Anthropology Newsletter

January 2016

Department of Anthropology

University of Victoria

‘Virtual fossil’ reveals last common ancestor of humans and Neanderthals

Read article

Events in January

Anthropology Graduate Colloquia – everyone welcome

- New location this term: Cornett A125
- Monday, January 4th, 2016, 11:30 – 12:50, COR A125
  - Dr. Natalie Vasey, Professor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Portland State University
  - Title: Breeding Large: Forest Canopy Use and Cooperative Breeding in Variegated Lemurs (Varecia rubra) of Masoala, Madagascar
- Monday, January 11th, 2016, 11:30 – 12:50, COR A125
  - Dr. Helen Kurki, Associate Professor, Anthropology, University of Victoria
  - Title: TBA
- Monday, January 18th, 2016, 11:30 – 12:50, COR A125
  - Dr. Dongya Yang, Professor, Department of Archaeology, Simon Fraser University
  - Title: Ancient DNA for Archaeology
- Monday, January 25th, 2016, 11:30 – 12:50, COR A125
  - Jennifer Robinson, PhD candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Victoria
  - Title: TBA
- Check the upcoming spring 2016 Colloquia on our website or calendar closer to dates for titles.
MA Oral Defense: Julia Lacy

- **Title:** Showing Respect: Death Rituals of the Chinese Community in Coastal Urban British Columbia
- **Date:** Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 at 1:30, COR A319
- **Supervisor:** Dr. Peter Stephenson
- Everyone welcome.

Important dates

- Monday 4th - Second-term classes begin for all faculties
- Sunday 17th - Last day for 100% reduction of second-term fees for standard courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date 4.
- Wednesday 20th - Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term
- Sunday 31st - Last day for paying second-term fees without penalty
- For all academic year important dates click [here](#).
- Also check out Anthropology [Events calendar](#) and [Facebook page](#).

In the news...

Paleo Porn | April Nowell | TEDxVictoria

- [Dr. Nowell](#) has studied some of the oldest carved figurines in the history of humanity, but possibly more interesting than what she discovered was the controversy that followed... See video [here](#).

Bradshaw Foundation showcases Alumna Aurora Skala

- The Bradshaw Foundation [showcases anthropology's alumna Aurora Skala's](#) research on the Rock Art of the Wuikinuxv Territory, Central Coast, British Columbia, Canada.

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

Fellowships

- [Killam exchange program: grants to study in the United States](#): Successful applicants will receive cash awards and additional mobility and enrichment opportunities including: USD$5,000 per term abroad; health insurance allowance; fall orientation in Ottawa; spring seminar in Washington DC. Apply by January 14, 2016. [Learn more](#)
• **Canada-China Scholars’ Exchange Program**: The China Scholarship Council invites applications from Canadian undergraduate and graduate students who wish to study or conduct research at a participating host university in China. Funding includes travel, tuition, monthly stipend, and housing. Apply by **March 10, 2016**. [Learn more](#).

• **DAAD: Undergraduate Scholarship for Study Abroad in Germany**: The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites undergraduate students of all disciplines to apply for scholarships funding study, senior thesis research and/or internships in Germany. Online application portal opens on December 1. Application deadline is January 31, 2016. [Learn more](#).

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**Upcoming Summer Courses**

**ANTH 314**: Introduction to Economic Anthropology
- **Dr. Melissa Gauthier**
- May 9 – Jun 24, MWF: 10:30 – 12:30
- Human economies - past and present. Challenging the assumptions of conventional economics by analyzing economic realities from a cross-cultural perspective and assessing the relevance of economic anthropology for understanding the contemporary global economy. Several topics are explored including gift-giving, markets, wealth, value, debt, mobile money, finance, mass consumption, waste, fair trade, micro-credit.

**ANTH 343 & ANTH 344: A01**: Field School at Bamfield
- **Dr. Iain McKechnie**
- Dates: TBA
- Details: TBA

**ANTH 352 A01**: Human Osteology
- **Dr. Ran Donaldson**
- Jul 4 - Aug 19: MT: 6:00-8:00
- Intensive introduction to the study of modern human osteology through both lectures and laboratory studies. Topics will include: primary morphology of the entire human skeleton; human variation; relevant musculoskeletal anatomy, physiology, and histology. Human bone, both whole and fragmentary, will be studied.

**ANTH 392: A01**: Selected Problems in Anthropology: Perishable Technologies
- **Dr. Margaret Mathewson**
- Aug 2 - Aug 17: MTWRF: 9:00-12:00
- Students will learn basic early techniques for working in many traditional fibers and other perishable media. Physical and chemical processes will be discussed including pigments and dyes; pitches and glues; food processing residues and archaeological preservation.
ANTH 393 A01: Cultural Anthropology: Contemporary Cuban Culture &
ANTH 395 A01: Method and Theory: Qualitative and Audio-Visual Field Methods in Ethnography

- **Dr. Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier**
- 28th June – 24th July, 2016, MTWRF
- Cuba Ethnographic Field School 2016: Media and Visual Anthropology under Transformation
- Late applications are still being accepted: For more info visit our field school website.

ANTH 395: A02: Method and Theory: Heritage and Historical Archaeology Field Course

- **Dr. Erin McGuire**
- May 9 - Jun 1: TR: 9:30-2:30
- This course aims to introduce students to the archaeological methods used in recording historical cemeteries using a hands-on approach. Students will learn and practice a range of skills including: data collection and management (field and lab), mapping and recording, archival research, and project design and implementation.
- Check out the Facebook posts from last summer.

For all summer courses offered in 2016 and their descriptions, please see our website (updated throughout January). Registration for summer 2016 begins March 21st, 2016.

**B.O.A.S.**

Undergraduate Anthropology Course Union

- **Bake Sale**: Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at CLE (front lobby), prices by donation.
- **BOAS Pub Crawl**: Friday, January 29th, 2016. Accessorize with your favourite boas and join Anthropology and Greek & Roman studies students for a fun night. More info coming soon.
- If you think you’re interested don’t hesitate to get in touch with us – just send us an email at uvicboas@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page.

All the best in the New Year 2016!

Questions or comments: anthtwo@uvic.ca