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Sun rising over the southern Jequetepeque Valley with excavations at Huaca Colorada, a Late Moche site photo by Aleksa Alaica.

From the Department Head

Congratulations to all the BA, MA, and PhD students who have completed this stage of your intellectual journey! We are delighted to have you join our community of alumni.

As the academic year comes to a close and plans for travel, research, or other next steps unfold, we can pause and reflect on the year. There has been a year of transition, growth, and exciting prospects for the future. In summer 2022 the Department welcomed six new Assistant Professors (Aleksa Alaica, Kristen Barnett, Zahra Hayat, Elif Sari, Amir Shiva, and Helena Zeweri), and in December 2022 our esteemed colleague Prof. Bruce Miller retired after more than 3 decades of service at UBC.

We had a busy year celebrating the Department's 75th Anniversary and investing in alumni and community outreach. In September we held the bi-annual Hawthorn lecture with Prof. Kim Tallbear as a keynote and then in November moved our celebrations to an international venue, hosting an alumni reception at the American Anthropological meetings in Seattle. In February the emeriti professors' panel brought an array of alumni, faculty, and students together to hear about the department's storied past. The commemorative year wrapped up with the "Anthropalooza", a lively trivia night organized by faculty and graduate students. Alongside these events, this year we also established a very successful outreach program with 12 of our graduate students sharing their research and mentorship with students at Vancouver high schools.

This year we have also begun to imagine what could be possible in a complete renewal of the Anthropology and Sociology building. The project will bring long-overdue updates and new heating, light, and air circulation systems, as well as carefully designed research, office, and common spaces; if all goes according to plan, we should be moving out of the building in early 2025 to allow for the 3-year renewal project to be implemented. Stay tuned!

As these warm spring days beckon to us to shift gears, I wish all faculty, staff, and students a productive summer with ample opportunity for rejuvenation.





Polychrome friezes at the site of Huaca de La Luna in the Moche Valley. Photo by Aleksa Alaica.

Congratulations!

Megan Harris (PhD student) has been awarded the prestigious Charles and Alice Borden Fellowship for Archaeology. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to Megan's remarkable achievements in the field of archaeology.



We are thrilled to announce that UBC Anthropology student, Emma Feltes (PhD, 2022), has just accepted a tenure track position in the Department of Anthropology at York University.

We are proud to see Emma's academic achievements and research culminate in this significant milestone in her career. We extend our warmest congratulations to Emma on this outstanding achievement.



Prof. Amir Shiva has been selected by the Anthropology Students' Association to receive the 2022-2023 Outstanding Teaching Award.



We are thrilled that Lauren Harding (PhD, 2020) has accepted a tenure track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Ecosystem Science Management at the UNBC.



Fieldwork, Laxyuup Gitxaala. Photo credit Jon Irons submission by hagwil hayetsk / Charles Menzies.

Congratulations !



Congratulations to Professor Mark Turin and Professor Patrick Moore !

For winning the UBC Faculty of Arts Mentorship Award! The UBC Faculty of Arts Mentorship Award recognizes faculty members with an outstanding commitment to promoting the academic and personal growth of junior colleagues, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students, and who foster a community that is built of integrity, inclusion and respect.



Congratulations to Professor Andrew Martindale!

For winning the UBC Killam Research Prize! The award recognizes outstanding research and scholarly contributions. Established in 1986, ten UBC Killam Research Prizes are awarded annually to top campus researchers with funds provided annually from the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Fund for Advanced Studies established through a bequest from the late Dorothy J. Killam.



Anthropology Graduate Student Association trip to Cypress (photo provided by Rosalie Gunawan).
Back row: Lilith Charlet, Felix Giroux, Megan Harris, Sophie Walters
Front row: Daniela Miranda, Rosalie Gunawan, Erin Socholotiuk, Aaron LaMaskin and friends.

Congratulations!



Kudos to Sonya Prasad (Anthropology major), who along with to Christina Lam, Bimbola, Celine Juadiong, won First Place in the Narrative Medicine Case Competition at UBC!

Along with her team members from various disciplines related to medicine, Sonya secured first place in the Narrative Medicine Case Competition at UBC. Sonya's team stood out for their innovative proposal that utilized an anthropological lens to problematize the biomedical notion of "compliance" in a real-life patient case from St. Paul's Hospital.

The competition required teams to analyze the issue, develop solutions, recommendations, and risk mitigations, and pitch their proposal to a panel of judges consisting of physicians, peer support workers, and academics. An anthropological perspective provided a unique insight and contributed to the team's success. Highlighting the importance of anthropology in problem-solving in real-life scenarios. Sonya's achievement is a testament to the versatility and relevance of anthropology in today's world.

