



Department of

# Anthropology NEWS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our new faculty members, **Nicky Levell**, **Shaylih Muehlmann**, and **Darlene Weston**.

Welcome to new post-doctoral fellows, **Jennifer Wagelie** and **Peter Johansen**.

Welcome Back **Faculty Members**, **Sessionals**, **Post Docs** and **Visiting Professors**.

Welcome Back incoming and new **Graduate** and **Undergraduate Students**.

Please welcome our new Undergraduate Student Association (ASA) president, **Annya Pintak**.

Please welcome our new Graduate Student Association (AGSA) co-presidents for 2010-11, **Sara Komarnisky** and **Diana Moreiras**.

Welcome our new Head's Secretary and Graduate Secretary, **Eleanore Asuncion**, AnSo 2124. Eleanore comes from our department.

Welcome our new Main Office Secretary and Undergraduate Secretary, **Sierra Gemma**, AnSo 2104. Sierra comes from Human Early Learning Partnership.

## MEETINGS & REMINDERS

**September 7, Tuesday, 10:00 – 1:00, Anso 134**

**Department Orientation Session for Teaching Assistants and Instructors**

A CUPE 2278 union rep will be present to give a short talk. BBQ Lunch will follow at 1:00 pm.

**September 9, Thursday:**

**AGSA Meeting, 1:30pm, Grad Lounge.**

Discussions on Plans for the year and Filling open positions. Pizza will be served.

**September 14, Tuesday**

**Anthropology Department Meeting, 11:30 am, AnSo 2107**

## UPCOMING DEPARTMENT EVENTS

**September 7, Tuesday, 11:30 – 1:30, Anso 207**

**Anthropology Fair, as part of Imagine UBC Day**

A welcome for new and returning undergraduate students. BBQ lunch will follow

**September 7, Tuesday, 2:00 – 4:30, Graduate lounge, AnSo 208**

**Department Orientation for New Graduate Students**

All new students are required to attend. Meet the Department Head, John Barker, current Graduate Advisor, Alexia Bloch, AGSA reps and Graduate Secretary Eleanore Asuncion. This is a good chance to meet all new graduate students and be informed about important program related info as a new graduate student.

*As part of this event, AGSA reps will be giving out a "care package" for students with information about living in Vancouver and getting through Grad school. There will also do a "get-to-know-you". After the orientation, everyone is invited at The Wolfe and Hound (3617 West Broadway, Vancouver) **Time:** 5-7pm, **Food/Drinks:** Some drinks and appetizers will be provided, but you can also order off of the menu.*

### **Colloquium Series, 2010-11**

Laurel Kendall, American Museum of Natural History and CUNY Graduate Center  
Thursday, September 30, 11:30-1pm, ANSO 134

Carla Sinopoli, Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan  
Friday, October 1, 11:30-1pm, TBA

### **Hawthorn Lectures, 2010-11**

Marilyn Strathern, University of Cambridge  
Thursday, October 14, 11:30-1pm, TBA.

"What's in an argument? Preliminary reflections on knowledge exchanges"

Marshall Sahlins, University of Chicago  
March, 2011

## **UPCOMING UBC EVENTS**

### **September 2, Thursday, 8:15 – 4:00** **Orientation Day for New Graduate Students**

This annual event is co-sponsored by the Graduate Student Society (GSS), the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS), and the Office of the Vice President, Students, and is highly recommended for all new graduate students. The day is an opportunity to meet your fellow new graduate students and be oriented to important campus and academic information. For info on locations and schedule, please go to: <http://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/newly-admitted/grad-orientation>

### **September 3, Friday, 9:00 – 12:00** **Morning Program for International Graduate Students**

For events and time, locations, please go to: <http://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/newly-admitted/grad-orientation>

### **September 3, Friday, 12:00 - 1:00** **Grad Noon Talk for all Graduate Students**

For events and time, locations, please go to: <http://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/newly-admitted/grad-orientation>

