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HEAD'S NOTE



Welcome back faculty, staff, students, postdocs, and sessional instructors, and a warm welcome to incoming graduate students!

As we return to campus, located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the hə́nqəmíḱəm speaking Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) people, we have much to reflect upon. In this era defined by institutional efforts to address the ongoing effects of colonialism here in British Columbia and at UBC, the Department is committed to thinking deeply about these historical wrongs in BC and around the world, and to forging respectful, community-engaged research and teaching endeavors.

After 18 months of working virtually, it is a real pleasure to be teaching and interacting on campus with students, staff, and faculty and to be immersed in the anticipation of a new year. Like universities across the world, the ongoing challenges of Covid-19 mean that our return-to-campus has not been simple. The Covid pandemic has been difficult

for everyone, and especially for young people who have had to face immense uncertainty and disruption in their lives. We begin this new term with hope – hope that the vaccines and basic public health protocols (like universal masking) will help us navigate the coming months without much disruption, and that our Department will continue to embrace ideals of inclusivity, integrity, and meaningful inquiry.

Anthropology has long prided itself as an exceptional environment for research, teaching, and community collaboration, and this is first and foremost made possible by our dedicated and tireless Anthropology staff -- Eleanore Ascuncion, Elham Pourmohammadi, Patricia Ormerod, Gisele Choi, and for the next month, Manveen Kaur. I invite you to drop by and introduce yourselves if you have not had a chance to do so already. I also encourage you to join in the array of opportunities for meeting members of our Anthropology community. In addition to our bi-monthly Colloquia series, all are invited to our weekly 3Cs coffee hour Tuesdays in the faculty and graduate student lounge, where this year each gathering will kick off with a faculty member sharing a brief reflection on a project they are working on.

As we reacquaint ourselves with renewed and new spaces in our building and become enmeshed in spaces beyond – such as MOA, CIS, SPPGA, or the Centre for Migration Studies – our Department will continue to embrace an ambition to be a caring, connected, and vibrant community. The chance conversations and interactions that physical proximity allows, along with the possibilities that arrive with a new academic year, bode well for an auspicious return to campus!

CONGRATULATIONS



[Dr. Andrew Martindale](#) received the Anthropology Undergraduate Student Association Outstanding Teaching Award for 2020-2021.



[Dr. Sue Rowley](#) received the Anthropology Graduate Student Association award for graduate student mentorship.

Kara Holzer (former grad/undergrad coordinator) received the Anthropology Graduate Student Association staff recognition award.



[Dr. Alison Wylie](#), Associate Member of the Department and faculty at the UBC Philosophy Department, was named a [New Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada](#) in recognition of her body of work in philosophy of science and the historical sciences, and for her “game-changing insights in feminist philosophy”.



Maya Daurio has received the 2021 Vanier Scholarship. The [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#) (Vanier CGS) program is designed to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health-related fields.



Raphael Deberdt received the Public Scholar Initiative (PSI) award in August 2021. UBC's Public Scholars Initiative was launched in 2015 to support UBC doctoral students whose research extends beyond the academy, and beyond traditional disciplinary approaches, to have a tangible impact for the public good through collaborative, action-oriented, and/or creative forms of scholarship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dr. Kate Kingsbury joined the department as an Associate member in September 2021.



Dr. Fuyubi Nakamura, MOA Curator/Anthropology Associate Member, has joined the Department of Asian Studies as a faculty member. <https://asia.ubc.ca/profile/fuyubi-nakamura/> She will continue her work at MOA, but will also start teaching ASIA498/598: Asia in Museums/The Museum in Asia this September.

PROJECTS



[caption] Vegetable garden in Maple Ridge, BC



[caption] Wesbrook Village Community Garden

Huabin Zhou has been doing a website project with fellow UBC Asian Canadian and Asian Migration (ACAM) students. It started as a project to collect and showcase stories of backyard gardens as a way to explore resilience, healing, and solidarity within Chinese Canadian communities. If anyone is interested or has something they'd like to share about their own garden experiences and related recipes, Huabin invites contributions to the website (under the sharing section); the contributions need not relate exclusively to Chinese Canadian experiences.

Read the stories and share your own on the “Garden Stories” website <https://sites.google.com/view/ubc-acam390a-garden-stories>

Follow @ubcinstrcc and @ChineseCanadianStories to stay updated on “Veggie Hearts (菜心)” <https://www.instagram.com/chinesecanadianstories/>

IN THE NEWS



Cobalt mining could be hugely lucrative for the DRC, but concerns are consistently being highlighted around human rights when it comes to the mining of the metal, with child labour issues being frequently cited. (Photo by Junior Kannah/AFP via Getty Images)

Raphael Deberdt was interviewed by *Investment Monitor* on "Will child labour concerns deny the DRC its cobalt riches?". See: <https://investmentmonitor.ai/business-activities/extractive-industries/will-child-labour-concerns-deny-the-drc-its-cobalt-riches>

Raphael Deberdt was interviewed by *Games Industry* on "Conflict minerals and the challenge of not funding human rights abuses".

