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CONGRATULATIONS



Professor William McKellin, who retired from our department at the end of 2020, completed his PhD in Anthropology at the University of Toronto in 1980 and then held positions at OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) before coming to UBC in 1987. Professor McKellin's diverse interests in socio-cultural anthropology, medical anthropology, and linguistic anthropology – with particular expertise in disability studies, genetic testing, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, cognitive anthropology, kinship and social organization, ethics, and the ethnography of New Guinea and Oceania – have served as a critical resource for students, faculty, and units across campus for nearly 35 years. At our retirement event in early January his graduate students attested to his unstinting patience and generosity as a supervisor. Prof. McKellin often advised the maximum number of graduate students and his students formed a close supportive research network under his guidance. Prof.

McKellin's students laud him as a constant source of inspired insight for their research projects, whether on gut microbiome studies in infants or unusual Covid-19 mortality rates among slum dwellers in India. Prof. McKellin is currently part of four large research projects with substantial financial support from Genome Canada, the BC Ministry of Health, the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, and the Kids Brain Health Network. In recent years, in addition to his teaching and research, he has also served as the Associate Chair of the Behavioural Research Ethics Board. In a collective homage to Prof. McKellin graduate students reflect fondly on the "materiality" of his office where they visited with him in pre-pandemic times amidst piles of papers and artifacts. They, and all the members of our department, wish Prof. McKellin the very best as he embarks on his retirement.

- ✚ Carole Blackburn received the UBC Killam Faculty Research Fellowship from the "Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Fund."
- ✚ Tracey Heatherington was awarded a Connections Grant to support a conference she is organizing: "Unpredictable Environments: Politics, Ecology, Agency"
- ✚ Vinay Kamat has been awarded a SSHRC Individual Partnership Engage Grant (PEG) COVID-19 Special Initiative for his project "Where there is no Lockdown: Local Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Tanzania."
- ✚ Jennifer Kramer, Snxakila (Clyde Tallio) and Emily Jean Leischner received a Community-University Engagement Support (CUES) Grant - Sustain Stream for their joint project: "Healing with Heritage: Nuxalk Museum and Exhibition Planning through Collaborative Engagement," March, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ Exhibition Announcement: "Shake Up: Preserving What We Value" (originally co-curated by Jennifer Kramer and Jill Baird at MOA) has opened at the Museum of Surrey (curated by Colleen Sharpe): March 11-June 6, 2021. A virtual tour can be viewed at: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=UFYYC89CVui>

✚ ARCL 306-100 Summer Field Training in Archaeology: UBC ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL ON THE HARRISON RIVER. Check out some of the work UBC students did at the Sts'ailes Archaeology Field School!
<https://fb.watch/4AuLxACIOB/>



The field school is running again this year and applications are now open.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Friday April 9, 2021.**

For more information on ARCL306 and to receive an application, contact: anth.ugrad@ubc.ca



The Department of Anthropology at UBC is pleased to offer the third archaeology field school in the Harrison River Valley, in southwestern British Columbia in collaboration with the community of Sts'ailes. Students will live in a Sts'ailes guest house for the duration of fieldwork (July 5 – July 30 2021) and participate in **archaeological survey, mapping, and excavation of houses** and associated features in ancestral villages. This research will build on previous archaeological investigations by the Sts'ailes community. Students will also have an opportunity to conduct analyses and contribute to

the Sts'ailes community's archaeological heritage and cultural awareness program.

Archaeological Description. Several millennia of unbroken occupation has left a remarkably rich archaeological landscape, including hundreds of archaeological features, including pithouses and plank houses, food processing pits, caches, burials, and legacies of forest gardens. These well-preserved features present an exceptional opportunity for students to engage with a wide-range of archaeological sites, features, and materials in a community-based archaeological setting.



