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2021 UBC – Sts’ailes Archaeological Field School:
During this summer’s heat wave in July, UBC archaeological field school students worked alongside Sts’ailes community members to learn more about Sts’ailes history and heritage on the Harrison River. Fieldwork centered on excavating remnants of a 2,750 year old plank house, providing students with an opportunity to learn more about earlier Coast Salish architecture, technologies, and cultural practices, and how these have changed over time. With visits from a number of researchers collaborating with Sts’ailes, the students learned about diverse specializations in archaeology (including paleoethnobotany, micromorphology, geoarchaeology, and flint knapping) and how collaborative research is essential for land use planning, heritage awareness, and education. Highlights included boat excursions with the Sts’ailes Chief, tours of pictographs and landscape markers, meetings with elders, and working alongside Sts’ailes youth. UBC students conducted themselves admirably throughout the field school, and the Sts’ailes community is keen to maintain and strengthen this relationship.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Emily Jean Leischner has received a Graduate Fellowship from the W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics at UBC for 2021-2022.

Dr. Diana Moreiras has been appointed as the Regional Coordinator for Mexico and Central America for the IsoArcH Association and Database (https://isoarch.eu/index.php/project-team/). This multi-year initiative promotes the sharing of isotopic data across the globe.

ALUMNI DISPATCHES


Nicolas El Haik-Wagner (BA in 2019) recently published "Ugly France's Roundabouts" in Géographie & Culture (https://journals.openedition.org/gc/14998#bodyftn1). Based on his observations of liver surgeries, he is exploring transformations in the field and ethical issues associated with innovative procedures.

Nicolas EL HAIK-WAGNER (BA 2019) is currently doing a PhD in Sociology/Anthropology in Paris, at the Conservatoire National des Arts & Métiers with research focused on the anthropology of health, affects and technology. He is exploring contemporary transformations in the field of surgery and ethical issues associated with innovative projects in the operating room, while working under the supervision of a philosopher and a surgeon, including by observing liver surgery.

IN THE NEWS

Eric Simons and Katherine L. Nichols’ recent publication is about “Archaeology’s Role in Finding Missing Indigenous Children in Canada”.

On the evening of May 27, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation announced that the unmarked graves of more than 200 children had been found on the former grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential School. The story quickly dominated Canadian news media and drew attention beyond our national borders.

After the initial Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc announcement read more
EVENTS

Talk on the archaeological excavations at the core of the Mexica/Aztec Empire by Dr. Leonardo López Luján (Proyecto Templo Mayor-INAH)

As part of this fall's webinar series, the Canadian Latin American Archaeology Society (led by Dr. Moreiras) is honoured to host Dr. Leonardo López Luján (Proyecto Templo Mayor-INAH), who will talk about the archaeological excavations at the core of the Mexica/Aztec Empire. This webinar is free and will be live streamed on the CLAAS Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/claaS.ca) on Friday, November 19 at 4 PM (PST). Everyone is welcome!

Talk's abstract:
The Proyecto Templo Mayor of the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia was created in 1978, as a consequence of the discovery of a monolith depicting Coyolxauhqui, the Aztec moon goddess. Since then, other impressive public monuments have come to light in downtown Mexico City, in the area occupied by the sacred precinct of Tenochtitlan. Archaeologists recently uncovered the largest Aztec sculpture ever found, that of the earth goddess Tlaltecuhtli. After an overview on the history of archaeology in Mexico City, this lecture will focus on the new Tlatecuhtli stone, undertaking a formal, iconographic, and symbolic analysis in order to unveil its functions and meanings. The exceptionally rich offerings buried under this sculpture will also be described. Finally, the possible presence of a royal tomb at the foot of the Great Temple will be discussed.

Coffee, Cookies and Conversations (3C)

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. Millie Creighton will speak on October 5th and Dr. Andrew Martindale will present on October 19.
**PUBLICATIONS**


**PRESENTATIONS**


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