

ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS



Offshore Extractions - Republic of Nauru | Laura Osorio

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Upcoming 2017 Colloquia

February 9, 2017 11:30am to 1:00pm, in ANSO 134:

Offshore Extractions and the Everyday Life of a Refugee Economy in the Republic of Nauru by: Julia Morris

With a catalogue of over 2000 filed incident reports, Nauru's offshore refugee operations were characterized worldwide as an exceptionality, "a dark, wretched Truman Show without the cameras." Julia argues that Nauru is in fact microcosmic of the same industrial hazards that envelop refugee economies elsewhere, putting forward an approach that recognizes the systemic flaws in global refugee operations.

Julia is a Doctoral Candidate in Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford and a research student at Oxford's Centre on Migration, Policy and Society. Her research focuses on the political economy of resource extraction, based on fieldwork on the international refugee industry.

March 16, 2017 11:30am to 1:00pm, in ANSO 134:

Intangible and Archaeological Heritage; the *Pixan* of Santa Elena, Yucatan by: Laura Osorio

The Yucatan peninsula is one of many regions in the world that contains a high density of archaeological sites. The people of Santa Elena, a town in Yucatan, do not benefit greatly from the tourist revenue or international research involved in the development of local archaeological sites. Laura discusses some of the oral narratives of Maya speaking residents of Santa Elena that touch on archaeological sites as material remains of past societies and the perceived relationship between these sites and the cultural landscape. She will look at how heritage is involved in local community discourse and identity politics.

Laura Osorio holds a BA in Archaeology, Classics and Classical Art from University College London and a Masters and PhD in Mesoamerican Heritage and Archaeology from Leiden University. Following the completion of her doctorate she has worked in museum education at the Louvre, has been a curator at The British Museum and is currently the Mellon Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellow for Latin America at MOA.

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2017 AGSA Series:

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Human hairs from the Pleistocene
Colorado Plateau and the Late Prehistoric
Great Basin

February 16 - Paula Pryce
Listening: New Ethnographic Methods for
the Study of Silence and Contemplation

March 2 - Kamal Arora
Title TBA

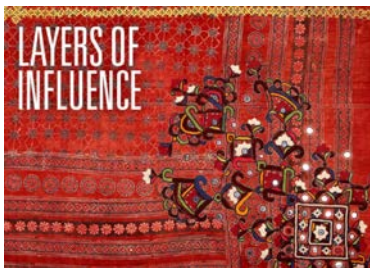
March 9 - Nick Waber
Open Source Lithics

March 16 - Clayton Whitt
Atmospheric Politics: Negotiating Climate
Change in the Bolivian Highlands

March 23 - Ale Diaz
Resource relationships along the Fraser: A
stable isotope analysis of prehistoric dogs
and other fauna

Jennifer Kramer's "Layers of Influence" & "What Are You Working On?" Feature

Professor **Jennifer Kramer** is curating the Museum of Anthropology's current exhibition, *Layers of Influence: Unfolding Cloth across Cultures*. The exhibition is running from Nov. 17 – April 9 and draws from Canada's largest collection of textiles in Western Canada to explore connections between clothing and culture.



http://moa.ubc.ca/portfolio_page/layers-of-influence/

Jennifer Kramer has also been featured in UBC's **What Are You Working On?** series.

This series is aimed at getting to know exceptional UBC staff and faculty who are doing anything but the typical day to day. UBC Communications and Marketing met up with Jennifer at MOA, walked the exhibit and talked about what she does, and why.

Please check the link to know Jennifer's story - her focus, newest curated exhibition, and more:

<https://www.ubc.ca/about/what-are-you-working-on/jennifer-kramer.html>



Congratulations Charles Menzies

for being elected as a Vancouver Faculty Representative to UBC's Board of Governors

Click here to read our Q&A about his new position



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Professor **Charles Menzies** was elected as a Vancouver Faculty Representative to UBC's Board of Governors in December 2016. Read more about his goals, his commitment to transparency and engagement, and how does his work as an anthropologist frames such commitments in our Q&A, here:

<http://bit.do/CharlesMenzies>

Read our Q&A with **Leslie Robertson**
the new Editor of:



Congratulations Leslie Robertson

Professor **Leslie Robertson** is the new editor of BC Studies: The British Columbian Quarterly. BC Studies is a multidisciplinary journal that stands at the forefront of Canadian regional scholarship and contributes to informed public debate in British Columbia. Leslie has the ability to bridge different disciplinary approaches to research and presents a new vision for the future of the journal. Read more about this vision in our Q&A here:

<http://bit.do/LeslieRobertson>

We extend our congratulations to **Dr. Shaylih Ryan Muehlmann**, UBC Associate Professor of Anthropology, as she is welcomed as a Member of the Royal Society of Canada. The RSC comprises those who have made remarkable contributions in the arts, humanities, sciences, as well as in Canadian public life.

