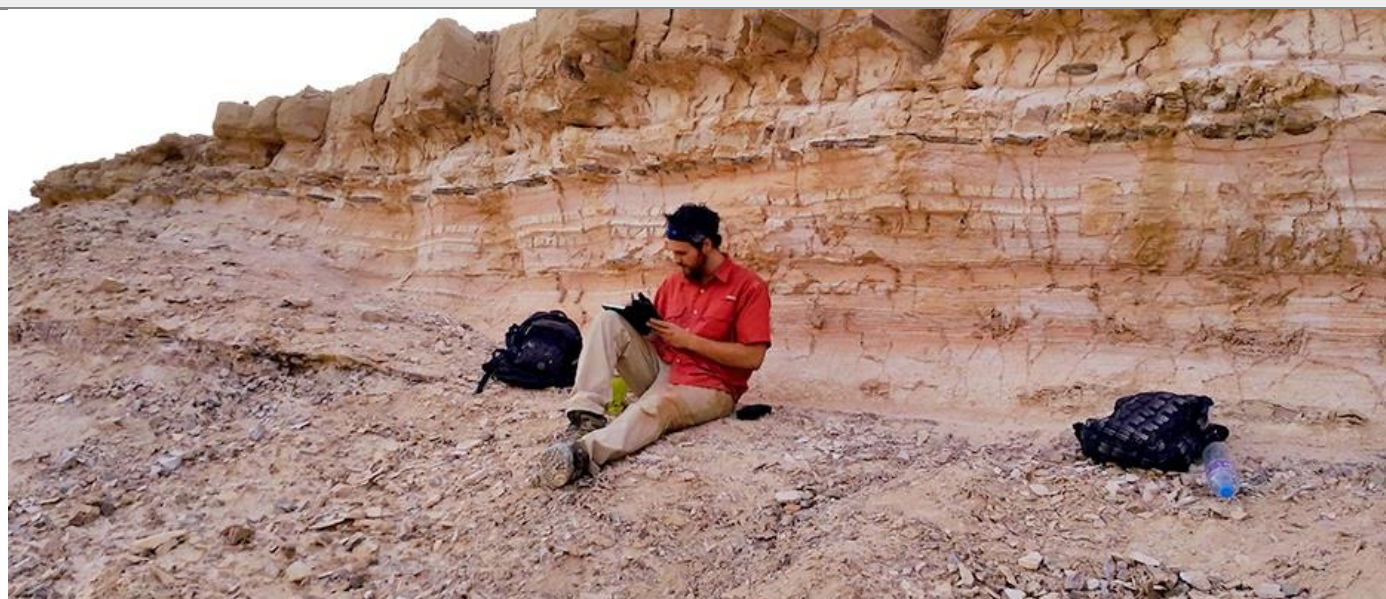




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## January 2019: UVic Anthropology Annual Update

### Greetings from the Anthropology Department at UVic!

As the new Chair of the Department of Anthropology, I am excited to share with you in this annual update just some of the many changes that have been taking place in our department.

Please stay tuned for information about our upcoming Anthropology alumni event in 2019 and as always be sure to check out our [department website](#) for the latest on our faculty and students.

We would love to hear from you so please [reach out](#) if you have any news to share.

With best wishes, [April Nowell](#), Chair of Anthropology

### News from Anthropology

As of Fall 2018 our department now offers a [BSc Major](#) in Anthropology.

Congratulations to [Dr. April Nowell](#) on her published book [Archaeology of Night: Life After Dark in the Ancient World](#). The book includes an article by [Dr. Erin McGuire](#) on [Burning the Midnight Oil: Archaeological Experiments with Early Medieval Viking Lamps](#).

[Dr. Helen Kurki](#) comments on new studies on the variation of human birth canals between populations in articles in [The New York Times](#) and in [The Scientist](#).

Congratulations to [Dr. Daromir Rudnyckyj](#) on the publication of his new book, [Beyond Debt: Islamic Experiments in Global Finance](#)

[Dr. Brian Thom](#) was invited to submit a paper for the upcoming Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology workshop, hosted by the [Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology](#), Berlin-Germany.

[Dr. April Nowell](#) shared her expertise on “[Ochre: The World's First Red Paint](#)” article in Live Science.





Penalakut Tribes Elder Auggie Sylvester sharing in the field with UVic Anthropology students.

Photo: Brian Thom

Our PhD student Eric McLay and alumnus **Dr. Darcy Mathews** are featured in the documentary film **Dust n' Bones**, as well as the Ye'yumnuts project that Dr. Thom and his graduate students have worked on.

Research snapshot of **Dr. Leslie Butt's** study on **mother–infant separation** among professional women migrants in Singapore.

