Haiku for May 2021 by Millie Creighton

In this Covid year
despite no may fuji-kai
wisteria blooms
(In this Covid year
with no may viewing parties
wisteria blooms)

The wisteria raised by Millie Creighton, along with other may flowers, still blossoms even though pandemic restrictions limit our gatherings to honour and enjoy them in 2021. Their persistence nonetheless alludes to future prospects of department members and others possibly gathering under the fuji (wisteria) again for tea. (photo by Dr. Creighton, May 16, 2021)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dr. Bruce Miller for receiving the Weaver-Tremblay Prize for Applied Anthropology from the Canadian Anthropology Society. Dr. Miller’s work with Indigenous communities has demonstrated the value of oral history as evidence in trials involving Indigenous communities in Canada, the United States, and Brazil. The citation from CASCA notes that “His work is grounded in community and driven by community interests. In today’s bitterly divided world, scholars like Bruce Miller serve as needed reminders of how important it is to design and conduct research in ways that will build capacity within Indigenous communities and contribute to expanding understanding about Indigenous culture within settler society.”

Congratulations to Dr. Shaylih Muehlmann for her promotion to the rank of Full Professor (effective July 1, 2020)! Being granted Full Professor truly recognizes Dr. Muehlmann’s outstanding scholarship, engaged undergraduate teaching, and rigorous graduate supervision, as well as service in the Department, University, and the profession more broadly.
Congratulations to Recent Student Award Winners!

Daniel Manson received the CASCA Outstanding Graduating Ph.D. Student recognition (Supervisor: Dr. Gordillo).

Elias (Eli) Alexander received the CASCA Outstanding Graduating MA Student recognition (Supervisor: Dr. Creighton).

Maeve McAllister received the CASCA Outstanding Graduating BA Student recognition (nominated by Dr. Miller).

Jose Carvajal Gamboa was awarded the Julie Cruikshank Outstanding Paper Prize for a Graduate Student for his paper entitled: "Sustainable Uranium? Greenland’s Engagement with Extractivism During the Climate Crisis." (nominated by Dr. Gustafson).

The prize for the Julie Cruikshank Outstanding paper by an undergraduate student was awarded to two students this year:

Elaine Hu for her paper entitled: "Xu’s Reversion of Shanghai Opera and Feminist Movement in the Mid-Late 19th Century China." (nominated by Dr. Robertson)  

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will celebrate our 2021 graduating students on June 2!

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 AT 6 PM (PST)
VIRTUAL GRADUATION 2021
CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATING STUDENTS

We welcome you to join our zoom event. Bring your graduation cap and be sure to wear your best socks!

Congolese Collection
The Congolese collection, a project launched by Raphael Deberdt in partnership with the UBC Library, will receive an initial endowment from the Intel Corporation. The collection focuses on writings by Congolese authors and aims to address the lack of access in North American academia to primary sources on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). In an effort to decolonize the study of the DRC, and include Congolese voices, the endowment will allow UBC Library to fill the current collection gap and kickstart the only Congo-focused collection on the continent. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2021.100935

Statement on the Missing Children of the Kamloops Residential School
The Department of Anthropology acknowledges the tragic news of the discovery of the burial locations of 215 children at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops. Read more

Return to campus in fall 2021
After more than a year of virtual course delivery, in-person classes will resume in fall 2021. Across the university extensive planning for this return is taking place and over the summer the university will be providing more details about the return to classes, overall student experience, and other aspects of the return to campus, as recently outlined by President Santa Ono: https://president.ubc.ca/blog/2021/05/21/weekly-update-may-21/
ALUMNI DISPATCHES

Fitzpatrick (2021) has successfully defended her dissertation entitled “Death of a Thousand Cut: Environment, Emotion, and Violence in the Site C Dam Approval Process.” (Supervisor: Dr. Bruce Miller)

Binks (2020) is working in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at UBC.

Creus (2020) writes, “I have been working for a social enterprise that focuses on education, and I’ve had the opportunity to be part of some interesting community building projects. I’m currently enjoying my last summer in Vancouver as I get ready to relocate to the east coast to start my master’s degree in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Waterloo!”

Soderlund (2020) is working on her MA in Museum Studies at the University of Toronto. This summer, she will be completing a collections internship at the Museum of Anthropology at UBC.

El Haik-Wagner (2019) is a PhD student at Paris’ “Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers” and Paris’ Hospitals. He is exploring the socio-anthropological and ethical issues raised by contemporary innovations in surgery and the use of augmented reality in the operating room.

Moore (2019) completed her first year of law school at UBC. She has been heavily involved in direct action engagements with solidarity for Black Lives Matter and Indigenous sovereignties, as well as supporting Camp HOPES (Strathcona Park Tent City) Residents during the decampment and eviction process and doing volunteer legal work for the Vancouver Tenants’ Union.

Quiring (2019) is halfway through the nursing program at the University of Calgary. She writes, “Every day I am so grateful to have completed my undergrad in Anthropology before starting this degree. What Anthropology taught me about building a therapeutic relationship and culturally competent care are skills that I will carry throughout the remainder of my career.”

Roome (2019) received an MS with distinction in environmental anthropology from University College London. She is currently exploring mycology and planning to work in the field of conservation.

IN THE NEWS

Dr. Diana Moreiras’ recently published research in the Journal of Anthropological Archaeology about the geographic residency of sacrificial victims at Tlatelolco and Tenochtitlan was featured in a news article by the French magazine Science et Avenir titled: “Mexico: l’origine des victimes sacrifiées du Templo Mayor identifiée!” The article can be accessed here: https://www.sciencesetavenir.fr/archeo-paleo/archeologie/mexico-l-origine-des-victimes-sacrifiees-du-templo-mayor-identifiee_153940


Millie Creighton also spoke as a Member of the Executive Board of the Canadian Anthropological Society (CASCA) during the organization’s AGM on Thursday, May 13 via the online forum hosted by the University of Guelph.


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