### **September 7, Tuesday** **Imagine UBC Day**

All undergraduate classes (with the exception of any classes that start at or after 5:00 pm and meet only once per week) will be replaced with day-long Orientation programming coordinated by UBC Orientations, the various faculties, and the Alma Mater Society. Imagine Day culminates with the Main Event Carnival, which is a UBC community event featuring 200 booths showcasing clubs, resources, and services for students.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

The Peter K. New Award is presented each year the best paper reporting original research in the social sciences. The competition is open to students at the graduate and undergraduate level. The winner of the Competition will receive a cash prize of \$2,000 as well as a Steuben crystal trophy and travel funds to present the paper at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA (March 30 – April 2, 2011). Details will be emailed.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Professor Emeritus **Julie Cruikshank** has been elected to the Academy of the Social Sciences in the Royal Society of Canada in recognition of her outstanding contributions to First Nations studies and Anthropology.

Professor Emeritus **Elvi Whittaker**, received a Lifetime Award for Excellence by CASCA. Held at the CASCA AGM at Concordia, June 1, 2010.

**Denise Green's** film, *Histakshiti Ts'awaatskwii (We Come From One Root)*, has been chosen by the Society for Visual Anthropology for the Jean Rouch Award and will be featured at the American Anthropological Association meetings in New Orleans this coming November

**Lina Maria Gomez-Isaza** has completed her MA thesis. "Aboriginal People in a Time of Disorder: Exploring Indigenous Interactions with Justice in Colombia". (Supervisor: Bruce Miller. Committee: Gaston Gordillo)

**Mayer, Carol E.** has been awarded the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Medal for Cultural contributions to the Republic of Vanuatu.

## UBC ANTHROPOLOGY IN THE NEWS

Through the efforts of PhD candidate, **Emily Birky, Bruce Miller**, and the professional staff, the Museum of Vancouver has carried out the first ever official repatriation of an Aboriginal object in the 116 year history of the museum. A new repatriation policy has made this possible.

Jim Samson, an official of the museum which will receive the cloak on behalf of the Aboriginal community, as required under New Zealand law, writes "The cloak will come to Wairoa Museum . . . where an appropriate karakia (prayer) will be spoken. A formal powhiri (welcome) for the cloak is being planned for early November 2010."

Joan Seidl, Director of Collections and Exhibitions at the Museum of Vancouver, pointed to Emily Birky's important contribution to the repatriation process. Seidl and Birky have worked together with the museum's Collections Committee, chaired by Bruce Miller. The museum anticipates future repatriations.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Barker, John**

2010. "On the Varieties of Melanesian Christianity: Response to Mark Mosko's 'Partible Penitents'," *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 16: 247-49.

### **Belshaw, Cyril**

2010. "Fixing the World: An anthropologist considers our future: Anthropology, holism and innovation theory provide some answers". Soft cover. Large format ISBN [978 -1-926820-03-3](#) 581 pp. 2010 Vancouver, Webzines – retailed at Lulu.com

### **Berson, Seemah Cathy (Anthropology MA, 1980)**

2010. "I Have a Story to Tell You" She writes: " *For my Masters' thesis I interviewed some forty Jewish immigrants who came to Canada from Eastern Europe between 1900-1930. My thesis advisor was Dr. M.M. Ames. Two years ago I decided to transcribe these stories from cassette tapes and download them into my computer. I sent a story or two to Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Waterloo. They were interested in what I had sent them. Consequently my book, I Have a Story to Tell You, was just released last week by their Life Writings Dept.*

**Blake, Michael**

2010. "Colonization, Warfare, and Exchange at the Postclassic Maya Site of Canajasté, Chiapas, Mexico". Papers of the New World Archaeological Foundation, No. 70. Brigham Young University Press, Provo.

**Gill, Kuldip**

2010. "Indo-Fijian Women: Their health choices". Soft cover Large format 8.5x11 559 pp. ISBN 978-1-926820-07-1 2010 Vancouver, Webzines – retailed at Lulu.com

**Kamat, Vinay R. and Nyato, D.J.**

2010. "Soft targets or partners in health?" Retail pharmacies and their role in Tanzania's malaria control program. *Social Science and Medicine* 71(3):626-633.

