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**Deadline to submit  
materials for the next newsletter is  
April 1, 2018!**

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:  
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# 45th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association

## March 21-24, 2018

### Anchorage, Alaska

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*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 each 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, Sam Coffman ([sc Coffman@alaska.edu](mailto:sc Coffman@alaska.edu)).*

Registration is now open for the 45th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association. The conference is being held at the Egan Center in Anchorage and is being organized by the National Park Service.

You may register for the conference and purchase meals for the dinner or lunch banquets at the following: <https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/registration/>

Please note, if you register as a member and do not renew your AAA membership by March 1, your registration will be cancelled. You may renew your membership at: <https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/membership/>

Registering for the conference DOES NOT renew your membership.

## We look forward to seeing you in Anchorage!



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## The Anthropology of Alaska, Two Minutes at a Time

By Jenny H. Blanchard, BLM:

*This session provides a survey of anthropological research in Alaska over the past year, from Pleistocene archaeology to historical archaeology and cultural anthropology. Papers will be short and fun; this is a chance to give a "teaser" of research presented later in the conference, or to provide information on an artifact, site, or fieldwork story encountered last summer. It provides presenters with a chance to pique the audience's interest in their research, and provides audience members a chance to get an overview of the entire scope of conference topics, even if they can't attend every session.*

Email Jenny Blanchard to participate  
[jblanchard@blm.gov](mailto:jblanchard@blm.gov)

## Preliminary Schedule

3/21/2018, Wednesday Day: AHRS Meeting, 9 am - 5pm ACZ Workshop  
"Back to Basics" RSVP by March 14, 2018 @  
[alaskazooarch.org/workshop](http://alaskazooarch.org/workshop)



Wednesday Evening: Opening Reception and Registration at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, The Anthropology of Alaska, Two minutes at a time.

3/22/2018, Thursday Day: Registration, Paper Sessions  
Thursday Afternoon/Evening: No host bar poster session, John Cook Celebration of life.

3/23/2018, Friday Day: Registration, Paper Sessions  
Friday Evening: Dinner Banquet, Awards & Speaker Alan Boraas.

3/24/2018, Saturday Day: Registration, Paper Sessions, Lunch Banquet with Speaker AlexAnna Salmon, AAA Business Meeting.

Saturday Evening 8-10 pm: Belzoni Society Annual Meeting at Van's Dive Bar located at 1025 E. 5th Avenue (about a 20 min. walk/5 min. drive from the Egan Center).



# Paper Presentations

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*Recent Archaeological Investigations of Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve*  
Adam Freeburg and Chris Ciancibelli

*Bering Strait Narratives and Collaborative Processes of Exhibit Production in Nome, Alaska*  
Amy Phillips-Chan

*Radiocarbon Dating in Alaska’s National Parks: A Case for Improved Database Management*  
Andrew Tremayne

*Unangan place names in currently Alutiiq areas*  
Anna Berge

*The Walakpa Archaeological Salvage Project (WASP)*  
Anne M. Jensen

*Global Environmental Change Threats to Heritage in Alaska*  
Anne M. Jensen

*Planning the Exhibition “Indigenous Knowledge of Alaska and the Circumpolar North”*  
Aron L. Crowell

*The Cultural Ecology of Indigenous Seal Hunting in Southern Alaskan Fiords*  
Aron L. Crowell

*Ancient Beringians: Archaeological implications of recent genomic research*  
Ben A. Potter

*Emerging Technologies for Virtual Reality Exhibits*  
Bob Curtis-Johnson

*Cooking Without Fire: Measuring the Effects of Fermentation on Carbon and Nitrogen Isotopes in Salmon*  
Bree Doering

*Lithic Technologies of the First Alaskans*  
Brian T. Wygal

*Sociocultural Influences on Older Adult Diet & Activity in Anchorage, Alaska*  
Britteny M. Howell

*Variability of Toolstone in Tangle Lakes, Alaska*  
Brooks Ann Lawler

*Hearth Features in Alaska’s Alpine and Arctic National Parks: Archaeobotanical Results from the 2017 Field Season*  
Caitlin R. Holloway

*Comparing narratives and middens to learn about Qax^un relationships with birds in the Rat Islands, western Aleutians*  
Caroline Funk

