



January 2020: UVic Anthropology Annual Updates

Greetings from the Anthropology Department

As the 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 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, Department of Anthropology

News & Congratulations

[Dr. Quentin Mackie](#), [Dr. Duncan McLaren](#) and Daryl Fedje are featured extensively in Smithsonian Magazine article [The Fertile Shore](#) about changing landscapes that took place that may have brought humans to the Quadra Island, BC region.

Alumna Aurora Skala (MA'15) took part in the virtual exhibit on [Canadian Rock Art](#).



Dr. Nowell during CBC filming of Nature of Things documentary titled "The Real Neanderthal"

Photo: Ute Muller

Anthropology Earth Wall

Check out our Google Earth Wall in the Cornett building, featuring research and stories from our faculty, with future input from our students. Look for new updates each month.

Watch a trailer for one of Dr. Boudreault-Fournier's [films](#), read about Dr. McGuire's research in Iceland, Norway or Scotland, and check out Dr. Thom's [Commemorating Ye'yumnuts project](#) with the Cowichan people and more.



Alumna [Dr. Angélique Lalonde](#) (PhD '12) won the \$10,000 Writers' Trust/McClelland & Stewart Journey Prize for her short story Pooka.

[Dr. Andrea Walsh](#) was a guest curator on the project [Our Lives Through Our Eyes: Nk'Mip Children's Art](#) at the Kelowna Art Gallery.

[Dr. Erin McGuire](#) published an article [Whim Rules the Child](#) in the Journal of the North Atlantic.

[Dr. April Nowell](#) was interviewed for the article: [A Mysterious Third Human Species Lived Alongside Neanderthals in This Cave](#).

[Dr. Quentin Mackie](#) commented on the process of basket making and the materials used in the Hakai Magazine article [The Basketmaker](#).

[Dr. April Nowell](#) was interviewed for an article in CBC News on the [Neanderthals' paleo diet included a surprising kind of meat](#).

Alumna [Nicole Smith](#) (MA '04) was interviewed by [CBC News](#) and [CBC: Quirks and Quarks](#) about clam gardens in BC.

[Dr. Daromir Rudnycky](#) was interviewed by CBC North by Northwest about [Islamic experiments in global finance](#).

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





New Hires in the Anthropology Department

Dr. Alison Murray, Assistant Professor

- **Interests/Research:** Biological anthropology, functional anatomy, skeletal biology, life history

- To read more about Dr. Murray's research see her [website](#).

Incoming Hires in 2020

Our department will be hiring two new faculty members: an **Indigenous Scholar** and a **Biological Anthropologist**.

The shortlisted candidates will be giving their job talks in January/February.

Keep up with our news through [social media](#) or our [events website](#) if you are interested in attending.



Anthropology Colloquium Series

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.



Currents in Anthropology

A Student Research Conference



Alumni Event at the Royal BC Museum

In November, Dr. April Nowell, department chair invited [Dr. Marcello Canuto](#), director of the

Thursday April 2nd, 2020, 10-4
COR B235 & B250

UVic Anthropology Alumna [Nicole Smith](#) will be this year's conference keynote speaker.

Our 6th 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. Drop by or stay all day!

More details coming up [here](#).

Middle American Research Institute at Tulane University, to give a talk at the Royal BC Museum. Dr. Canuto is one of the archaeologists who discovered the nearly 1,500-year-old carved altar at La Carona, part of the Royal BC Museum exhibition Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises. Many alumni came to this event co-sponsored by the [Royal BC Museum](#) to sip delicious Mayan Hot Chocolate and listen to Dr. Canuto's fascinating research talk.

Meet some of our ANTH alumni

[Devon Bidal](#): BSc with Distinction '19: Devon works as a multimedia journalist for Saanich News and Black Press Media. She covers breaking and community news relating to Saanich and Greater Victoria. Aside from writing articles for print and online, as a multimedia journalist, she also shoots photos and video for the company. Devon enjoys spending time in the field interacting with sources in their environment, seeing the region through their eyes and providing a platform for people to share their stories. While journalism isn't typically associated with anthropology, Devon finds she uses the skills taught in the anthropology department on a daily basis. At UVic, Devon studied Anthropology and Journalism. She is proud to have been one of the first two students to graduate with the new Bachelor of Science in Anthropology.

[Cynthia Korpan](#): PhD '19: Cynthia is the Manager of Professional Development Programs at the Division of Learning and Teaching Support and Innovation (LTSI) at UVic. In this role, Cynthia brings her anthropological perspective and skills to the following: curriculum development of all learning and teaching related professional development programming for instructors; instruction of the capstone course in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LATHE); a Graduate Certificate program; and research that focuses on the learning process individuals undergo as they first begin teaching in the academic workplace.

[Lisa Rogers](#): MA '18: Lisa is currently the research support clerk for the Indigenous Legal Relations Research Unit within the BC Ministry of Attorney General. She assists the senior researchers by managing an extensive research library and map collection, as well as reviewing and retrieving primary source documents from the BC Archives and other locations. The ethnohistoric research conducted by the unit supports many areas of the government, including negotiations throughout the province.

See more alumni profiles [here](#). Keep in Touch. Email us your journey from degree to career and we would love to include your profile on our website page.

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