Click here to watch Dr. Shaylih Muehlmann talk about her research in a new video for The Royal Society of Canada:

<http://bit.do/ShaylihRSC>



As Canada Research Chair in Language, Culture and the Environment and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Shaylih Muehlmann is recognized for her courageous fieldwork and gripping ethnographic analyses of one of the most fraught geographies in the world: the narco-corridor of northern Mexico, where the Sonora desert, the dried out delta of the Colorado River and the fenced US-Mexico border intersect to create a particularly rugged social geography.

Professor Bill McKellin was appointed to the UBC's Presidential Working Committee on Disability Culture, Art and Equity

The mandate of the President's Office working committee on Disability Culture, Art and Equity is to identify the barriers faced by people with disabilities on UBC's campuses and seek ways of removing such barriers; to develop strategies for raising awareness of disability among all members of the UBC community and beyond; to support learning and research in this area; to encourage development of cultural and artistic expression by people with disabilities, and solicit proposals for cultural projects; and to explore ways of raising funds in support of such projects.

The committee members featured in the photo are from left to right are:

Monica Kay, Director of Conflict Management, Equity office;
 Prof. William McKellin, Anthropology
 Rumana Monzur, J.D. Candidate 2017, Allard School of Law. (Student Rep, UBC-Vancouver);
 Dr. Ruth Warick, Ph.D. and Senior Advisor, Access and Diversity;
 Dean Blye Frank, Faculty of Education (not a member of the committee);
 President and Professor Santa Ono;
 Prof. Leslie G. Roman, Educational Studies;
 Prof. Neil Guppy, Sociology
 Jessica La Rochelle, *Lhkwemiya* Assistant Director, NITEP | Manager, Indigenous Education;
 Prof. Kirsty Johnston, Theatre and Film;
 Prof. Jonas Sebastian-Beaudry, Allard School of Law



HERITAGE WORKSHOP

Relevance and Application of Heritage
in Contemporary Society

Toronto, Canada,
October 19-23, 2016



Together with a panel of internationally renowned experts, **David Pokotylo** participated in a workshop at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, from October 19-23, 2016. The workshop was funded by grants from the Wenner-Gren Foundation and the Royal Ontario Museum to explore the roles of cultural heritage in tackling global challenges of climate change, poverty, displacement, armed conflict, and more. Workshop participants produced a list of wide-ranging actions to promote useful tactics for cultural heritage including the use of citizen science, policy guidance for military and intelligence personnel in combat, strengthening the role of indigenous and other communities, and scientific collaborations with climate scientists. A peer-reviewed volume, website, and A Call to Action will be released in 2017.



Congratulations to **Emma Feltes**, who has been accepted to become a Liu scholar. Visit her profile here:

<http://liu.arts.ubc.ca/profile/emma-felt>

2016-17 PhD Dissertation Writing Award Winners:

Daria Boltokova
Catherine Cooper
Kamal Arora
Bryn Letham
Clayton Whitt
Vishala Parmasad

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Council for Museum Anthropology awarded the team behind the *časna?am, the city before the city* exhibits the Michael M. Ames Prize for Innovative Museum Anthropology. Departmental members included in the award are **Sue Rowley**, **Jason Woolman** (PhD student), **Jordan Wilson** (MA 2016), and **Leona Sparrow** (MA 1976).



Eric Guiry's research featured in The Star:

"Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon on display at the Royal Ontario Museum. The stuffed fish was one of five studied by Eric Guiry and his colleagues"

Read more here: <http://bit.do/OntarioSalmon>

Congratulations to Patricia A. Shaw 2017 Ken Hale Prize Recipient

"We extend our warmest congratulations to Professor Patricia A. Shaw, Founding Chair of the First Nations and Endangered Languages Program, as the 2017 recipient of the Ken Hale Prize. **Awarded by the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)**, this Prize recognizes Dr. Shaw's "outstanding community language work and a deep commitment to the documentation, maintenance, promotion, and revitalization of indigenous languages in the Americas."

