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Events in November

Anthropology Graduate Colloquia – everyone welcome

November 2, 2020
- Downwind: Experiments in a Chinese Weather System
- Dr. Jerry C Zee: Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and the Princeton Environmental Institute, Princeton University

November 9, 2020 - Reading Break - No Colloquium

November 16, 2020
- Decolonization Workshop
- Dr. Rob Hancock: Assistant Professor, Anthropology Department, UVic

November 23, 2020
- Luke Kernan: PhD Candidate, Anthropology Department, UVic

November 30, 2020
- Dr. Marina Rougeon: Professor, Université Fédérale de Bahia, Brazil

Check our website for upcoming (and past) colloquia and link to join:
https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/anthropology/research/colloquium/index.php
PSU Anthropology: Archaeology First Thursday Presentation: Vulva Monologues
Dr. Melanie Chang (Portland State University) & Dr. April Nowell (University of Victoria)
November 5th 2020 at 4:00 pm

Lecture on how archaeologists identify female figures in Upper Paleolithic cave art. For more details see our Anthropology FB page.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting with the link provided below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting: https://pdx.zoom.us/.../tZEpcOGpqj4oHt0OMhRscXSoXdzLWtCoTC0C

UVic Mosqoy Virtual Bazaar
19th – 20th November, 2020

Mosqoy virtual bazaar will include a live weaving workshop with two weavers from the remote community of Cancha Cancha, as well as a virtual seminar and discounts on all of our textiles for those who attend.

To register, email retailvictoria@gmail.com with your full name and email address before Nov 10th. You will then receive more details and payment information.

Important dates
- November 9th – 10th – Fall Convocation
- November 9th – 11th – Reading Break
- November 11th – Remembrance Day

For all 2020-21 academic year important dates click here.

Miscellaneous

Anthropology Honours Papers from Spring 2020

Check out the cool variety of honours work from 2020.

- Immature pelvic growth and obesity: A biocultural analysis of risks associated with adolescent pregnancy in the U.S. Ronayne, Emma
- Social Debitage: An archaeological and social exploration of the patterns of improper cigarette butt disposal on a university campus Tottman, Walker
- Natural Disasters, Intimate Partner Violence, and Reproductive Harm: A Biocultural Analysis of Hurricane Katrina Serviss, Carden
- The Houses of Gournia: An Analysis of the Late Minoan IB Period Residences Lehmann, Kaylyn
- Sexual division of labour in early agricultural Central Europe: an argument against androcentric bias in bioarchaeology Craig, Caitlin
- Osteobiography of an Ancient Nuu-chah-nulth Wool Dog: Investigating the Life and Death of a Domestic Dog from Tseshaht Territory in Barkley Sound Dierks, Katie

The full papers (except for few that are locked as they are to be published) can be found on the Library UVicSpace.

If you are interested in our honours program see our website for more details.
COVID-19

UVic response to COVID-19 (coronavirus) and resources for students.

Congratulations to our Anthropology Fall 2020 Graduates

Congratulations on your graduation – we are all very proud of you. Here are some congratulatory messages from our department.

Stay healthy and well - all the best in your next adventures.

Virtual Tour of Anthropology Labs

Thank you to all the students (and faculty) who were able to join us for our welcome event. And Kleco kleco to the wonderful Kiikitakshuua, Mark Atleo from the Ahousaht First Nation for sharing his kind words with us.

Here are links to a virtual tour of our zooarchaeology lab as well as our two teaching labs.

- Zooarchaeology lab
- Teaching labs

Volunteer with University 101

Are you an upper-level undergraduate student who would like to support students in academic reading and writing, and work as a part of a deeply collaborative team.

University 101 Program offers free, non-credit academic courses in Humanities and Social Sciences to community members who have faced significant and/or multiple barriers to post-secondary education. Respect and value for students’ knowledge, experiences and differences are the foundations of the program.

Spring 2021 Anthropology Classes

These are just few classes that still have open spots– for a full listing and short course descriptions please see our webpage here.