**Luehrmann, Sonja**

2010. "A Dual Quarrel of Images on the Middle Volga: Icon Veneration in the Face of Protestant and Pagan Critique. In: *Eastern Christians in Anthropological Perspective*, ed. Chris Hann and Hermann Goltz, pp. 56-78. Berkeley/L.A.: University of California Press.

**Morin, Jesse**

2010. "Ritual Architecture in Prehistoric Complex Hunter-Gatherer Communities: A Potential Example from Keatley Creek," *On the Canadian Plateau. American Antiquity* 75 :599-625

**Pokotylo, David and Andrew R. Mason**

2010. "Archaeological Heritage Resource Protection in Canada: The Legislative Basis." In *Cultural Heritage Management: A Global Perspective*, edited by P. Messenger and G. Smith, pp. 48-69. University of Florida Press, Gainesville.

**Radermacher, Ulrike**

2010. "The Lure of Open Spaces: German immigration to Australia and Canada". Soft cover large format 8.5x11 254 pp **ISBN:** 978-1-926820-15-6. 2010 Vancouver, Webzines – retailed at Lulu.com. Available mid-September

Lascar, Eulalia; **Wainer, Rafael**; Nallar, Martín; Piccone, Samanta; González, Mariana; Nespral, Alejandro.

2010. "Impacto de un Programa de Formación Bajo la Modalidad de Rotaciones". (Impact of a Program of Residents on Rotation at the Palliative Care Team.) XXIX Jornadas del Hospital de Niños "Ricardo Gutiérrez", Buenos Aires, 27 August 2010.

**PRESENTATIONS****Barker, John**

2010 Anthropology and the Politics of Christianity in Papua New Guinea. Christian Politics in Oceania Workshop, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University, 22-23 July, Melbourne, Australia.

**Blake, Michael**

2010 The Archaeology of Maize's Domestication and Spread. Paper presented at the International Symposium "Archaeology in China and the World: Past, Present and Prospects." 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing. July 28-30, 2010.

**Blake, Michael, K. Supernant, S. Formosa, B. Benz, A. Wong, R. Wallace, N. Jakobsen**

2010 A web-based method for mapping the spread of early maize in the Americas. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meetings, St. Louis, MO, April 16, 2010.

**Benz, Bruce F., Michael Blake, and Lori Baker**

2010 Early Maize in Latin America: AMS dating, morphology, and ancient DNA. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meetings, St. Louis, MO, April 16, 2010.

**Creighton, Millie**

2010 "Transnational (or Transformational) Encounters of the Popular Culture Kind: Japanese Fandom, the Korean Wave, Shifting Inter-Asian and Global Dynamics" at the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) conference, in Portland, Oregon, June 20, 2010.

**Creighton, Millie**

2010 "Commemorations of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a 65 Year Retrospective" for Hiroshima Day in Vancouver, at Tonari-Gumi, Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association, (designated by the city/mayor of Vancouver as "Hiroshima Day in Vancouver"). August 6, 2010.

**Creighton, Millie**

2010 Poetry reading at the Multicultural Lanterns for Peace Festival in Central Park, Burnaby, BC in conjunction with the designation of "Hiroshima Day in Burnaby", August 7, 2010.

**Gómez-Ramírez, Oralia**

2010 "Organizing around Sexuality: Sex Workers' Rights Movement in Mexico and Beyond". Paper presented as part of the Panel "Citizenship and Democracy" at the II "Sexuality in Social Context" Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico City, Mexico. August 11, 2010.

**Luehrmann, Sonja**

2010 Was the Soviet Union a Secular State? Soviet atheism and the anthropology of secularism. Presented in the Seminar "Antropologia religii", European University at St. Petersburg. June 16, 2010.

**Mayer, Carol E.**

2010 "We gather to reconcile - No longer captives of the past." Paper given at the Pacific Arts Association 10th International symposium, Rarotonga, Cook Islands. August 9 – 11, 2010

**McKechnie, Iain, and Rebecca J. Wigen**

2010. Visualizing Archaeozoological Evidence of Hunting Traditions on the Northwest Coast of North America. Poster presented at the International Council of Archaeozoology 11th Conference, Muséum National D'Histoire Naturelle, Pierre & Marie Curie University, Paris.