**Dr. Alison Macintosh**, our new biological anthropologist, published a story on **Bone health influenced by fetal life and early care**.

Keep up to date on all news and events through social media:



Commemorating Ye'yumnuts project



Meet some of our ANTH alumni



Good-Byes in 2018-19: Happy & Sad



*"These projects are all about inspiring Cowichan youth, and building deeper understanding and respect for Indigenous values, teachings and histories about the lands we share."*  
UVic anthropologist Brian Thom

Commemorating Ye'yumnuts project has received an extensive media coverage. The story circulated very widely in news media across Canada [ie: [Toronto Star](#)], syndicated online throughout most of the regional daily newspapers and news websites ([CTV](#), [CBC](#), [CHEK](#)), and in print in cities from Vancouver to Cape Breton. We were also a syndicated news clip over a couple of days, and a more extensive radio interview on CBC. [UVic](#) has also made the story the feature banner at [uvic.ca](#), with their own version of the story.

With this media attention, we have had even more engagement with teachers and the public in the Cowichan Valley, and have been engaged with the Federal Department of Canadian Heritage and several provincial ministries to further our objectives at the site. This years cohort of ANTH 585/685 graduate students are working on new collaborative projects with the community, and we are also working with students in UVic's Faculty of Education, Curriculum and Instruction Department to further our shared expertise and resources for these projects.

**Suzanne Kroeger**: BA '18: Suzanne works for the Havlik Consulting Group, a consulting firm that provides dedicated research, advocacy, and negotiations expertise to various First Nations across Canada. As a research associate, she researches and writes Specific Claims on a wide range of topics. Specific Claims deal with past injustices that relate specifically to the administration of land and other First Nation-owned assets, as well as seeking the fulfillment of historic treaty promises and other agreements.

**Karoline Guelke** PhD '18: Karoline is a cultural anthropologist who has conducted research on tourism developments in Peru. She currently teaches anthropology at Camosun College in Victoria and believes that an anthropological perspective can be an asset in many different fields of work.

**Kelda Blackstone (née Helweg-Larsen)** MA '17: Kelda is the Education Administrator at Huu-ay-aht First Nations, a self-governing, modern treaty Nation located on western Vancouver Island. She promotes Huu-ay-aht students' success at all levels of education. Kelda is also conducting an ethnographic research project in collaboration with Huu-ay-aht First Nations, exploring how Huu-ay-aht culture is practiced now, in present times.

See more [Careers in Anthropology](#). [Email us](#) with your interesting career connected to Anthropology and let us add you to our page.

Stay tuned to hear about our upcoming Anthropology Alumni event happening in February - we hope to see you there!

Happy retirement and thank you to the retiring anthropology members.

**Eric Roth**  
Professor  
Retiring **Summer 2019**  
HIV/AIDS; Substance use; Canada



**Lisa Gould**  
Professor  
Retiring **December 2018**  
Primate ecology, lemurs, conservation, Madagascar



Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Crumrine.

**Ross Crumrine**  
Professor Emeritus  
Passed away **November 2018**

Ross spent over 30 years in the Department of Anthropology at UVic teaching in his specialty areas, which included the folklore, mythology and the symbolic life of Indigenous People around the world. You can read his [In Memoriam](#) written by Professor Emeritus Peter Stephenson



Anthropology Colloquium Series



13,000 Years of Coastal Living



Currents in Anthropology  
A Student Research Conference  
Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10-4

Alumni are welcome to join us every Monday at 11:30 a.m. during the academic term for our anthropology colloquium.

If you are interested in speaking at a colloquium, please [email us](#) to submit a proposal.

If you would like to be on the colloquium email list, please [email us](#).

For upcoming (and past) colloquia please see our [Colloquium webpage](#).

For all events, check our [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Hakai Institute has produced a beautiful [video](#) on a team of archaeologists (including our faculty, alumni and current students) looking for evidence of humans—the oldest sites they can find in the Discovery Islands off Vancouver Island. When the glaciers receded, people arrived. These people adapted to coastal living, even as the shorelines changed dramatically as sea levels rose and fell.

Come into the field with the archaeologists for a behind-the-scenes look at how they piece together the history of coastal living for the last 13,000 years.

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Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Currents in Anthropology** conference will be a celebration of the research and academic excellence of our students.

Podium and poster presentations will highlight the research activities of our Undergraduate and Graduate Students.

Mix and mingle over coffee and snacks before student presentations begin (~10:30) and take place throughout the day. Keynote address will be delivered by UVic Anthropology alumna Bradley Clements. Drop by or stay all day!

More details coming up [here](#).

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