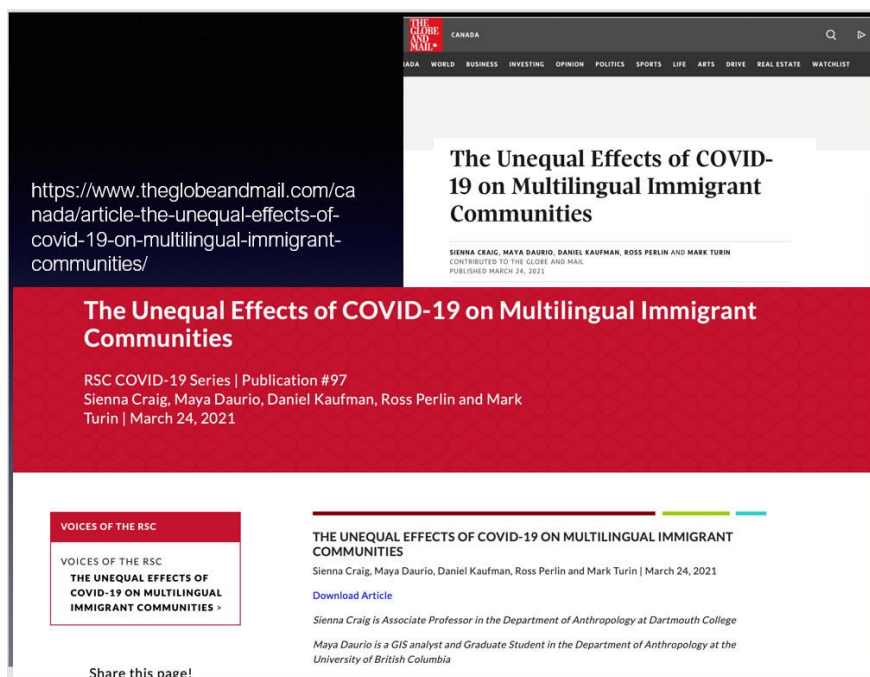
ALUMNI NEWS

Dada Docot (PhD 2018) was awarded a postdoctoral research fellowship at [Tokyo College, the University of Tokyo](#), which will allow her to focus on her first book project on migration and intimacy in the hometown while on academic leave as an Assistant Professor of anthropology at Purdue University.



FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

PhD student **Maya Daurio** and Prof. **Mark Turin** (along with co-authors Sienna Craig, Daniel Kaufman, and Ross Perlin) shed light on COVID-19 in immigrant communities in their recent article appearing in *The Globe and Mail*.



Dr. Charles Menzies, an anthropology professor who served on the Board as a Vancouver faculty representative until last year, argues that including more individuals from a variety of backgrounds on the Board is in the university's best interest.

"If you come from a community-based grassroots organizing perspective where you haven't had a lot of money, the idea of making profits isn't what's motivating you, but an idea of meeting social needs," he said.

Menzies believes a more diverse Board may not change the decisions being made, but may add different perspectives.

Prof. Charles Menzies was featured in the *Ubyyssey* newspaper in an article on the UBC Board of Governors.

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individuals from a variety of backgrounds on the board is in the university's best interest."

[HTTPS://WWW.UBYSSEY.CA/MAGAZINE/ALL-A-BOARD/](https://www.ubyssey.ca/magazine/all-a-board/)





Anthropology film night

The AGSA and ASA are excited to announce the final discussion event for this year's co-sponsored Anthropology Film Nights! **April 1, 6:30-7:30pm PST** all are invited to a discussion of the Iranian film, *About Elly* (2009) that will be facilitated by **Dr. Amir Shiva**. The film is directed by 2-time Academy Award winner Asghar Farhadi, who is considered by many to be Iran's most famous director; the film has received awards such as the Asia Pacific Screen Award for Best Screenplay and the Silver Bear for Best Director at the 59th International Berlin Film Festival. You can watch the film via Koerner Library (<https://stream-mcintyre-ca.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/ubc/title/22978>) in advance of the April 1 discussion on Zoom:

<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/61574745543?pwd=cTU0QUplSU9OMnBHVXFMmYmZka0VIZz09>

Save the date!

On April 21, 1-2:30pm, the Department of Anthropology will host a forum, "Where is Anthropology Headed?", with four faculty (Profs. Davis, Gusterson, Heatherington, and Speller) in a panel discussion. Zoom details to follow.

UBC ANTHROPOLOGY

2021 Colloquia

THURSDAYS, 12:30 – 2:00 pm

JANUARY 28	<p>Bernard Perley</p> <p>Remediating Cartographies of Erasure: Anthropology, Indigenous Knowledge, and the Global Imaginary</p>
FEBRUARY 11	<p>Adia Benton</p> <p>Spy, Patrol, Police: Black Life and the Production of Epidemiological Knowledge from Atlanta, Georgia to Freetown, Sierra Leone</p>
FEBRUARY 25 TO BE RESCHEDULED	<p>Darcy Matthews</p> <p>Relatives of the Deep: The Ethnoecology of a Lekwungen Archipelago in the Salish Sea</p>
MARCH 11	<p>Hannah McElgunn</p> <p>The Politics of Hopi Language Circulation: How to make a sign point back</p>
APRIL 1	<p>Elizabeth Chin</p> <p>The Laboratory of Speculative Ethnology: Anthropology + Design = Experiments in Participant Making</p>

Join via Zoom

Zoom link: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/686133531197>
 pwd=Q09SXF3a0j629oNG5ubFQzKkNUT09

Meeting ID: 686 1335 3119 Passcode: 091440

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Department of Anthropology
Faculty of Arts

COFFEE, COOKIES & CONVERSATIONS

Wednesdays | 10:15-11:00 am

Come join us for a short mid-morning break with coffee, cookies, and conversation! This is a social event for Anthropology students, faculty and staff at UBC to come together, and discuss current Anthropological happenings.

Our weekly **Coffee, Community, and Conversation (3Cs)**, a social event for Anthropology students, faculty and staff to take a break and discuss current Anthropological happenings takes place during the academic term on **Wednesdays, 10:15-11:00am**. <https://anth.cms.arts.ubc.ca/?p=17467>





PRESENTATIONS

Gusterson, Hugh. Interlocutor for Timothy Snyder, Phil Lind Speakers Series UBC, March 4.