*#findyourtrail: Identifying and Evaluating Cultural Resources along the Iditarod National Historic Trail*  
Carrie Cecil

*A novel approach to identifying copper use in composite bone and antler technology*  
Christian D. Thomas, P. Gregory Hare, Joshua D. Reuther, Jason Rogers, H. Kory Cooper, and James E. Dixon

*Birnirk archaeology at the Rising Whale site (KTZ-304), Cape Espenberg, NW Alaska - A report on the 2017 field season*  
Claire Alix, Owen K. Mason, Lauren Norman, Nancy Bigelow, and Chris Maio

*Nyaa, Just Saying: Functional and Artistic Uses of a Gwich’in Verb Stem*  
Craig Mishler

*Education Both Ways: Caniliaq, Alaska in the late 1930’s*  
Cynthia Wentworth

*Best Practices in Revitalizing Endangered Alaskan Languages*  
D. Roy Mitchell IV

*Will the real Gallagher Flint Station please stand up: sorting out the cultural complexity of 49-PSM-050*  
Dale Slaughter, Michael Kunz, and John Cook

*5. Coping with the State, Keeping Our Identity: Dineh Life on the Yukon-Alaska Borderlands*  
David Johnny and Norman Alexander Easton

*Tiushov’s Dream – Ethnography, Colonialism and Consciousness in Pre-Soviet Kamchatka*  
David Koester

*Adapt Alaska: Collaborative Approaches to Addressing Climate Adaptation Planning*  
Davin Holen

*Material Traditions: Broadening Research through Collaboration*  
Dawn Biddison and Melissa Shaginoff

*White Eye Fish Camp: Exploring how traditional knowledge can make inferences about pre-colonial subsistence behavior in interior Alaska*  
Dougless Skinner, Paul Williams Sr., and Holly McKinney

*White Eye Traditional Knowledge Camp: Exploring prehistoric subsistence behavior in interior Alaska through Gwich’in ways of knowing*  
Dougless Skinner, Paul Williams Sr., Holly McKinney

*Vulnerability Assessment to Adaptation Plan: A Process Guide for Rural Alaskan Communities*  
Erica Mitchell and Susan Flensburg

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# Paper Presentations continued

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*A History of Small Bird Capture at Iita, NW Greenland*

Erika Ebel, Christyann Darwent, John Darwent, amd Genevieve LeMoine

*Archaeological Survey of the Attu Battlefield and U.S. Army and Navy Airfields National Historic Landmark, 2015-2017*

Forrest J. Kranda, Kelly E. Eldridge, and Shona D. Pierce

*Bristol Bay Native Place Names*

Francisca Demoski

*Physical Anthropological Perspectives on the Beringian Standstill Model*

G. Richard Scott and Leslea J. Hlusko

*Reconstructing a Northern Archaic Tradition Household*

Gerad M. Smith

*FTIR Analysis at Healy Lake Village Site*

Hilary Hilmer

*Human and Ecological Responses (or not) to the Northern White River Ash Eruption*

Holly A. Smith

*Contributions of Computerized Lexicography to Dene and Northern Archaic Prehistory*

James Kari

*Documenting Local Knowledge of Changing Wildlife Habitats and Adaptive Considerations of Large Land Mammal Hunters to the Effects of Climate Change in Alaska Game Management Units 9B-C, 17, 18, and 19A-C*

James M. Van Lanen

*All but the Kitchen Sink: A faunal analysis from the large coastal village of Difchahak (NOB-005), Shaktoolik, Alaska*

Jason I. Miszaniec, John Darwent, and Christyann Darwent

*Great When You Can Find Them: Case Studies in Hearth Detection Using Magnetic Survey Methods*

Jeffrey T. Rasic, Andrew H. Tremayne, and Thomas M. Urban

*A Lithic Analysis of a Mid-Holocene Assemblage from the Matcharak Peninsula Site, Central Brooks Range, Alaska*

*History Eroding: Efforts by the Bureau of Land Management in 2017 to Mitigate Archaeological Losses due to Erosion along the Beaufort Sea, National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska*