We congratulate Sonya Prasad and her team for their outstanding performance and for representing anthropology with excellence. Keep up the great work, Sonya, and continue to showcase the value of anthropology in interdisciplinary problem-solving.



Dr Aimée Little of University of York, UK presenting her research on experimental archaeology, craft, and communities of practice.

LOA, and the Departments of Anthropology and Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies hosted Archaeology Day on March 25th, 2023. We featured a day of talks on the theme of "Face to Face", with over 70 attendees in person and online. Keynote speaker Dr Aimée Little of the University of York, UK presented her research on experimental archaeology, craft, and communities of practice.

Several members of our Department presented research talks and posters, including Dr Aleksa Alaica, graduate students Megan Harris and Lindsey Paskulin, and undergraduate students Pengpeng Chen, Jay Hilsden, Kara Ren, and Kendra Leishman. A huge thanks to all our participants, to Salishan Catering who provided the lunch and bannock, as well as to Patricia Ormerod and her team of fearless volunteers who ensured smooth organization of the event.



Students in the Department @ Anyang field school visit the Great Wall of China. Photo by Zhichun Jing.

Congratulations to our PhD Students!

Mahashewta Bhattacharya, Anudeep Dewan, Amrit Tamang, Bendi Tso, were selected for the 2022/2023 IAR Fellows Program.

Amrit Tamang also received the IAR Travel Research Award.

Rosalie Gunawan received a grant from the Institute of Asian Research to facilitate her research in Japan.



Emily Leischner received a student travel award from the council for Museum Anthropology.

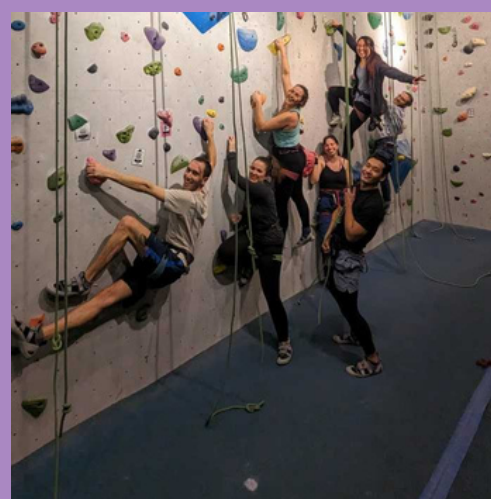
Erika Balcombe received the Michael Ames Museum award.



75th Anniversary Biannual Hawthorn Lecture at the Frederic Wood Theatre, September 27 2022.



Anthro-Palooza Trivia and Game Night marked the end of our 75th Anniversary celebrations! From engaging games to fascinating trivia and crafts, the Department of Anthropology brought together faculty, students, and proud alums for a night filled with conviviality and fun (photos by Sophia Walters).



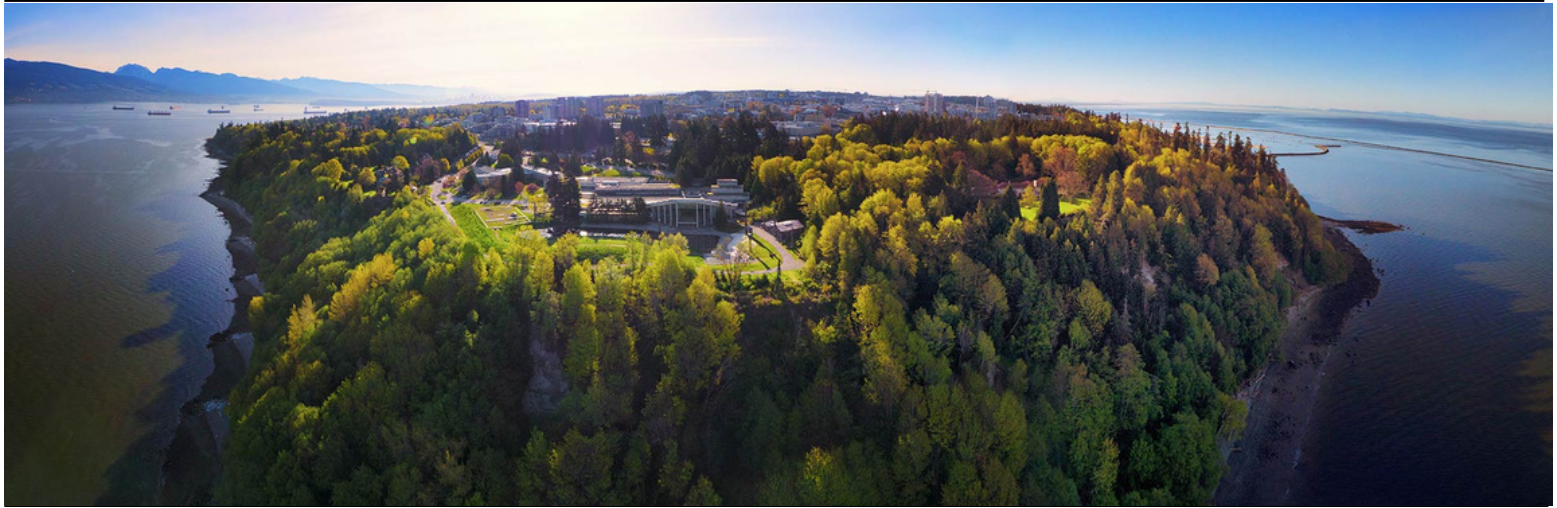
The Anthropology Graduate Student Association took to the ropes this month for a climbing night (photo submitted by Rosalie Gunawan).

