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Grants & Awards

Camilla Speller



UBC has been awarded a Canadian Foundation for Innovation-John Evans Leadership Fund (CFI-JELF) award to establish an Ancient DNA and Protein (ADαPT) Facility in the Department of Anthropology. This new lab is currently under construction and will create a state-of-the-art clean room for the analysis of ancient biomolecules. The ADαPT

facility will be located within the Museum of Anthropology and will enhance the analytical capacity of the Laboratory of Archaeology, allowing for high-resolution biomolecular reconstructions of ancient environments and ecosystems and the roles and experiences of humans within them.

Jing Li

Anthropology MA student **Jing Li** and her project supervisor, Dr. Amanda Cheong, UBC Sociology Assistant Professor, have been awarded a [Mitacs Research Training](#) award for their project exploring the experiences of nonresidents who have given birth in Canada. This interdisciplinary collaboration with Dr. Megan Gaucher (Carleton University), Dr. Jamie Liew (University of Ottawa), and Dr. Yin-Yuan Chen (University of Ottawa) will:

Examine how “birth tourism” is framed in current policy, political, and media debates, and identify how these frames and definitions influence current approaches to identifying and estimating the prevalence of “birth tourists” in Canada and disentangle the potentially diverse motivations and experiences of non-resident parents who give birth to their children on Canadian soil.

This project will rely on discourse analysis of government documents, parliamentary debates and media reports, as well as in-depth qualitative interviews with non-resident parents of Canadian-born children. The interviews are expected to highlight respondents' experiences and challenges with regards to migration, integration, family planning, and reproductive healthcare access.

The award is provided through Mitacs, a national nonprofit research organization, and a matching co-sponsorship from UBC Migration, a UBC Research Excellence Cluster.

Mark Turin

Professor Mark Turin's team received a Rapid-Response Grant on Covid-19 for their project, "[Structural Inequality and Epidemiological Invisibility: Himalayan New Yorkers Respond to Covid-19](#)".



Martina Volfová

PhD student Martina Volfová is one of the Recipients of the [Council of the Federation Literacy Award for Yukon 2020](#).

Upcoming Departmental Events

The Department of Anthropology's **Colloquium Series**

The series hosts engaging guest speakers whose lectures span all the sub-disciplines of Anthropology and Archaeology. The Colloquium Series runs throughout the academic year, Thursdays, 12:30-2:00 pm.

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Date	Speaker	Title
<u>Oct 22, 2020</u>	Karine Gagné , Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Guelph	Decolonizing Climate Knowledge: Expertise, Citizenship, and Technocratic Imagination in the Indian Himalayas
<u>Nov 5, 2020</u>	Candis Callison , Associate Professor, School of Journalism, UBC	Unsettling the Present: Systems Journalism and Civic Imaginaries

Departmental workshop on “[Politics of Race in the Classroom](#)”

October 27, 2020 Tuesday, 12:30 – 2:00 PM

The departmental workshop focused on addressing the politics of race in the classroom. This meeting is open to all teaching faculty and graduate students/Teaching Assistants. Our goals at this initial meeting are to share resources and strategies for discussing and addressing race and racism in the classroom, and identify some priority areas for future training/actions. We will circulate a short survey and agenda prior to the meeting.

The weekly [Coffee, Community, and Conversation \(3C\)](#)

This is a social event for Anthropology students, faculty and staff at UBC to come together discuss current Anthropological happenings, **Wednesdays, 10:00-10:45 am.**



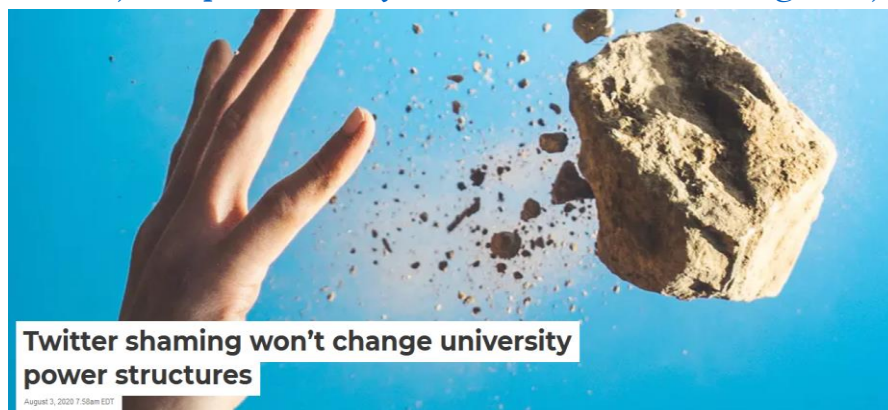
Stay tuned for the [Faculty Brown Bag Lunch series](#) that will begin later in the fall. Discussion of the latest departmental updates, book launches, research, and other related announcements.



