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ANTHROPOLOGY COLLOQUIUM

Commemorating Ye'yumnuts: collaborating to celebrate Cowichan ancestral site.



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11:30 am – 12:50 pm

Clearihue Building: C112

This BC/Canada 150 project is a collaborative community-based effort led by Cowichan Tribes to publicly commemorate, preserve and share the archaeological heritage site (DeRw-018) known as Ye'yumnuts in the Coast Salish Island Hul'q'umi'num' language -- a remarkable ancient First Nation village and burial ground at Somenos Creek in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Through partnerships Cowichan Tribes has established with UVic's Anthropology Department, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Nature Trust of British Columbia, the Municipality of North Cowichan and Cowichan Valley School District 79, this project is working to implement a shared vision of heritage conservation and public education at Ye'yumnuts. In this colloquium, Dr. Thom will share stories from the ongoing collaborative fieldwork, including work being done by students in Anth 585/685 this term to forward the objectives of Cowichan Tribes in commemorating their ancestral landscape.

EVERYONE WELCOME.