Joe Keeney

*The Big Empty: Test Excavations at Difchahak, Norton Sound*

John Darwent and Jason Miszaniec

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*Looking for fish of the right age: developing predictive modeling for submerged sites using GIS, salmon genetics, and the human ecology of salmon*

Jon Krier

*Yakutat Seal Camps Project, Producing Knowledge Together*

Judith Ramos

*The Northern Archaic in Interior Alaska*

Julie Esdale and Ben A. Potter

*Alaska's Northern Archaic: Side Notched Biface Morphology*

Kaitlyn Fuqua

*Community Archaeology along the Chickaloon Trail: Alpine Use of the Talkeetna Mountains*

Kathryn E. Krasinski and Angela Wade

*Modeling Predictors of Faunal Assemblage Patterns on the Seward Peninsula*

Kelly A. Eldridge

*Changing Climate and Changing Assessments: A Reevaluation of “Capping In Place”*

Kelly A. Eldridge

*Aiming for Attu: Connecting Multiple Perspectives in a Museum Exhibit*

Kelly Gwynn

*Municipal Historic Preservation Planning: Community-Based Preservation in Anchorage*

Kristine Bunnell

*10,000+ Years of Human Occupation in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve: Preliminary Results of Archeological Investigations Along Glacial Lake Atna Shorelines*

Lee Reininghaus

*Historic Themes of the Tongass National Forest's Recreation Cabins*

Linda Finn Yarborough, Aubrey L. Morrison, and Catherine L. Pendleton

*Colonization of near-Cordilleran and coastal Patagonian lands*

Luis Alberto Borrero and Fabiana Maria Martin

*An Update on the Archaeology of Pacific Herring*

Madonna L. Moss

*Animal bones and fat within hearths: Creating insight into arctic fuel management through fire experiments*

Marine Vanlandeghem, Claire Alix, Lauren Norman, and Tammy Buonasera

*What do they want from us, anyway? Reflections on navigating the permitting process for transporting midden samples across international borders*

Michael A. Etnier

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*Ten Years of Community-Based Participatory Research in Alaska: A Self-Review and Lessons Learned*  
Michael Koskey

*The Historical Significance of the Goodnews Bay Mining Company's Platinum Mine near Platinum, Alaska*  
Michael R. Yarborough and Aubrey L. Morrison

*Honoring our History out front and behind-the-scenes*  
Monica Shah, Sarah Owens, Shina duVall, et al.

*Community-Based Youth Outreach for Archaeology and Traditional Knowledge*  
Monty Rogers

*Internment and Relocation of Alaskan's during World War II*  
Morgan R. Blanchard

*The Ivu (ice override) of 2016 at Cape Espenberg: Anomalous Elevated Seas and Substantial Erosion*  
Owen K. Mason, Chris Maio, and Reince Bogardus

*Rising Whale site, Cape Espenberg*  
Owen K. Mason, Claire M. Alix, and Lauren Norman

*“What is this Birnirk, anyway?” Meditations on the Birnirk Culture based on results from the 2017 season at the Thule Iron Use in the North American Arctic*  
Paddy Eileen Colligan

*Fish Traps, Fox Farms, and Petroglyphs: The Afognak Land Survey*  
Patrick Saltonstall and Amy Steffian

*Recent Cultural Resource Survey in Denali National Park*  
Phoebe Gilbert

*Cranifacial Morphology in the Arctic: A biomechanical approach to understanding how cultural adaptation affect the growth and development craniofacial morphology*  
Rachel Joan Dale and Ryan P. Harrod

*The Attu Villagers' Experience as Prisoners in Japan in World War II*  
Rachel Mason

*Pursuing the NPS Mission Outside the National Park System*  
Rhea Hood

*Archaeological Propection, Remote Sensing, and the AHRS: A Tribal Perspective*  
Richard L. Martin

*Still More Odd Tales of Alaska's Long Distance Travelers in the Early 20th Century*  
Robert E. King

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*BET-00042 (S4-28): A Medieval Warm Period site at the confluence of Grayling Creek and the Jim River, South Fork Koyukuk River Drainage, Alaska*  
Robert Gal

*Community-based projects in the Tanana Chiefs Conference region*  
Robert A. Sattler, O. Huntington, D. Lynne, W. Putman, B. McKenna, B. Stevens, B. Wright, E. Grant, C. Yateman, G. Vick and P. Mayo