Levell, Nicola. 2021. "Recurating: Digital Exhibits," Curatorial Studies graduate seminar (online), Carleton University, Ottawa, February 25.

Running Wolf, Caroline, Michael Running Wolf, Noelani Arista, Caleb Moses, Joel Davidson. "How to Build-Your-Own Practical A.I. Tools for Language Maintenance", (Virtual) International Conference for Language Documentation and Conservation, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, on March 5 and 7, 2021.

Sear, Victoria; Benjamin Chung, Meryl Amos DeLorey-Tully. Resources for Reclamation: Creating a Relational Dictionary Knowledgebase. (Virtual) International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation hosted by the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. March 6, 2021.

Shaw, Patricia A. "SURROUNDED! From Persistent Encroachment to Collaborative Engagement and Resurgent Empowerment." Presentation, Session on "The Effects of Migration on the Persistence and Revitalization of Indigenous Languages." (Virtual) Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, January 8, 2021.

Turin, Mark; Christine Schreyer, and Julia Schillo. Surveying Community-Based Dictionary Creators to Develop a Relational Lexicography Toolkit and Framework. (Virtual) International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation hosted by the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. March 4, 2021.



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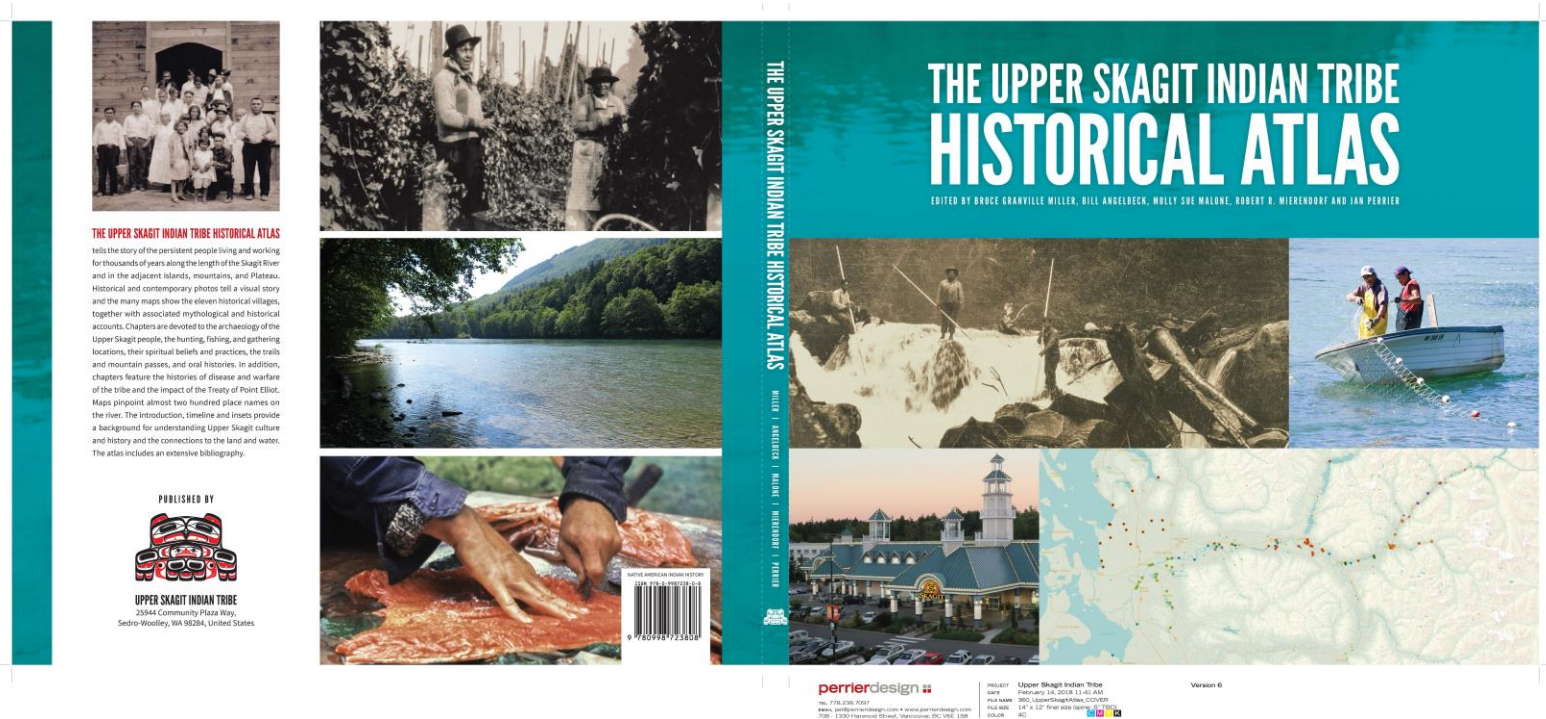
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Wainer, Rafael. 2021. Book Review of *Threshold: Emergency Responders at the US-Mexico Border*, by Ieva Jusionyte. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. Url: <https://polarjournal.org/2021/03/05/border-emergencies/>

FRESH OFF THE PRESS!



The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe Historical Atlas

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