which focuses on the materials and technology of Alutiiq kayak making, was produced with support from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, the Institute for Museum and Library Service, Koniag Inc., and Marian Owen Photography. And if you need something to entertain the little ones while you're at the museum, be sure to let them play in "Wamwik – A Place of Play" at the museum. This area is especially designed for kids so they can play in a replica of a traditional Alutiiq house with a combination of Alutiiq-themed toys and stuffed toys and puppets that represent the natural fauna of Kodiak.

Nome

Nome high school students are having an amazing time this July at the Nome Archaeology Camp, and getting up to 3 Northwest College credits to boot! This exciting camp combines class instruction wildlife biology, archaeology, and museum studies with Alaska Native traditional knowledge and hands-on activities outdoors. We're pretty proud of the organizers for providing such an important and fun opportunity for local youth, and for being able to provide it at no cost to the students. Way to pay it forward with education for our next generation!



Participants in Nome's 2017 Archaeology Camp learn about a prehistoric house site near Salmon Lake. Photo courtesy of Alaska Geographic.

something to do, be sure to check out the "Polar Passion" exhibit at the Museum of the North. This exhibit is in the Special Exhibits Gallery and tells the story of an Alaskan woman, Grace Schaible, has amassed a huge collection of polar bear art and artifacts. Also at the museum this summer is "Expedition Alaska: Archae-

Anchorage

Congratulations to Alex Taitt and Alysia Willet for recently defending their MA theses and graduating from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Alex also recently got a job at the Anchorage Museum, and is wanting to continue her work on using innovative digital technologies for Alaska Native cultural heritage and repatriation/e-patriation.

Anchorage-based photographer Brian Adam's amazing exhibit "I am Inuit" is currently on display at the Anchorage Museum. You won't want to miss out on seeing the story of contemporary Inuit culture that Brian tells with his photo-

Annual aaa Meeting News

2018 and 2019 Dates, Venues Announced

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

The 2018 meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be organized by the National Park Service at the Egan Center, in downtown Anchorage 21-24 March, 2018. For the upcoming meeting, we return to the schedule of Wednesday through Saturday. Wednesday will be the ACZ Workshop, and paper sessions and panels will begin on Thursday.

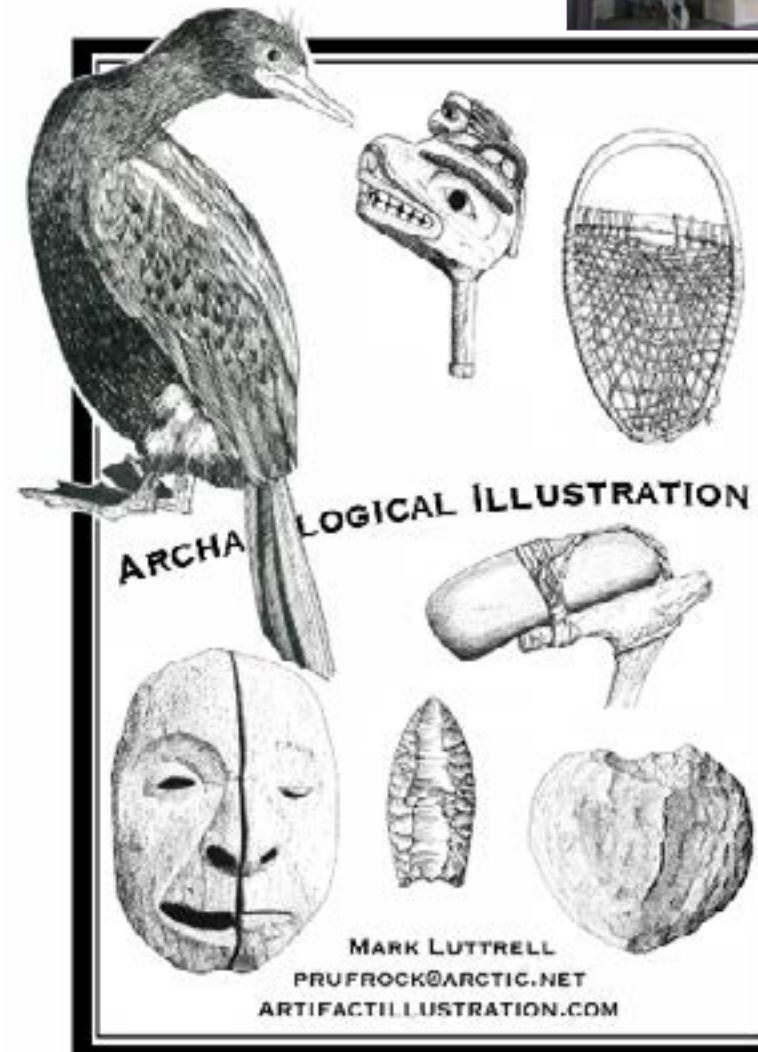
Don't miss out on the traditional unofficial close to the conference, the Belzoni Society Meeting, on Saturday.