**McKechnie, Iain, Susan J. Crockford, and Madonna L. Moss**

2010. Visualizing Archaeozoological Evidence of Domestic Dog Distribution Along the Coast of Western North America. Poster presented at the International Council of Archaeozoology 11th Conference, Muséum National D'Histoire Naturelle, Pierre & Marie Curie University, Paris.

**McKechnie, Iain Arndt, Ursula, Alan McMillan, and Dongya Y. Yang**

2010. Ancient DNA Analysis of Northeast Pacific Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) off the West Coast of Canada: Implications for Archaeology and Conservation Biology. Paper presented at the International Council of Archaeozoology 11th Conference, Muséum National D'Histoire Naturelle, Pierre & Marie Curie University, Paris.

**Shelton, Anthony**

2010 Exhibition Fever. Canadian Museums Association Trip, Canadian Pavilion, Expo 2010. Shanghai China. June 20, 2010.

**Shelton, Anthony**

2010 From Theory to Practice: Redrawing Museumscapes. Mokpo National University, Korea. May 26.

**Shelton, Anthony**

2010 Remaking of MOA. Mokpo National University, Korea, May 26, 2010.

**Shelton, Anthony**

2010 Re-staging museums in post-material epistemological spaces. Task of the Curator Conference, Museum and Curatorial Studies, University of California Santa Cruz. May 13, 2010.

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**Wagelie, Jennifer**

2010 "Where Have All the Manikins Gone?" at the Tenth International Symposium of the Pacific Arts Association. The conference was held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. August 9-11, 2010.

**AWARDS**

**Gómez-Ramírez, Oralia**

Granted a scholarship (worth \$2,500) from the Fundación Arcoiris to participate in the 1st Seminar in Sexuality Research of Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico City, Mexico, August 16-20, 2010.

**Green, Denise Nicole**

Awarded the Stella Blum Research Grant from the Costume Society of America (\$2000 + \$500 travel to 2012 CSA Symposium) for her research project titled, "Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations' Ceremonial Regalia: Historical and Contemporary Practices."

**McKechnie, Iain**

Awarded 750 Euros to attend the 11th Conference of the International Council of Archaeozoology and co-chair a symposium entitled 'Archaeozoology in a Digital World: New approaches to Communication and Collaboration' (w/ Sarah Kansa and Cécile Callou). Muséum National D'Histoire Naturelle, Pierre & Marie Curie University, Paris (August 23-28, 2010).

**ANTHROPOLOGY SUMMER FIELD SCHOOLS**

**Immigrant Vancouver Ethnographic Field School (IVEFS): Profs Alexia Bloch and Jennifer Chun**

In its inaugural year, this joint Anthropology-Sociology field school congratulates the following students:

*IVEFS 2010 Outstanding Paper Awards:*

**Nguyen, Christina**

"The Experiences of Immigrant Seniors Living in Vancouver: Finding a Sense of Belonging through the Church and the Neighbourhood House"

**Lee, Denise**

"Aging, Housing, and Mobility: Renovictions, Senior Resistance and Youth Imaginations in a Neoliberal City"

**Cheung, Amanda**

"Negotiating Linguistic Loyalties and Ethnic Identities in a Multicultural Context: Immigrant Parents' Attitudes toward Children's Heritage Language Acquisition"

*IVEFS 2010 Outstanding Project Awards:*

**Brownstein, Eva and Feleke, Beza**

Film focused on English language classes for temporary foreign workers and refugee claimants

**Darghani, Pia**

Game "The Melting Pot"

**Wang, Alice**

Children's storybook featuring the immigration experience of one woman originally from Vietnam.