*Archaeological record of the riparian zone in the borderlands region through the Upper Yukon River Canyon*  
Robert A. Sattler and Norman A. Easton

*Revitalizing a Historic Northern Ethnology Collection: Arctic Traditional Knowledge and the Liberal Arts*  
Rosemary Ahtuanguaruak and Amy Margaris

*Alaska Native Language Programs Count*  
Roy Mitchell, Verl di Suvero, and Grace Beaujean

*Dating and Summation of Seven Holocene Shoreline Sites at Quartz Lake, Interior Alaska*  
Scott Shirar, Josh Reuther, Holly McKinney, Sam Coffman, Kelly Meierotto, Fawn Carter, Jason Rogers, and Francois Lanoë

*Twenty Four Years of Collaboration at Susten Camp*  
Sherry Kime, Michael Bernard, and Debra Corbett

*Community-Based Participatory Research for the Nuiqsut Paisanich Addendum*  
Stephen R. Braund & Associates (SRB&A)

*Sharing Cultural Information Represented in Objects Using 3D Photo Modeling Techniques*  
Ted Parsons, Brian A. Walker II, Paul Wasko, and Ryan Harrod

*Reading the Residues in Archaeological Hearth Deposits*  
Tammy Buonasera, Antonio V. Herrera Herrera, Marine Vanlandeghem, and Carolina Mallol

*Yugtun Community-Based Participatory Research in Southwest Alaska*  
Theresa Arevgaq John

*Climate Change and Heritage Resources at Herschel Island, Yukon*  
Ty Heffner, Greg Hare, and Christian Thomas

*Arctic Data Management Matters*  
Vanessa Raymond

*Saving the Uglugax Site (UNL-208) at Summer Bay: A Community and Archaeological Collaboration in Unalaska, Alaska*  
Virginia Hatfield and Kale Bruner

*Community-based Iliamna Lake Nanvarpak Central Yup'ik Place Name Project*  
Yoko Kugo

*We'll Get There When We Get There: A cooperative learning of the Yup'ik language across generations*  
Walkie Charles



# Poster Presentations

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*New Ideas about Old Stones—A Closer Look at Kodiak’s Incised Pebbles*  
Amy Steffian, Molly Odell, and Patrick Saltonstall

*Alaska’s Digital Newspaper Project*  
Anastasia Tarmann and Janey Thompson

*Context and Analysis of Whitaker-Glessner Co. (1916-1920) Steel Drums in Alaska*  
Andrew S. Higgs

*Pleistocene Mammoth Ivory Use at the Holzman Site in Interior Alaska*  
Brian T. Wygal, Kathryn E. Krasinski, Charles E. Holmes, Barbara A. Crass, C.M. DeBlasio, E.R. Farrell, J.A. RuizDiaz, and K.A. Siegel

*Developing a Research Arm within an IDD Service Provider Agency*  
Britteny M. Howell and Roy Scheller

*How People of the Yukon River Value of Salmon: A case study in the lower, middle and upper portions of the Yukon River*  
Catherine Moncrieff

*The Early Microblade Technology at Swan Point*  
Charles E. Holmes and Yan A. Gómez Coutouly

*Recent Archaeological Inventories in Noatak National Preserve*  
Chris Ciancibelli, Jeffrey T. Rasic, Adam Freeburg, and Hannah Atkinson

*A Walk Through Time: Reconstructing a Holocene Footprint from Central Alaska*  
Gerad M. Smith, Ted Parsons, Eddie T. Perez, Tyler J. Teese, and Ryan P. Harrod

*Late Pleistocene Archeology of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve: It Exists!*  
Greg Biddle and Lee Reininghaus

*Experimental Replication of Copper Points*  
Isabelle Ortt, Brandon Battas, Jessica Scharrer, Charles Lasky, Jonathan Micon, H. Kory Cooper

*Cross-Cultural Connections between Prehistoric Inuit and Athabascan Spheres: A Provocative Case from Lake Minchumina, Central Alaska*  
Jeffrey T. Rasic and Charles E. Holmes

*Isotopic Analysis of Cache Pit Sediments at Cottonwood Village, Southcentral Alaska*  
Joanna Wells

