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## January 2017: UVic Anthropology Annual Update

### Greetings from the Anthropology Department at UVic!

It's been another 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 website](#) 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](mailto:anthtwo@uvic.ca)

With best wishes, **Ann Stahl**, Chair of Anthropology



Students sampling the beach in front of a 5,000-year-old village site in Huu-ay-ahnt territory near Bamfield for edible clams. Photo: Iain McKechnie

### News from Anthropology

**Dr. Duncan McLaren** and team's article in Science Daily: "[People enhanced the environment, not degraded it, over past 13,000 years](#)".

**Dr. Daromir Rudnykyj** presented his paper, "[Subjects of Debt](#)," at Indiana University's Annual Cultural Studies Conference, organized on the topic of "Capitalism" in October.

**Dr. Daromir Rudnykyj** published "[Islamizing finance: From magical capitalism to a spiritual economy](#)" in the magazine Anthropology Today.

**Dr. Helen Kurki** was quoted in BBC's Earth article on "[The real reasons why childbirth is so painful and dangerous](#)".

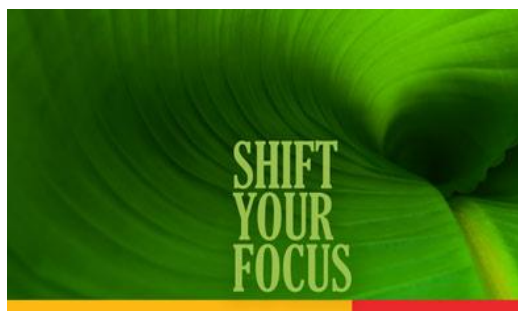
**Genevieve von Petzinger** (PhD candidate) became one of [2016 NG's Emerging Explorers](#).

**Dr. Ann Stahl** comments on research about food resources in ancient Ghana in the [Archaeology magazine](#).

**Dr. Lisa Gould** published a [study](#) in the Primate Conservation journal on ring-tailed lemurs disappearing from the wild.

**Dr. Andrea Walsh** received an [Outstanding Achievement by the BC Museums Association](#) award for the work on the residential school art research and exhibitions.

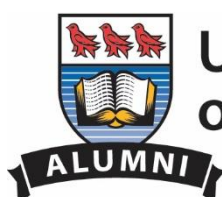
Keep up to date on all news and events through social media:



### Anthropology courses at Continuing Studies

Interested in taking anthropology-related courses now that you have graduated?

Check out these courses offered by Continuing Studies at UVic:



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### Meet some of our ANTH alumni

**Marion Buller**: LLB '87, BA '75: chief commissioner of the independent national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

**Sam Dunn**: BA '98: the world's foremost heavy metal anthropologist. His first documentary film, Metal: A



### Anthropology Field Schools



- [Archaeology of Ancient Israel](#), Instructor: Jeremy Beller
- [Troy Revisited](#), Instructor: Dr. Deniz Unsal
- [Getting Blood From a Stone: Excavations at a Paleolithic Oasis in Jordan](#), Instructor: Dr. April Nowell
- [The Answers are Written in Bone: Forensic Anthropology of the Human Skeleton](#), Instructor: Dr. Stephanie Calce

Headbanger's Journey (2005), premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and won a Gemini Award.

**Diana Cooper:** BA '91: works for the Archaeology Branch, Government of BC as an Archaeological Site Inventory Inf. and Data Administrator

**Aurora Skala:** MA '15, BA '13: Archaeologist & Indigenous Knowledge Researcher for Kwusen Research & Media, BC

See more on our [Careers in Anthropology](#) page.

Thank you to the alumni who support our field schools.

This summer 2017 we are offering the following field schools/courses:

- [Heritage and Historical Archaeology](#)
- [Barkley Sound: Archaeology Field School](#)
- [Forensic Anthropology](#)
- [Living Technologies](#)

More information [here](#).



#### 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](#).



#### Paleolithic stones snag 21st-century attention

How smart were human-like species of the Stone Age? A team led by UVic paleoanthropologist [April Nowell](#) revealed surprisingly sophisticated adaptations by early humans living 250,000 years ago in a former oasis near Azraq, Jordan. Read the story in [The Ring](#).



#### Currents in Anthropology: A Student Research Conference

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 COR B235 & B250

Bringing together students, faculty and alumni, this conference highlights the outstanding research activities of students in Anthropology through paper and poster presentations, film and soundscape showings.

Mix and mingle begins over coffee and snacks around 10:30, student presentations will start about 11:00 and take place throughout the day. Keynote address will be delivered by UVic Anthropology alumna Jude Isabella. Drop by or stay all day!

More details coming up [here](#).

#### Questions, comments or suggestions? Contact:

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