These events are just the beginning of what promises to be an exciting year for the Anthropology Graduate Student Association. Keep an eye out for future events, as the Association continues to provide opportunities for students to socialize, learn new skills, and explore the great outdoors. We are proud to see our students coming together to create a welcoming and supportive community, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for the Anthropology Graduate Student Association.



Publications, Presentations, and Podcasts

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- Elif Sari, "I am Myself": Queer Refugee Narratives' in Lê Espiritu Gandhi, E., & Nguyen, V. (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Refugee Narratives* (1st ed.), Routledge, 2023, pp. 179-190
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/oa-edit/10.4324/9781003131458-19/-elif-sar%C4%B1> (open access).
- Elif Sari's Podcast episode with Women's Health Research Cluster: Field Trip EP 3: How Migration Status Impacts Health and Healthcare of Refugees? The UBC Medicine Learning Network (UBCMLN) | Women's Health Research Cluster | Women's Health Interrupted Podcast (November 9, 2022) <https://womens-health-interrupted.simplecast.com/episodes/field-trip-ep-3-how-migration-status-impacts-health-and-healthcare-of-refugees>
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- Gordillo, Gastón 2023. *Hostile Terrain: On the Spatial and Affective Conditions for Revolution. Territory, Politics, Governance*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21622671.2023.2172450?scroll=top&needAccess=true&role=tab>
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Media Mentions

[Sara Shneiderman](#)

[CBC Daybreak South](#) (April 21, 2023).

[Financial Times](#) (Feb 16, 2023).

[The New European](#) (Feb 23, 2023).





Special Congratulations to our Graduates:

Fraser GermAnn, PHD

Robert Hanks, MA

Jing Li, MA

Sarah Raven, MA

Bing Yan, MA

Huabin Zhou, MA



and Congratulations to our 2023 Undergraduates!



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Welcome to our incoming ASA Executives for 2023/2024

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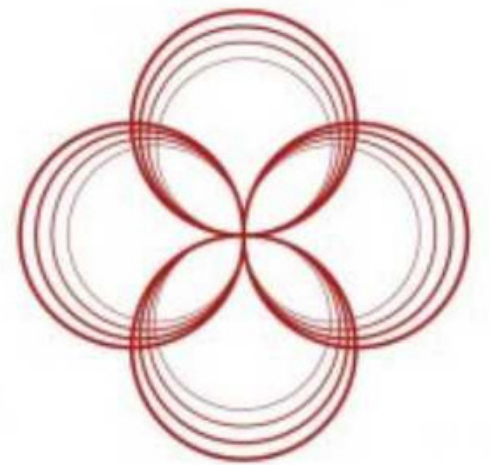
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N/A No candidates applied for this position, so the incoming execs will fill this role.

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Our Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam) First Nations, on which the University of British Columbia Vancouver campus is situated.

This land acknowledgement serves as a reminder of the rich cultural heritage and ongoing presence of Indigenous peoples, and a recognition of the history, traditions and contributions of the xʷməθkʷə́yəm people, who have called this land home for thousands of years.

We hold in mind the responsibility to recognize and honor the Indigenous peoples who continue to steward and protect the land, waters and resources. We affirm our commitment to building relationships based on mutual respect and understanding, and to working towards reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the xʷməθkʷə́yəm First Nations for allowing us to use this land and share in its beauty, and we pledge to work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable future for all.



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