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

With best wishes, Ann Stahl, Chair of Anthropology

News from Anthropology

Congratulations to Dr. Andrea Walsh on being invited to be a member of the creative team for Canada’s Venice Biennale of Architecture led by architect Douglas Cardinal (Metis). The exhibition will explore Indigenous design on Turtle Island.

Dr. Daromir Rudnyckyj published a co-edited volume, Religion and the Morality of the Market (Cambridge UP), a volume he co-edited with colleague Filippo Osella (U of Sussex).

Dr. Cook and her ANTH 392 & 485 students, in collaboration with the Royal BC Museum, put together a pop-up exhibit "Bridging Victoria" exhibiting fascinating archeology from construction sites in the middle of Victoria.

Dr. Iain McKechnie was interviewed for the Hakai Magazine's article "Death of a Modern Wolf".

Charlene Mohammed (MA alumna) co-authored the article in Sapiens (digital magazine) "Food is About Far More Than Bodily Sustenance".

Dr. Celeste Pedri-Spade (ANTH PhD Alumna) has been named co-director of the Maamwizing Indigenous Research Institute.

Dr. Andrea Walsh curated an exhibition in the Legacy Art Gallery, titled There is Truth Here: Creativity and Resilience in Children’s Art from Indian Residential and Day Schools.

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

Meet some of our ANTH alumni

Genevieve Hill: BA ’10: is an Anthropology Collections Manager and Researcher at the Royal BC Museum. She brings together the worlds of academic and consulting archaeology to improve the quality and consistency of material coming into provincial

Instructor of Canada’s first and only anthropology course focused on sound
Dr. Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier is the professor of Canada's first course on the anthropology of sound.

Dr. Boudreault-Fournier and her students created over 40 sound exhibits which were made available at the Royal BC Museum. It was a sold out event.

“Sounds of old typewriters and chiming bells add an audio dimension to a historic office. Sounds of ocean waves or lapping water on boat sides add a new dimension to maritime exhibits.”

See full Times Colonist article here.
See the UVic Ring article here.

Dr. Mathews: PhD ’14: is an ethnecologist and archaeologist who works in collaboration with First Nations communities to understand the deep history of social and ecological relationships between past peoples and their environments. He is currently an assistant professor of Environmental Studies at UVic.

Nicole Crescenzi: BA ’13: Nicole has always been interested in people and their stories. As an Associate Producer for CBC Radio One in Victoria, she seeks out stories that will resonate with the Canadian public.

See more on our Careers in Anthropology page.

Join us in wishing them a happy retirement. We thank them for all their years at UVic.

Becky Wigen
Senior lab instructor and Undergraduate Adviser
Zooarchaeology, North West Coast, taphonomy

Margot Wilson
Associate Professor
Culture change, international development, Bangladesh, women’s narratives

Lisa Gould
Professor
Primate ecology, lemurs, conservation, Madagascar

Anthropology 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 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.

Heiltsuk First Nation village among oldest in North America: Archeologists

A Heiltsuk village site on B.C.’s mid-coast is three times as old as the Great Pyramid at Giza and among the oldest human settlements in North America, according to researchers at the Hakai Institute.

The excavation on Triquet Island has already produced extremely rare artifacts, including a wooden projectile-launching device, called an atlatl, compound fish hooks and a hand drill used for lighting fires, said Alisha Gauvreau, a PhD student at the University of Victoria.

Vancouver Sun, Hakai

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Currents in Anthropology: A Student Research Conference
Friday, April 6th, 2018
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
COR B235 & B250

Our 4th 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). Keynote address will be delivered by UVic Anthropology alumna Dr. Genevieve Hill. Drop by or stay all day!

More details coming up here.