Our Anthropology Community in the News

Charles Menzies

Professor Charles Menzies's news article, "[Twitter Shaming Won't Change University Power Structures](#)", was published by The Conversation on August 3, 2020.



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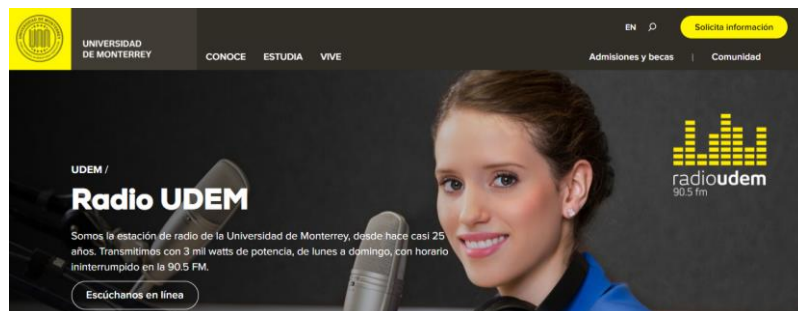
Disclosure statement

Charles R Menzies receives funding from regional, national, and international social sciences funding agencies.

Diana Moreiras Reynaga

Interview on the Mexican radio program "[Raíces](#)" on September 10. Dr. Michael Blake and Dr. Diana Moreiras Reynaga discussed the early use of *Theobroma cacao* by pre-Columbian populations based on the most recent archaeological record,

the presence of cacao in ceramics and other artifacts, and the development of their online database "[Ancient Cacao Map](#)". (<http://en.ancientcacao.com/>).



Martina Volfová



Interviewed for [CBC North article](#), "Liard First Nation wins award for work preserving Kaska language".

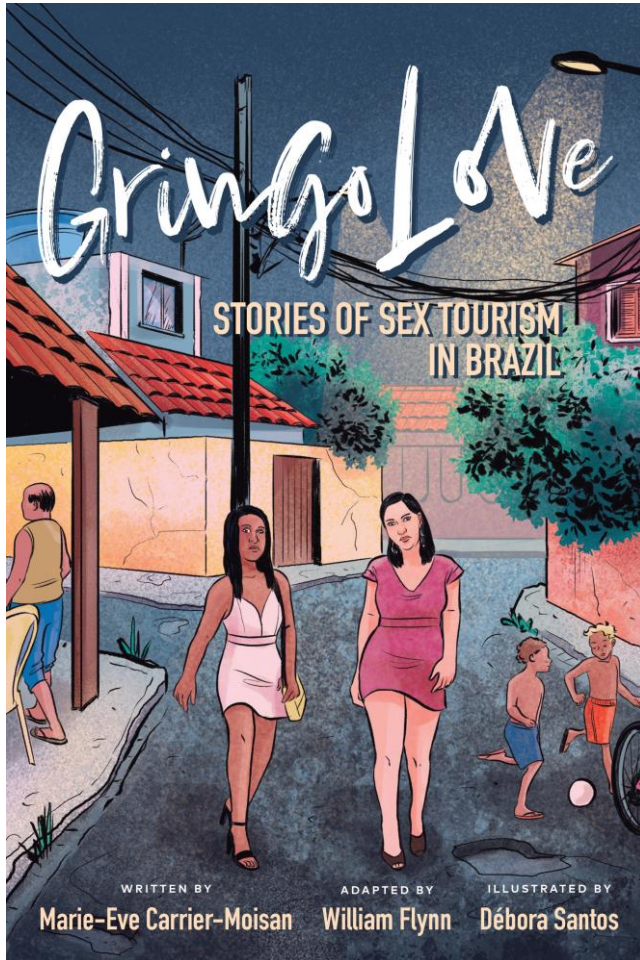
First Nation's language department is this year's Yukon winner of Council of Federation Literacy Award