*A Beringian Sea-Level Time Series Comparison*  
Jon Krier

*Blair Lakes: A Multi-component Holocene Site in the Tanana Flats*  
Joshua J. Lynch

*Microblade Technology at the Margaret Bay site, eastern Aleutian Islands*  
Kale Bruner

*Tracking Alaska with Video*  
Liz O’Connell

*Lithic Debitage Analysis at KTZ-304, Cape Espenberg Alaska*  
Michael Lorain, Clarie Alix, and Owen Mason

*The Rules of the Road: Developing Guidelines for Identifying Historic Roads*  
Molly Proue and Kathy Price

*Croxtton Site Faunal Assemblage: Pre- and Post-Deposition Disturbance Analysis*  
Nicolette Edwards

*A Summary of Radiocarbon Dates and Cultural Components from the Little John Site and their relationship to the prehistory of the Yukon-Alaska borderlands*  
Norman Alexander Easton, Robert Sattler, Jordan Handley, and Michael Grooms

*A statistical evaluation of Alutiiq site distributions in southwest Alaska before and after Russian contact*  
Peter Ellis and Loukas Barton

*Contemporary kinship patterns in two northern Canadian communities: Developing a tool to assess infectious disease patterns in multi-household extended kin groups*  
Sairah Oliva and Sally Carraher

*Archaeological survey along the Savonoski River, Katmai National Park and Preserve, Alaska*  
Sam Coffman and Linda Chisholm

*A look at the evolution of the Bradner’s Jersey Creamery Butter label*  
Steve Lanford

*Pete Haslim’s Cabin*  
Steve Lanford

*Independence Mine: Life and the Gold Industry in the Talkeetna Mountains*  
Sydney Deusenberry

*Burin Technology at the Swan Point Site, Interior Alaska*  
Yu Hirasawa and Charles E. Holmes



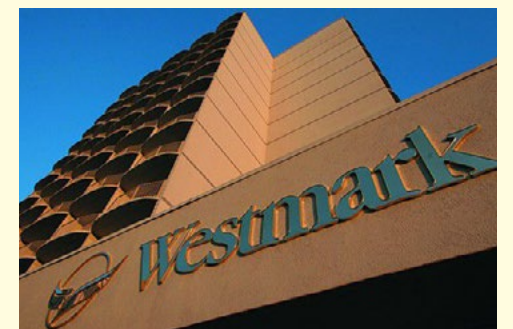
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For more information on the rooms and accommodations, please visit <http://www.westmarkhotels.com/destinations/anchorage-hotel/>.  
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Individual reservations can be made by guests calling the reservations desk at 800-544-0970 or email Raul Sanchez (raulsanchez@hagroup.com). All reservations must be made by March 14, 2018; after this date all unused space will be released for general sale, and the conference group code may not apply.



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# Remembering John Cook

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John Paul Cook left this life in the early morning of December 22, 2017, at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, with his wife Elizabeth at his side. John began his life journey in Paris, France January 17, 1938. He was born to Audrey Gilman Ames, from Yakima WA, and John Joseph Cook, from Cedar Rapids IA. John's mother was a correspondent for an American newspaper and his father was an airplane mechanic, serving in the US Army Air Corps, and attached to the American Embassy. John skipped town a few months before the Germans invaded and, along with a nanny, traveled to New York City. Gradually, the rest of the family arrived, bouncing around the US finally settling in Maryland on the Potomac River, when John was 8.

