



Black death 'plague pit' discovered at 14th-century monastery hospital

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Events in December

Anthropology Graduate Colloquia – everyone welcome

- Anthropology colloquia will start again in January in Cornett A225
- For upcoming (and past) colloquia please see our [colloquium](#) or our [Facebook](#) page.



Forensic Anthropology: ANTH 394: Term Project Presentations

Thursday, December 1st, 2016
MAC D010 @ 10:00 – 11:20 am

- **Decoding Degradation: The Rate of DNA Decay in Varied Burial Depth Environments**
 - Mariel Finnegan-Klein, Cianan Butterfield-Stinson, Lindsey Marsden
- **A Comparison of Three Approaches to Remove Soft Tissue from Putrefied Remains**
 - Daniella Baldini, Morgana Zayas, Madelaine Chatter
- **Cemetery Remains or Clandestine Burials? The Effects of Embalming and Identifying Forensically Significant Remains**
 - Jake Bryan, Caitlin Thurley, Trysten Goodridge
- In addition to presenting results of their study, students will talk about project design, addressing safety hazards, overcoming challenges in conducting original research, and unexpected results.



Flintknapping: De-stress before exams by smashing rocks!

Thursday, December 1st, 2016

COR B250 @ 5:00 pm

UVIC FLINTKNAPPING CLUB



- Tired of hitting the books? Come hit rocks instead and learn to make useful stone tools.
- We provide assistance, knowledge, and resources for learning how to flintknap safely!
- Questions: uvicflintknapping@gmail.com
- Membership open to all.



Important dates

- Friday December 2nd – Last day of classes
 - *National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.*
Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.
- Monday December 5th-19th – Final exams
- Monday December 26th - University Closed (opens January 3rd, classes start January 4th)
- For all academic year important dates click [here](#).
- Also check out **Anthropology** [Events calendar](#) and [Facebook page](#)



UVic Anthropology in the news...

Barkley Sound Field School

- A UVic-produced video looks at a six-week [archaeological field school](#) that anthropology professor Iain McKechnie led over the summer. Twelve UVic students dug at an old First Nations village and camped nearby. Students worked with Indigenous and other experts to learn about human history. This archaeology field school was conducted with the support of the UVic Department of Anthropology in cooperation with the Tseshahat First Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve and the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. [UVic YouTube](#) More [drone footage](#)



Dr. April Nowell: Stone Age Kitchenware

- “Based on the tools they used, our ancestors seem to have had a much more varied diet than thought”. Read more about Dr. April Nowell discoveries in the [UVic TORCH](#) Autumn 2016 (pgs. 22-25).



Anthropology at UVic

- Check out the new UVic Edge video on [Anthropology at UVic](#) and why our undergraduate and graduate students love studying anthropology at Uvic.



Mark McIntyre, MA student: Auto Rewind

- [UVic TORCH](#), Autumn 2016 interviewed Mark McIntyre (ANTH MA student and 2015-16 JCURA recipient) about his curiosity and fascination with musicians' use of cassettes today.



For more news and events please check out our News and Events [website](#) or our [Facebook page](#).

Field Schools

2017 UVic Archaeological Field School in Barkley Sound, Western Vancouver Island

- This Archaeology field school will be offered in Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation territories on western Vancouver Island as part of two 1.5-credit courses (ANTH 343 & 344).
- **Instructor:** [Dr. Iain McKechnie](#)
- **Field School Dates:** July 3rd - August 11th, 2017
- **Application Deadline:** March 1st, 2017
- [UVic YouTube](#) More [drone footage](#)
- For more information see our field school webpage:
www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/anthropology/undergraduate/fieldschools/barkleysound/index.php



*** Social Sciences Field Course Student Support Fund ***

- A pilot program to enable more students to participate in field courses by defraying some of the extra non-tuition fees. The application form will be on our [field school webpage](#) – in the meantime you can email anthtwo@uvic.ca to obtain a copy of the application form & guidelines.
- Application for summer 2017 courses will open February 7 and close February 15.