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Paul Caesar, Leda Jules and Jocelyn Wolftail during a Kaska language training workshop by the Liard First Nation language department. The department is one of this year's recipients of a Council of the Federation Literacy Awards. (Submitted by Martina Volfová)



News from Alumni



Marie-Eve Carrier-Moissan (UBC Anthropology PhD 2012), Associate Prof. at Carleton University, published “Gringo Love: Stories of Sex Tourism in Brazil” with the University of Toronto Press' new series "ethnoGRAPHIC".

Dr. Diana Moreiras Reynaga



Diana Moreiras Reynaga (UBC Anthropology MA 2013; U Western Ontario PhD 2019) is the new Executive Director of the [Canadian Latin American Archaeology Society](#).

Other Ongoing Events

Working Tools Seminar Series

Community-Facing Data Management Platforms for Indigenous-University Partnerships

Webseries

One of the key challenges to collaborative practice between university-based researchers and Indigenous communities is to foster equitable knowledge co-production with all stakeholders through the sharing of data. Increasingly this task is mediated by digital systems, but there is no single solution that serves all needs.

Fall 2020

Fridays

3:00-4:30pm (PST)

This seminar series brings together research partnership teams that have developed and employed digital knowledge mobilization solutions to their work. Our ambition is to explore existing efforts and anticipate future digital solutions for research partnerships.

September 25

Elroy White / Q̓ix̓itasu (Heiltsuk)
You Can't Manage What You Don't Know: Heiltsuk Traditional Use and Site Mapping

November 6

Dana Lepofsky (SFU), Elroy White / Q̓ix̓itasu (Heiltsuk), and Mark Wunch (Green Coast Media)
Voices on the Land: The Húyat Interactive Web Site

October 2

Sue Rowley (UBC)
Working Tools – The Reciprocal Research Network

November 13

Kisha Supernant (UofA)
Developing a Culturally Appropriate Digital Archive for Métis Archaeological Heritage

October 16

Dave Schaepe (SRRMC), Kate Hennessy (SFU), Michael Blake (UBC), Clarence Pennier (Sq'ewlets First Nation)
Curating Continuity in Sq'ewlets: A Stó:lō-Coast Salish Community in the Fraser River Valley

November 20

Sara Gonzalez and Ian Kretzler (University of Washington)
Indigenous Heritage Futures: Caring for the Past in a Grand Ronde Way

October 23

Dave Schaepe and Matt McGinity (Stó:lō Research & Resource Management Centre)
Stó:lōConnect: A Digital System supporting Stó:lō Heritage / Land / Environmental Stewardship

November 27

Peter Evans (Trailmark)
Social Enterprise Approaches and Cloud SaaS Software for CRM, or How I Spent All My Money Building Software

October 30

Andrew Martindale (UBC), Kisha Supernant (UofA), Stephanie Huddleston (Metlakatla)
TASA: A Community-facing Spatial Archive for Heritage Data

December 4

Neha Gupta (UBC)
Enacting Indigenous Data Governance in Archaeology

<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/64598952677>

<https://indigenousscience.ubc.ca/working-tools>



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Presentations

Hugh Gusterson

Presented "race, justice and equality in international relations" to the Arms Control Negotiation Academy Boot camp, co-sponsored by Harvard University and the Wilson Center, on August 21, 2020.

Publications

Gaston Gordillo

2020. "Gravity: On the Primacy of Terrain." In *Voluminous States: Sovereignty, Materiality, and the Territorial Imagination*, edited by Frank Billé. Pp. 159-172. Durham: Duke University Press.

Andrew Mason

Norman Alexander Easton, Charles Moore & Andrew R. Mason (2020) The archaeology of submerged prehistoric sites on the North Pacific Coast of North America, *The Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology*, DOI: 10.1080/15564894.2020.1785061

Bruce Miller

Expert testimony in Transmountain Pipeline ULC v. Mivasair, 2020 BCSC 1297, sentencing phase regarding Coast Salish law, September 18, 2020.

Diana Moreiras Reynaga

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Sara Shneiderman

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