See: <https://www.gamesindustry.biz/articles/2021-07-13-conflict-minerals-and-the-challenge-of-not-funding-human-rights-abuses>

EVENTS



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.

This year for our **Coffee, Community, and Conversation (3Cs)** the first 15 minutes will be an informal discussion of faculty, post-doc, and research associate projects, followed by 30 minutes of further coffee, cookies, and conversation. Dr. Jennifer Kramer will kick off the 3Cs on September 14, Dr. Patrick Moore is scheduled for September 21 and Dr. Martindale is scheduled for September 28.

Past Events:



Undergraduate Anthropology Fair September 7, 2021

[Our Imagine Anthropology Canvas Course Site](#) allowed potential students to explore opportunities in our classes and programs on September 7th. It contained videos so that students could "meet the faculty" at their leisure, as well as links and other information.

Departmental Orientation for New Graduate Students - September 7, 2021



The new graduate students met the Department Head, Alexia Bloch, and the Graduate Program Chair, Darlene Weston, as well as several other faculty, the AGSA outgoing president Steve Daniel, and Anthropology staff: Eleanore Asuncion, Patricia Ormerod, Elham Pourmohammadi, Gisele Choi, and Manveen Kaur.

Welcome to the Department of Anthropology!

PHD STUDENTS	MA STUDENTS
Elias Alexander Rodrigo Arthuso Arantes Faria Mahashewta Bhattacharya Cheyanne Connell Madeleine Lamer Jason Vergne	Josephine Klein Jan Lim Sophie Mckenzie Connor Sziklasi



The Anthropology Teaching Assistants and some graduate students visited the newly renovated Graduate Research Lab headed by Stephen Daniel.

PUBLICATIONS

Craig, Sienna, Nawang Gurung, Ross Perlin, Daniel Kaufman, Maya Daurio, Mark Turin, and Kunchog Tseten. 2021. "Global Pandemic, Translocal Medicine: The COVID-19 Diaries of a Tibetan Physician in New York City." *Asian Medicine* 16: 55-88.

Deberdt, Raphael. 2021. Book Review of *Hunting Game: Raiding Politics in the Central African Republic*. *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. Url: doi.org/10.1080/02589001.2021.1958173.

Deberdt, Raphael. 2021. Book Review of *The Dynamics of Dust*, by Philippe Dudouit. HNet. Url: <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28765/reviews/7926607/deberdt-dudouit-and-manfredi-dynamics-dust>.

Deberdt, Raphael. 2021. "Baseline Study of the Artisanal and Small-Scale Cobalt Mining from the Democratic Republic of the Congo." Responsible Sourcing Network, funded by Google through the Responsible Minerals Initiative, July 29. Url: <https://www.sourcingnetwork.org/cobalt-study>.

Machold, Clea A., Susan E. O'rinn, William H. McKellin, Gillian Ballantyne, and Jon F. R. Barrett. 2021. "Women's Experiences of Skin-to-Skin Cesarean Birth Compared to Standard Cesarean Birth: A Qualitative Study." *CMAJ Open* 9 (3):E834. doi: 10.9778/cmajo.20200079.

Simons, Eric. 2021. Review of *The Transect Podcast* Kody Huard, Sean Connaughton, and Ian Sellers. *BC Studies* (210): 107–108.

PRESENTATIONS

Ahmed Sayed, Basant. 2021. "Japan and Egypt Connections via Anime and Other Forms of Popular Culture." Presented at the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS12), held in Kyoto, Japan and virtually, August 27.

Creighton, Millie. 2021. "Grasping Globality's Future through East Asian Interface with the Middle East and Africa," for the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS12), held in Kyoto, Japan and virtually, August 27.

Creighton, Millie. 2021. "Long Engagements and Multiple Boundary Crossings: A Japanese Work Community in Palestine." Presented at the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS12), held in Kyoto, Japan and virtually, August 27.

Creighton, Millie and Basant Ahmed Sayed had their entry selected for the Exhibition entitled 'Hidden Talents' that was run with the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS12). This included the on-going showing of their recording, "Cosplay Performances" which included their own competition performances at Egycon in Cairo, Egypt. The exhibition ran from August 10 and is on-going until Sep 15, 2021.

Deberdt, Raphael. "Artisanal and small-scale cobalt mining from the Democratic Republic of the Congo." Virtual webinar, hosted by the Responsible Minerals Initiative. July 29, 2021.

Mason, Andrew R. 2021. Linking Archaeological Heritage to the Sustainable Development Goals: Impacts and Socio-economic Development [Session Chair]. International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) Annual Meeting, "Archaeological Heritage Management: Towards a people centred approach, Leiden, Netherlands. ICAHM Annual Meeting (online) – Towards a People-centered Approach | Centre for Global Heritage and Development.

Mason, Andrew R. 2021. Linking Archaeological Heritage to the Sustainable Development Goals: Impacts and Socio-economic Development [Plenary Roundtable Participant]. International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) Annual Meeting, "Archaeological Heritage Management: Towards a people centred approach, Leiden, Netherlands. ICAHM Annual Meeting (online) – Towards a People-centered Approach | Centre for Global Heritage and Development.

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