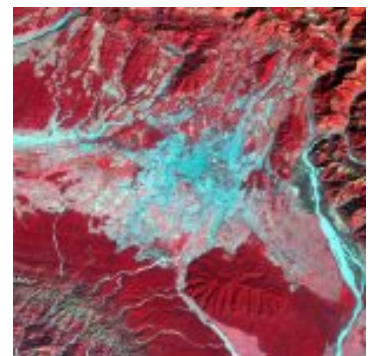
Read more here: <http://bit.do/PatriciaShawPrize>



Anthropologists search NASA data for migration and land use patterns in the Himalayas

In partnership with a team based at Yale University, UBC researchers Mark Turin and Sara Shneiderman have received \$750,000 USD from NASA to investigate how social change and natural disasters affect patterns of mobility and urbanization in Bhutan, India and Nepal.

They will use satellite images to track land use change and the impact of natural disasters, like earthquakes, fires, floods and landslides. Turin and Shneiderman's role will be to uncover the data's "social story" – providing the cultural, historical and political context for why the data might show shifts in populations in certain areas over time.



Read more here: <http://bit.do/AnthNASA>

Graduate Student Stories

Kamal Arora

"I consider myself a feminist anthropologist and so all of my research interests are rooted through the lens of gender. I am studying the long term impact of sociopolitical violence on Sikh women in New Delhi. As I identify as Sikh and was raised in a Sikh family, I am interested in the anthropology of Sikhism, and, by extension, the anthropology of religion."

Learn more about PhD Student **Kamal Arora** and what inspires her in our newest Graduate Student Story: <http://anth.ubc.ca/graduate/graduate-student-stories/>



Deanne Beier

"I think what initially pulled me in was the thirst for more knowledge about the world around me. To me, Anthropology is more than the study of humans, it is the study of the vast variety of interlocking relationships between humans, creatures and the planet that catalogues, teaches, and affects change for the future."

Learn more about PhD Student **Deanne Beier** and what inspires her in our newest Graduate Student Story: <http://anth.ubc.ca/graduate/graduate-student-stories/>



Thank you to everyone who attended the Department of Anthropology Holiday party on December 2nd! We had a fantastic turn out and it was wonderful to see the Department come together to not only celebrate the end of classes but also the beginning of the holiday season. Thank you to all who shared your contributions of merriment and donations for the event; we had lots of delicious food, deserts, and drinks, and certainly ate, drank, and were very merry. Thank you also to the graduate students who organized the event: Fraser GermAnn; Michelle Hak Hepburn; Natasha Osing; Steffan Gordon; Hilary Argo, and Heather Robertson. The AGSA also organized a bake sale to help support the Holiday party. Thank you to the graduate students who baked feverishly (Natasha Osing, Steffan Gordon, Audrey Tang, Michelle Hak Hepburn, Emma Feltes, and Severn Cullis-Suzuki), and to everyone who came out to buy something to help support this event!

ASGA presidents Heather Robertson and Michelle Hak Hepburn

In Honor of Daniel Brasil

The Department of Anthropology sends its condolences to the friends and family of PhD graduate Daniel Brasil, who recently passed away.

“Daniel Brasil, a recent PhD graduate of our department has recently died. I learned from the Brazilian consulate in Vancouver that he was helping some construction workers and a pillar fell on his head. Daniel completed the first joint PhD in anthropology with UBC and the University of Brasilia. He was a member of the Brazilian diplomatic service. He carried out long term field work with Quilomobo communities of Brasil, the topic of his book *O Mar Virou Sertao*, published in 2014. He also worked for several years with a Yoruban-descended Afro-Cuban community in Matanzas, a small city northeast of Havana, and with First Nations and American Indians of North America. He was engaged in a project of mapping and recording community oral histories with the Afro-Cubans at the time of his death. Daniel greatly enjoyed working in the field and lending his assistance to communities he understood as “underdogs.” He used this term to refer to those aware of the subordination they experienced through colonialism yet searching for ways to use the legal and administrative structures of the nation-state to challenge and improve their circumstances.

