Australopithecus sediba Comfortably Walked on Two Legs, But Could Climb Like Ape

Events in December

Anthropology Graduate Colloquia – everyone welcome

Fall term speaker series is now over, but take a look at the upcoming spring 2022 term.

Check the website for upcoming (and past) colloquia.

Important dates

- December 6th
  - National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
  - Last day of classes
- December 9th – Exams begin
- December 20th – Exams end
- December 25th – Christmas Day
- December 25th – January 3rd – University Closed

For all 2021-22 academic year important dates click here.
Archaeology Field School

2022 UVic Archaeology Field School in Barkley Sound

Accepting applications now.
Information session coming up in January 2022

Dates: July 4th, 2022 - August 12th, 2022
Credits: two 1.5-credit courses (ANTH 343 & 344)
Application deadline: March 10th, 2022
Instructor: Dr. Iain McKechnie

6 weeks - 2 courses - 3 UVic credits

UVic Archaeology field school in Barkley Sound is a six-week field school hosted by the UVic Department of Anthropology and the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre on southwestern Vancouver Island. The field school takes place in the lands and territories of two neighbouring Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, Tseshaht and Huu-ay-aht.

The first four days of the field school will be based in Victoria followed by two and a half weeks of remote camp-based fieldwork in Tseshaht First Nation territories in the Broken Group Islands in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. The final 3-weeks of the course will be spent in Huu-ay-aht First Nation territory at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (a UVic supported teaching and research facility in Barkley Sound) where students will conduct laboratory analyses and prepare written research reports on recovered archaeological material. This course will be an immersive 6-week field experience (including hiking, camping, and boat travel) and require full days and dedicated teamwork.

Stay tuned for more details and an information session.

- More information here.
- Funding possibilities here (under “Field-School/Courses tab”).
- Non-UVic students, please read this document which outlines the processes and costs associated with participating in this field school
- How to apply: https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/coastalfieldarch/apply-to-the-field-school/

ANTH Labs

Counter Currency Lab

In August 2021, Dr. Daromir Rudnyckyj opened the Counter Currency Laboratory - an interdisciplinary initiative that facilitates research and teaching on money, complementary currencies, and the future of payment and payment systems.

The lab has three main research foci:
1) analyzing debates over money in Islamic economics and finance;
2) examining experiments with private and state money creation; and
3) archiving experimental alternative, local, and complementary currency projects.

The Counter Currency Laboratory is also the repository for the archives of the Comox Valley Green Dollar, the world’s first modern local exchange trading system (LETS), which was pioneered on Vancouver Island in the 1980s.

The Lab hosted its first visiting researcher, Marlena Rycombel of the University of Warsaw, in September and October, 2021.

**Environmental Archaeology Lab**

Stay tuned – should be opening up in December 2021/January 2022.

To see all our faculties and labs (including virtual tours of the teaching labs and the zooarchaeology lab) visit our website [here](#).

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**UVic Anthropology in the news & Congratulations**

- In November 2021, [Dr. Daromir Rudnyckyj](#) assumed the office of President of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. He also delivered three papers at the University of Cambridge over Reading Break. The first, “Econography: Observing Expert Capitalism,” was delivered to the Max Planck-Cambridge Centre on Ethics, Economy, and Social Change. The second, “The Protestantism of Neoliberalism,” was presented at Corpus Christi College. The third, “The Counter Currency Lab: Decoding the Techno-Politics of Money” was delivered at the Department of Social Anthropology.

- Dr. Rob Hancock (ANTH Assistant Professor and IACE Associate Director Academic), along with other UVic faculty members, highlight the university’s ongoing efforts to drive systemic change towards decolonization and Indigenous reconciliation in this [Toronto Star article](#).

- Our faculty member [Dr. Brian Thom](#) was part of the team that made this new Canada History Week video on the 1906 trip of Chief Joe Capilano (Squamish), Chief Charley Tsulpi’multw (Cowichan), Chief Basil David (Shuswap), and Simon Pierre (Katzie) to petition the King of England. The petition to the King was an important moment in the history of land claims and Indigenous rights activism in Canada. See it in English or French, and later this week it will also be out in Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim (the Squamish language). English: [https://youtu.be/eag7auFmrjE](https://youtu.be/eag7auFmrjE) French: [https://youtu.be/BcraS2ll96c](https://youtu.be/BcraS2ll96c)

- Congratulations to our university’s new Chancellor - Marion Buller. Marion is a member of the Mistawasis Nehiyawak, a Cree First Nation, and a former UVic student (Anthropology & Law). Marion was the first First Nations woman to be appointed to the Provincial Court of British Columbia and after retiring from her law career in 2016 she was appointed the Chief Commissioner for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Her appointment as Chancellor will begin on January 1, 2022. See the [announcement](#) which includes few words from Marion Buller herself, as well as from our current wonderful Chancellor, Shelagh Rogers and our president, Kevin Hall (forward to 11:25 where it starts)
B.O.A.S.

Undergraduate Anthropology Course Union

- Bunch 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 both virtually and in-person.
- We host virtual social event nights with Anthropology Trivia, Game/Movie nights, and more! Follow our Instagram @bunchofanthropologystudents for Zoom links and more information.
- If you want to know more about BOAS or have any questions, please get in touch! Send us an email at uvicboas@gmail.com, dm us on our Instagram (@bunchofanthropologystudents), or Facebook page (UVic’s Bunch of Anthropology Students).
- It’s been a great and challenging semester, stay tuned for our spring meeting schedule. Take care and have a good holiday season!

Happy Holidays!

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