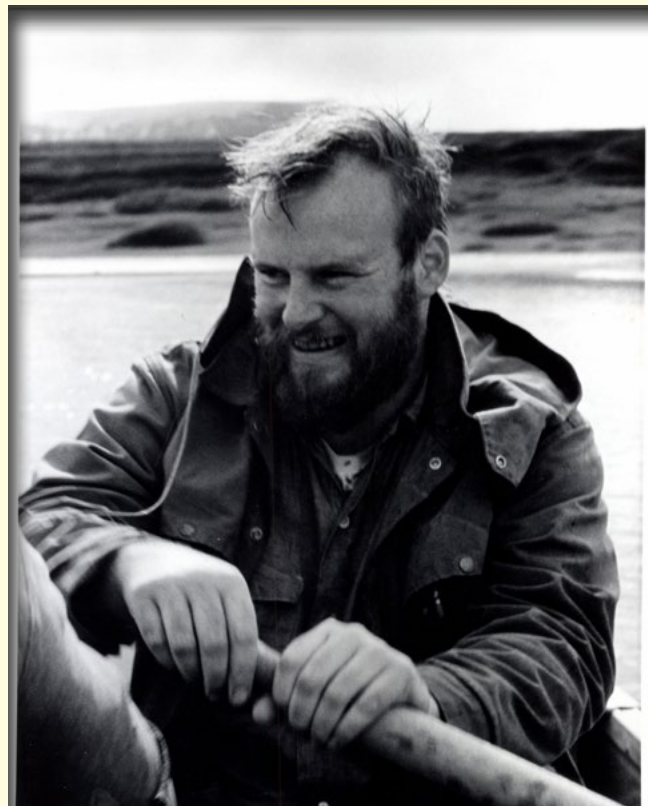
The neighborhood was mostly corn and tobacco fields, once the location of prehistoric encampments, and littered with arrowheads and other Native Americans artifacts. The delight in finding these relics of former inhabitants fueled John's desire to become an archeologist and took him to Dartmouth College after high school. There, he was quite literally pointed north by his professors Robert McKennan and Elmer Harp. John graduated in 1959 and was immediately inducted into the US Air Force, assigned to Ladd Field near Fairbanks, and stationed at Unalakleet Air Force Station. Following military service, John's professional career blossomed.

From 1962 until 1966, with fieldwork in Newfoundland, Yukon Territory, and Onion Portage, Alaska, John earned a Masters degree at Brown University and began work on his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin. For his dissertation project, Prof. McKennan suggested that John investigate the pre-history of Healy Lake, Alaska, a location that had been utilized by prehistoric peoples for thousands of years. In 1969, John's first reports of the age of the earliest use of the area, 13,000 years, were greeted with strong skepticism. However subsequent research by other investigators at other locations in interior Alaska has proved John to be correct revising the pre-history of Alaska.

In 1968 John began work at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where - in addition to a full teaching load - he eventually was in charge of all archaeological surveys and excavations north of Glennallen, before and during construction along the route of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. The pipeline project was the first large wage-paying project for archeologists in the US, employing more than 70 professional archaeologists and students who had a great time discovering and mitigating construction impacts to more than 300 prehistoric and historic sites. Also in the summer of 1971 John directed salvage excavations at Amchitka Island in advance of the last nuclear blast there.



John Cook practicing obsidian knapping at the Healy Lake Village Site, 1970.  
Photo by Chuck Diters

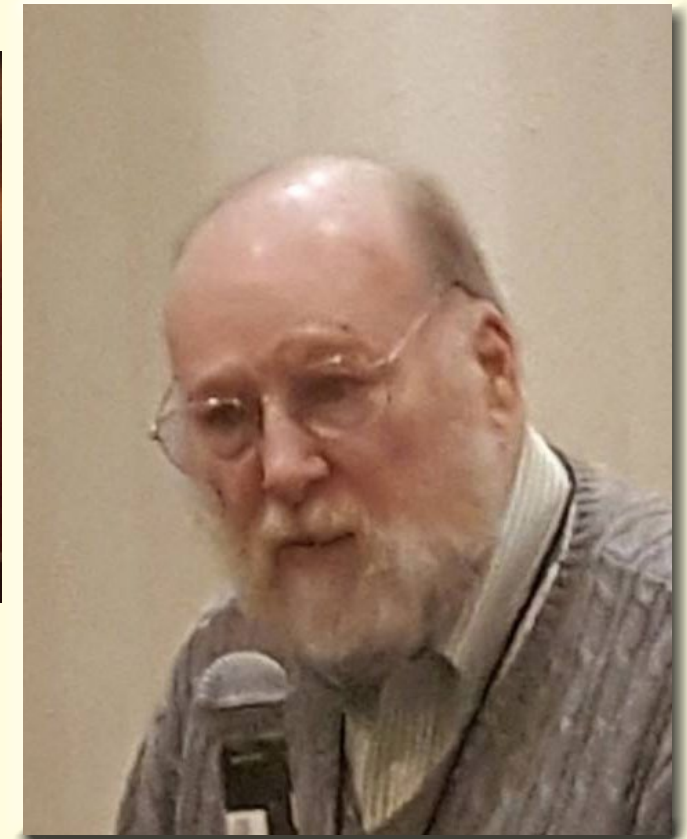


John Cook, head of archaeological investigation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.  
Photo by unknown