ANTH 150 A01: Pseudo-Archaeology: (CRN: 20104)

ANTH 150 A02: Money and Culture: (CRN: 20105)

ANTH 309 A01: Anthropology, Film and Video: (CRN: 20125)

ANTH 341 A01: Paleolithic Archaeology (CRN: 20129)

ANTH 391 A02: The Material & Visual Culture of Canada/Kanata: NEW COURSE (CRN: 20138)

ANTH 391 A03: Anthropology of the Caribbean: NEW COURSE (CRN: 20139)

ANTH 393 A01: Anthropology of Tourism: NEW COURSE (CRN: 20140)

ANTH 405 A01: Economic Anthropology: NEW COURSE (CRN: 23731)
Potentially Interesting Non-Anthropology courses

GRS 358: The Ancient City of Athens, Dr. Brendan Burke  
TW 9:30-10:20 am (+ 1 hour asynchronous)

GRS 461: Culture Contact in the Eastern Mediterranean, Dr. Brendan Burke  
Thursdays 9:30–11:20 am (+ 1 hour asynchronous)

GRS 482A: EXPLORING THE MATERIAL AND LITERARY CULTURES OF BOEOTIA, Dr. Trevor Van Damme  
M 9:30–11:20 am (+ 1 hour asynchronous)

AHVS 351A: Painting in Medieval Islam, Dr. Zahra Kazani  
Online, TWF 9:30 – 10:20

UVic Anthropology in the news & Congratulations

- Congratulations to Dr. Quentin Mackie on 25 years of service at UVic.

- Congratulations to Dr. April Nowell on a chapter in the new edited volume "Rethinking Darkness: Cultures, Histories, Practices". Dr. Nowell and Dr. Gonlin have the first chapter on "Affordances of the Night: Work After Dark in the Ancient World"

- Congratulations to our alumnus John Murray (MA) on his paper published online in the Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports: A new approach to identify heat treated silcrete near Pinnacle Point, South Africa using 3D microscopy and Bayesian modeling

- Congratulations to Dr. Stephanie Calce on the Gillian Sherwin Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching and to Dr. Ann Stahl on the Award for Excellence in Knowledge Mobilization.

- An article written by our alumna Dr. Celeste Pedri-Spade (PhD) on “Removing Sir John A. Macdonald isn’t ‘cancel culture’ – it’s a sign of a cultural renaissance”

- Media coverage continues following the collaborative archaeological discoveries of an ancient wool dog found within BC’s historic coastal Indigenous communities. Dr. Iain McKechnie is cited for his contributions to this research and MA student Dylan Hillis shares details on the diet and animal husbandry practices revealed in their study: Baltimore Sun, Chicago Tribune, Orlando Sentinel, Victoria News, CBC News, CTV news, Times Colonist and Ha-Shilth-Sa among others.
• Congratulations and Welcome to new Anthropology faculty members:
  o Dr. Robert L.A. Hancock - Assistant Professor and IACE Associate
    Director Academic – joined us June 2020
  o Dr. Tatiana Degai - Assistant Professor – joining us July 2021
  o Tommy Happynook - Assistant Professor – joining us July 2021
  o Dr. Ammie Kalan - Assistant Professor – joining us July 2021

• Congratulations to Dr. Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier and Kyle Devine on this edited volume on the materialities of music; cables, forests, stuff, dumps, etc. that allow us to listen to music: “Audible Infrastructures”. Coming out next February.

B.O.A.S.

Undergraduate Anthropology Course Union

• The Bureau of Anthropology Students (B.O.A.S.) is an undergraduate course union for the Department of Anthropology at UVic that organizes fun and inclusive events (social and academic) to bring anthropology students together virtually:
  o We will be hosting social virtual nights such as Anthropology Trivia/Game Nights, Movie Nights, and more!
  o Check out our Instagram for a virtual tour of the Ross Bay Cemetery and other local sites around Victoria!
• B.O.A.S meetings for this month will be held over Zoom on Monday November 2nd, 16th and 30th at 6:00 pm (PST), check our Instagram for the Zoom information!
• 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 Instagram (@bunch_of_uvic_anthropologists) and Facebook page.

Happy Fall!

Questions or comments: anthtwo@uvic.ca