Greetings from the Anthropology Department at UVic!

It’s been a busy and exciting year in Anthropology and we’re pleased to share through this annual update some of what’s been happening in the department and with our students.

Our department web site is a good place to check for current departmental news and information on upcoming events which you are welcome to attend.

We look forward to staying in touch. We’d be pleased to learn more about the diverse career pathways pursued by our alums and encourage you to be in touch and share with us how anthropological skills contribute to what you are doing today. You can do so by e-mailing our undergraduate secretary, Jindra, at anthtwo@uvic.ca

With best wishes, Ann Stahl, Chair of Anthropology

News from Anthropology

Gulf Island Field School dig reveals surprising insights into First Nations 1,000 years ago. Read more.

Anthropology student Amy Becker helps Elders’ voices find home on Google Earth. Read more.

Drs. April Nowell and Melanie Chang published an article in the American Anthropologist on Science, the Media, and Interpretations of Upper Paleolithic Figurines.

Anthropology PhD candidate Genevieve von Petzinger was among 25 winners of the national SSHRC video contest Research for a Better Life: The Storytellers Challenge. Read more.

Anthropology students build knowledge of Viking culture at the Royal BC Museum.

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

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Canada's Oldest Archaeological Find
Dr. Quentin Mackie and Dr. Daryl Fedje have discovered underwater cluster of rocks and unnatural rectangular shapes near Haida Gwaii which could rewrite human history. Watch video or read the full article on the Globe and Mail website.

Enthnographic Mapping Workshop with Google
Dr. Brian Thom organized a four-day mapping workshop for members from more than 70 First Nations charting their territories and stories under the technical guidance of Google Earth Outreach staff. He is also working with local indigenous elders and Google’s project Earth Outreach to map territories and preserve cultural knowledge. Check out Dr. Brian’s new Ethnographic Mapping Lab website.

We are All One: Residential School Children’s Art
This exhibit at the Alberni Valley Heritage Centre curated by Dr. Andrea Walsh comprises illustrations and paintings by young students who attended the Alberni Residential School and were instructed by local artist and teacher Robert Aller.
Upcoming Events

Colloquium Series
Alumni are welcome to join us every Monday at 11:30 a.m. during the academic term for our graduate colloquium. If you are interested in speaking at a colloquium, please email Jindra to submit a proposal. If you would like to be on the colloquium email list, please email Jindra.

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

For other events, check our Anthropology online calendar.

UVic IdeaFest 2015: Hands on Anthropology
Saturday, March 7, 2015, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in COR B235
Want a hands-on exploration of Anthropology? The department of Anthropology is hosting a fun-filled day of workshops and activities for all ages, featuring:

- Pre-Columbian instrument workshop (decorate, play and listen)
- Rock art (help paint our "rock wall"!)
- Early textiles and technologies
- Hobbits and humans (human fossils!)
- Archaeological bone ID (Want a bone identified? Bring it along!)

UVic’s annual ideafest takes place March 2 – 7, 2015 with a wide range of free, mind-stimulating events.

Currents in Anthropology: A Student Research Conference
Friday, March 13, 2015, 12:30 - 6:00 p.m. in COR B235 & B250
A celebration of student research in Anthropology. Bringing together students, faculty and alumni, this conference highlights the outstanding research activities of undergraduate and graduate students in Anthropology through paper and poster presentations, and film and soundscape showings.

Mix and mingle begins at 12:30, presentations at 1:30, followed by the keynote address. Drop by or stay all day!

More details will be found on our Anthropology online calendar closer to the date.

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