Achill Archaeological Field School 2017

- Study archaeology on Ireland's wild Atlantic way – explore Achill's Island's 5,000 years of settlement
- For more information: <https://achill-fieldschool.com/>



Co-op

Congratulations to...

- **Haley Duke, BA, Anthropology**, Social Justice Studies Minor was awarded the Anthropology Co-op Student of the Year Award for 2016. Haley is an impressive student based on her academic achievement, her successful co-op experience, as well as her community involvement. Haley worked with the International and Human Rights Department at Unifor, Canada's largest private sector union in the summer of 2016. In that role, Haley was tasked with maintaining relations with stakeholders and managing their social media profile.



Do you want to do a co-op term this summer?

- Students interested in participating in cooperative education, can apply in the January admissions period and be ready for their first co-op term in the Summer of 2017. Popular Anth co-op jobs include working in museums and archives, doing public outreach and education, and social sciences research or program coordination with the public sector.

Deadline for co-op program applications is January 20. Applications will be available in the Social Sciences Co-op & Career Office, DTB A204, starting in December. If you have questions, contact Anthropology Co-op Coordinator, Helen at hkobrc@uvic.ca.

Need some quick career advice?

- Have a resume you would like to get feedback on? Visit your Career Educator (Richard Myers) during the Wednesday morning drop-ins in the Social Sciences Co-op & Career Office, DTB A204. Richard will be there until the end of classes this term and will continue the drop-in sessions in the Spring term.

Financial Aid

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Student Loans

- Check with [Student Awards and Financial Aid](#) regarding registration and student loan eligibility.
- The Student Aid BC application for the 2016-2017 year is now [available online](#).
- Deadlines notwithstanding, any students in financial need should visit our office or email us at: finaid@uvic.ca or phone 250-721-8423.



Miscellaneous

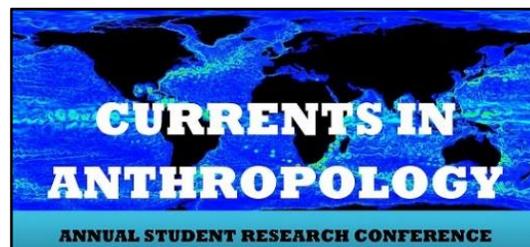
Currents in Anthropology 2017

Call for Papers & Save the Date

Conference date: Saturday, March 11th, 2017

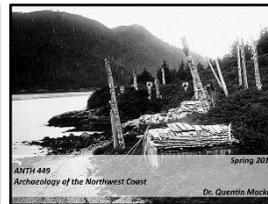
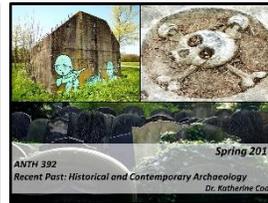
Apply by: Friday, February 10th, 2017

- Our 3rd annual conference to celebrate the research and academic excellence of our students. Podium and poster presentations will highlight the research activities of both our Undergraduate and Graduate Students.
- Please consider submitting your research (including term projects from your courses).
- Applications and more information [here](#).
- Questions? Please contact Dr. Kurki: hkurki@uvic.ca or anthua@uvic.ca.



Anthropology Spring 2017 classes

- See all our upcoming spring classes and their descriptions [here](#).



B.O.A.S.

Undergraduate Anthropology Course Union (B.O.A.S.)

- December events planned:
 - **ANTH 100 group review:** Monday, December 12th, 2016
 - 10:00 – 1:20 pm in COR A128
 - Specifics to be still ironed out – check out BOAS FB page for updates.
- If you're interested don't hesitate to get in touch with us – just send us an email at uvicboas@gmail.com
- For any upcoming events, please check out our [Facebook](#) page.



Happy Holidays!



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