The 2019 meeting will be organized by the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Muse-

um in Nome, Alaska, 27 February-2 March, 2019. We are all looking forward to the chance to see each other in this infamous Gold Rush era city, and historic finish line for the Iditarod race! You can keep up to date with meeting

announcements and calls for papers, etc, by visiting <https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/> or by following the FaceBook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaAnthropologicalAssociation/>.

Left: Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, Nome. Right: The Egan Center, Anchorage. Photos courtesy of the Nome Nugget, Alaska Dispatch News.



The 45th annual meeting of the

Alaska Anthropological Association

21-24 March, 2018
Anchorage, Alaska

organized by the
National Park Service

Please check the aaa 2017 FaceBook page for the latest updates:
<https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaAnthropologicalAssociation/>

Meetings of Interest

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor



Conference Spotlight: Alaska Native Studies Conference

Be on the look out for a call for papers for the 7th 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/>.

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 scoffman@alaska.edu.

Washington, D.C.

29 November-3 December

Web site: <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index>.

3-7 April

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

American Association of Physical Anthropologists
Annual meeting
Austin, Texas
11-14 April

Web site: <http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/annual-meeting-2018/>

Society for American Archaeology
Annual meeting
Washington D.C.
11-15 April

Web site: <http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/annual-meeting-2018/>

December

ArcticNet

"Arctic Change 2017" meeting

Quebec City, Quebec

11-15 December

Web site: <http://www.arcticnetmeetings.ca/ac2017/index.php>

April

Society for Applied Anthropology

Annual meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September

Alaska Historical Society

Annual meeting

Anchorage, Alaska

27-30 September

Web site: <http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/conference-information/>

November

American Anthropological Association

116th annual meeting

Upcoming conference deadlines



Society for American Archaeology

Abstracts are due 7 September



American Association of Physical Anthropologists

Abstracts are due 16 October



ArcticNet "Arctic Change"

Abstracts are due 8 September



Alaska Anthropological Association

Abstracts are usually due in January



Society for Applied Anthropology

Abstracts are due 15 October



Alaska Native Studies Council

Abstracts are usually due in January

Meet Your New aaa Newsletter Editor Sam Coffman

Outgoing editor, Sally Carraher

I have truly enjoyed serving as the Association's Newsletter Editor since the Spring of 2013. I thank Rita Eagle, the previous editor, for all her hard work in establishing many of the regular features we publish. In the past four years, I updated the template and look of the Newsletter, and we started publishing in an online interactive PDF format.

I am leaving the Newsletter to dedicate



Sally Carraher, Assistant Professor of Anthropology for the University of Alaska Anchorage, has served as the aaa Newsletter Editor from March 2013 to August 2017. Photo by Sally Carraher.

more time to my research on Indigenous health in Alaska and Canada, and am shifting toward a research focus on homelessness as it is experienced in the circumpolar north.

The Newsletter is a great way to keep us Alaska anthropologists and archaeologists connected across the vast geography of where we all live and work. Thank you, Kerry Feldman, for asking me to do this job four years ago! I look forward to seeing the new directions Sam will take the Newsletter.

Incoming editor, Sam Coffman

Dear all, I am pleased to be taking over as the Association's Newsletter Editor. I have been involved in a wide array of archaeological projects throughout Alaska and western North America over the past 12 years.

I graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2011 and I currently serve as the Research Archaeologist and GIS Coordinator for the UA Museum of the North.

My current research interests include the geochemical sourcing of rhyolitic toolstone, the late prehistoric of eastern Beringia, ecological adaptations in southwestern Alaska, and the in-



Sam Coffman is a Research Archaeologist and GIS Coordinator for the University of Alaska Museum of the North in Fairbanks. He is taking over as the aaa Newsletter Editor starting in the Fall, 2017. Photo courtesy of Sam Coffman.

corporating of GIS and GIS technologies into anthropology.

I am looking forward to expanding the contents of the Newsletter regarding the Association and anthropological happenings throughout the Arctic and Sub-arctic, while maintaining traditional features that Sally and others have established. I look forward to serving the Association!

Publication Spotlight

Sally Carraher, Newsletter Editor

The *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* (AJA) is proud to announce that Dr. Brian Wygal of Adelphi University is the new co-editor, joining long-time co-editor Dr. Kenneth Pratt of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anchorage.

Brian has 17 years of experience in northern archaeology and a strong record of publication. We are delighted to have him on board!

Submissions wanted!

The AJA and the *Aurora Monograph Series* are looking for submissions for publication.

The AJA accepts original research articles, reports, translations, essays, book reviews, and thesis and dissertation abstracts, as well as research notes. You can access the submission guidelines at http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/AJA-Style-Guide-final_111015.pdf. You can contact the editors: Kenneth Pratt at akpratt@gci.net and Brian Wygal at bwygal@adelphi.edu.

The *Aurora Monograph Series* accepts manuscript submissions as a way to broadly and rapidly disseminate data on anthropology and archaeology in Alaska and nearby regions. Submissions are peer-reviewed. You can contact the editor, Richard E. Reanier, at alaskaanthropublications@gmail.com.