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John Cook at the 2013 Alaska Anthropological Association conference.  
Photo by Gerad M. Smith



John Cook at the 2017 Alaska Anthropological Association conference.  
Photo by Jason Rogers

In the early 1970's John co-founded the Alaska Anthropological Association, an organization intended to serve professionals, amateurs, and the public alike, through the dissemination of information about Alaska's history and publication of original research findings. The organization has thrived, and – this year -will be holding its 45th Annual Conference. His knowledge and thoughtfulness were useful to other organizations he served, among them the Alaska State Historical Commission, Fairbanks' Borough Commission for Historic Preservation, Canadian Archeological Association, Alaska Quaternary Center, and the Society for American Archeology.

In mid-1978, with a National Science Foundation grant, John pioneered the use of x-ray fluorescence and instrumental neutron activation analysis testing the possibility of determining pre-historic trade routes by analyzing and “fingerprinting” obsidian found in archeological sites.

John went to work at the Bureau of Land Management in 1980. Over the next nearly two decades, he dealt with investigation and management of cultural resources – historic and pre-historic, in the 40 Mile country, the Trans-Alaska pipeline corridor, and Interior Alaska lands controlled by the US Army and Air Force.

John's great gifts to his students and colleagues were his generosity and friendship. If he had carried out a piece of research and had data to share, he made the information available to anyone who could use it. He did not “toot his own horn”, but encouraged others to develop their talents. He was an advocate for making science appealing and available to anyone who was interested - from his professional colleagues, to students in the classroom, to pipeline construction workers, and men and women working gold mining claims in remote Alaska.

John is survived by his sister, Ellen Ames Tipton (Clarence, deceased); brother, Joel Townsend Cook (Joann); wife, Elizabeth Fields Cook; former wife, Nancy Wolens Cook Ziembo; sons, Timothy Alan Cook (Nancy), and Benjamin Gabriel Cook (Lindsey Eberhard); step-son, Frederick Michael Clarke; and grandchildren, Evan Michael and Joel.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the Alaska Anthropological Association. [alaskaanthro@gmail.com](mailto:alaskaanthro@gmail.com). At John's request,, there will be no formal service. A celebration of his life is schelduled for Friday, Feb. 16, from 2-5 p.m. at Raven Landing in Fairbanks, Alaska. An additional event is planned for the Alaska Anthropological Association conference in March.



# Meetings of Interest

Sam Coffman, Newsletter Editor

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*The following are a list of upcoming conferences and meeting pertaining to Alaska and anthropology. If you know of others or would like to advertise a specific conference please contact Sam Coffman at: [sccoffman@alaska.edu](mailto:sccoffman@alaska.edu).*



## 2018 Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference Sept. 12-15, 2018 Nome, AK



Society for American Archaeology

SAA 83rd Annual Meeting  
Washington, DC  
April 11 - 15, 2018

## 2018 Alaska Native Studies Conference

Past, Present, Future—Working Together

April 13–15, 2018



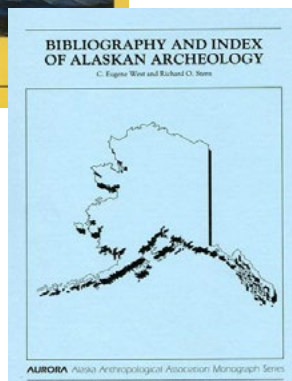
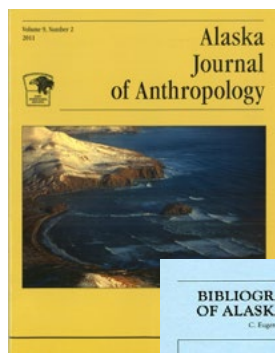
April 10-14, 2018  
Austin, TX



November 14-18, 2018 San Jose Convention Center

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## Submissions wanted!

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

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