Daniel was both my former student, shared with Stephen Baines of the University of Brasilia, and my friend. We spent time in the field together on many occasions and enjoyed the hospitality of each other’s homes. I use the Brazilian spelling here in honour of Daniel’s family name and his country of Brasil.”

Bruce Granville Miller
Chair, Anthropology Graduate Studies Committee
Professor, Anthropology

Presentations

Bruce Granville Miller

- Invited Talk, Coast Salish Culture and Material Culture in an Era of Regeneration, Coast Salish Art and Culture Symposium at Western Washington University, November 5, 2016.

Millie Creighton

- Paper Presentation, 'Intersections of 'Post-Emigration,' 'New Emigration,' and 'Return Emigration'; Complex Diaspora Communities, and Confrontations with Japan's Immigration and Refugee Policies,' Anthropology of Policy, American Anthropological Association annual meetings in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, November 19, 2016.

Millie Creighton

- 2016. 'Multiple Borders: A Chinese Village in Hong Kong Border Crossing with Shenzhen and Modernity via Japanese Department Stores.' Presented at the Asian Borderlands Research Network Conference on November 12, 2016, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Sara Shneiderman

- Discussant and chair of two panels at *Dynamic Borderlands: Livelihoods, Communities, Flows – the 5th conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network*, Kathmandu, Nepal, December 12-14, 2016

Sara Shneiderman

- Speaker at the book launch for *Religion, Secularism and Ethnicity in Contemporary Nepal* (Oxford University Press), Kathmandu, Nepal, December 15, 2016

Sara Shneiderman

- Plenary presentation at the Second Annual Conference of the Tribhuvan University Department of Anthropology, Kathmandu, Nepal, December 16-18, 2016 "Reconstruction as Social Transformation: Expertise, Labour and Kinship"

Publications

Andrew Martindale

- 2016 Journey through the Landscapes of Vancouver. *SAA Archaeological Record*. 16(5):7-8.

Andrew Martindale and Mark Guerin

- 2016 Welcome to Vancouver: A Place of Contestation about the Past. *SAA Archaeological Record*. 16(4):12-13.

Bryn Letham, Andrew Martindale, Rebecca Macdonald, Eric Guiry, Jacob Jones, Kenneth M. Ames

- 2016 Postglacial relative sea-level history of the Prince Rupert area, British Columbia, Canada. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 153:156-191.

Eric Guiry, Needs-Howarth, S.N., Friedland, K.F., Hawkins, A., Szpak, P., MacDonald, R., Courtemanche, M., Holms, E., Richards, M.P.

- (2016). Lake Ontario salmon (*Salmo salar*) were not migratory: A long-standing historical debate solved through stable isotope analysis. *Scientific Reports*. 6: 36249.

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- (In press). Isotopic analyses reveal geographical and socioeconomic patterns in historical domestic animal trade between wheat and maize agricultural regions in eastern North America. *American Antiquity*.

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- (2016) The transition to agriculture in Southwestern Europe: New isotopic insights from Portugal's Atlantic coast. *Antiquity*, 90: 604-619.

Eric Guiry, Szpak, P., Richards, M.P.

- (2016). Effects of lipid extraction and ultrafiltration on stable carbon and nitrogen isotopic compositions of fish bone collagen. *Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry*, 30:1591-1600.

Eric Guiry, Hepburn, J.C., Richards, M.P.

- (2016) High-resolution serial sampling for nitrogen isotope analysis of archaeological mammal teeth. *Journal of Archaeological Science*, 69:21-28.

Kirsten Bell

- (2016) *Health and Other Unassailable Values: Reconfigurations of Health, Evidence and Ethics*. London: Routledge.

Shneiderman, Sara, Luke Wagner, Jacob Rinck, Amy Johnson and Austin Lord

- (2016) Nepal's Ongoing Political Transformation: a Review of Post-2006 Literature on Conflict, the State, Identities, and Environments *Modern Asian Studies* 50(6): 2041-2114.

Grants

Karen Duffek and Tania Willard

- 2016 *Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun: Unceded Territories*. Vancouver: Figure 1 Publishing and UBC Museum of Anthropology.

Kazi, Abdul, Jean Paul Collet, **William McKellin**, and Syed Ali.

- 2017. To evaluate the role of mobile phone SMS text messages in improving vaccine coverage among children in Pakistan - A mix methods study design Pakistan: Grand Challenges Canada: Stars in Global Health, Stars in Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health \$100,000.

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