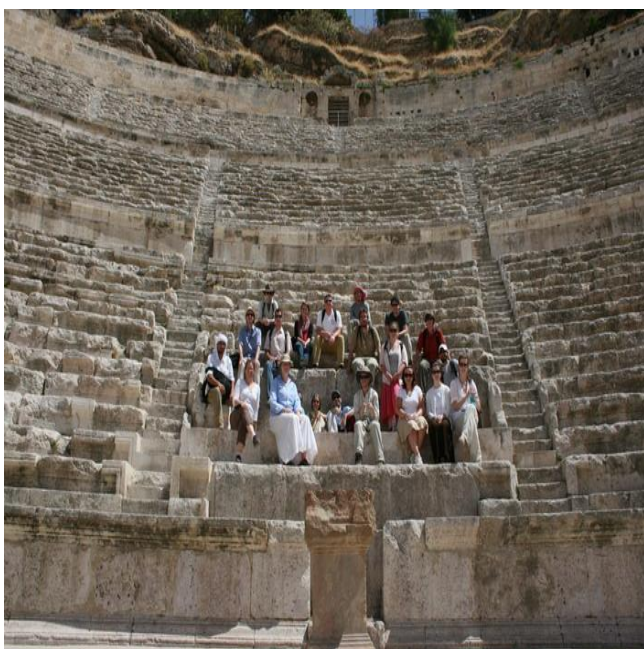


**Jordan Field school 2010 (Anth 403B/495B): Prof Jennifer Ramsay**

Jennifer Ramsay who has been a sessional instructor in the department for the last few years begins a tenure-track position at the College at Brockport, State University New York. She also returned from her third successful field school in Jordan this past summer with ten UBC students. She will really miss everyone and was grateful for the experiences and friendships she made while at UBC.



The group at the citadel in Amman. (Photo by Jennifer Ramsay).



Some of the group at the Roman Theater in Amman (ancient Philadelphia). (Photo by Jennifer Ramsay).



Square c/3100. Kelly Gillich (Bottom left), Kelsey Leahy (Bottom middle), Jay Carlson (Bottom right), Jesse Coxy (Upper middle). (A flattering picture of the team courtesy of Brad "B-Guffa" Erickson)



