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“We peruse the study and constructive understanding of human diversity and commonality, across the globe and throughout the long span of human existence!”
Welcome to Amirpouyan Shiva

Dr. Shiva has joined our Department as a Lecturer after receiving his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 2018. This year Dr. Shiva is teaching a wide range of courses, including Introduction to Anthropology in the Coordinated Arts Program, the Anthropology of Media, and a new course for the Department, Ethnography of the Middle East. Dr. Shiva is especially interested in how technologies shape and enable their users, a topic he plumbed extensively in his doctoral research on human-computer interactions and user experience in the Persian blogosphere. Dr. Shiva found that the technological medium contributes to the creation of bloggers’ identities and, in turn, that the selves fashioned in interaction with and communication through digital media affect social and political transformation.

Welcome to Elham Pourmohammadi

We are delighted to have Elham Pourmohammadi take up the position of Head’s Assistant/Communications Assistant. Elham will play a key role in supporting the tasks of the Department Head, and she will also be spearheading a wide realm of communications for our department, including the growth of our Department’s web and social media presence, expansion of our alumni engagement, and the production of our Department newsletter. Elham holds an MA in Linguistics from the University of Saskatchewan and a certificate in OAT (Office Administration with Technology) from BCIT and she has extensive administrative and technical experience gained while working for over five years in fast-paced educational environments in Iran and here in Canada.

A warm welcome to Elham!

AWARDS

Hugh Gusterson was presented with the AAA Anthropology in Media Award, November 10, 2020.


Charles Menzies is a keynote panelist at the the 9th International Indigenous Research Conference. This conference is hosted by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga (The Maori Centre of Excellence, Auckland University).

http://indigenousresearchconference.ac.nz/programme

An interview on 93.9 CICK News, Smithers Community Radio aired with Prof. Menzies. He discusses mountain goats and his recently released short documentary, Walking in Our Ancestors Footsteps. The interview starts at about 21:30 mark of the segment.
https://www.smithersradio.com/program-playlist/cick-news-playlist-11182020

"How to show your project’s worth in social science and humanities research,"

The social significance of your work attests to its ability to serve the public good — or the good of a specific population. Hagwil Hayetsk (Charles Menzies), Professor of Anthropology at UBC and the chair of the 2019 SSHRC Insight Development Grant committee on Indigenous research, describes “significance” as a project’s ability to serve the needs of people who aren’t academics: proposals
Our weekly **Coffee, Community, and Conversation (3C)** is a social event for Anthropology students, faculty and staff to take a break and discuss current Anthropological happenings; **The last 3C for this term is Wednesday, December 3, 10:00-10:45am.**
https://anth.ubc.ca/community/events/

**Working Tools Seminar Series: Community-Facing Data Management Platforms for Indigenous-University Partnerships** *(last presentation scheduled for December 4, 2020 3:00 pm)*

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.

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.

https://anth.ubc.ca/events/event/13318/

**The Inaugural Racial (In)Justice Lecture: The Torture Letters: The Scars of Being Policed While Black**

**DATE**
Tuesday December 8, 2020

**TIME**
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

This talk introduces Ralph’s recently published book, The Torture Letters, which focuses on what it means to be policed in the United States today. It moves from Ralph’s own experiences with racial profiling as a teenager to the horrific history of police torture in Chicago. https://anth.ubc.ca/2020/11/29/the-inaugural-racial-injustice-lecture-laurence-ralph-2/
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