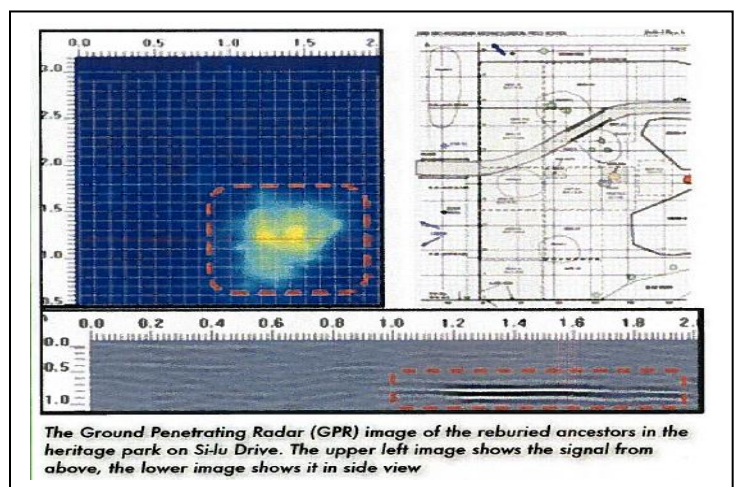
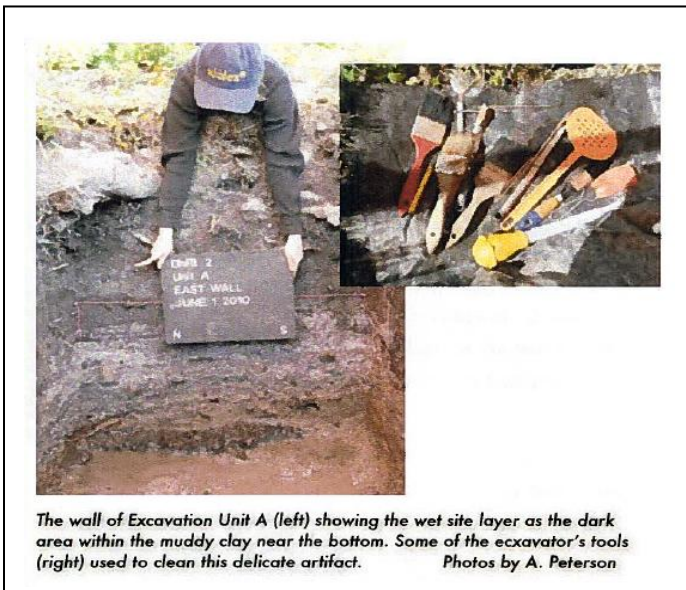
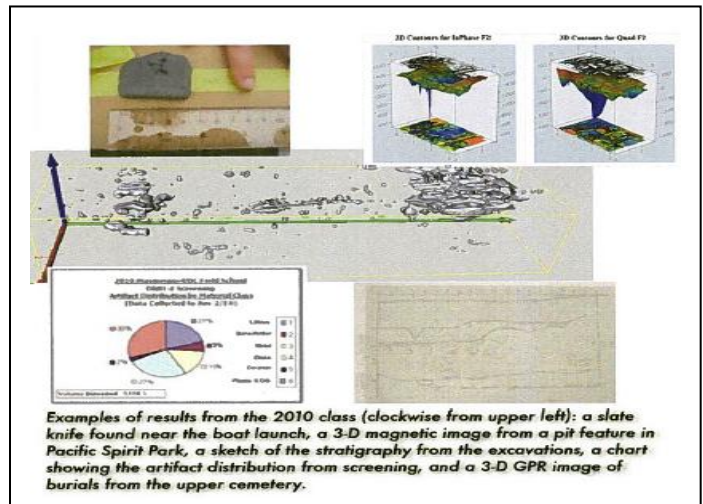
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*During the field season in Jordan and at Ayn Gharandal we encountered the complex cultural milieu of the modern Middle East. By visiting various religious and cultural sites, learning how to live day to day in the country, and forming relationships with local inhabitants, we broaden our own cultural horizons. The main goals of these cultural interactions were to gain positive experiences between Jordanians and North Americans, returning to North American communities with new and accurate perspectives of Middle Eastern religion and culture, and cultivating an informed sense of membership in a global community. - Jennifer Ramsay-*



## Archaeological Field school 2010 (Anth 306): Prof Andrew Martindale

The 2010 research agenda was developed through the Field School Advisory Committee that includes members from Musqueam and UBC. The plans includes: Mapping the cemetery and building a computerized database of the monuments and the unmarked burials that were discovered using radar. Continuing sifting through the material removed from the ancient village of scelex to collect the artifacts, animal bones and plant material that was left behind. Excavating a small area at the scelex village to better understand the history of the ancient place and the wet site discovered in 2009.



### MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS

#### BE AMAZED – WAM! World Art Market

September 18-19, 2010, 10 am-5 pm

Tickets: \$7 per person (includes HST) at the door (includes Museum entry). MOA members and UBC staff, students, and faculty free

Members-Only Reception, Friday, September 17, 7 pm, with Malcolm Aiken Quartet

Inspired by long-established events such as the Santa Fe Indian Market, The Cultural Survival Bazaar, and the Maori Market in Wellington, New Zealand, MOA's first annual World Art Market will showcase the art, craft, music, dance, and cuisine of indigenous peoples from around the world. WAM! will take place over two days in September on the grounds of the Museum, in a giant tent overlooking mountains and sea. Mark your calendars for this amazing opportunity to meet and purchase works by artists from around the world while taking in the family-friendly festival atmosphere. The winners of a juried design competition, open to all participating artists, will be awarded prizes in various categories at a special MOA members-only event on September 17. Not a member? Join now to receive your invitation ([www.moa.ubc.ca/join](http://www.moa.ubc.ca/join)). For artist and performer profiles and a full schedule of WAM! events, check out [www.moa.ubc.ca/world-art-market](http://www.moa.ubc.ca/world-art-market). WAM! sponsored in part by the UBC Faculty of Arts. Opening reception sponsored by Chambar Restaurant. Media sponsor The Georgia Straight.