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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

January 2019

Happy New Year!!!

The work of the archaeologist is to save lives; to go to some senseless mound of earth, some hidden cemetery, and thence bring into the comradeship of man [and woman] some portions of the lives of this sculptor, of that artist, of the other scribe; to make their labour familiar to us as a friend; to resuscitate them again, and make them to live in the thoughts, the imaginations, the longing, of living men and women; to place so much of their living personality current side by side with our own labours and our thoughts.

W. M. Flinders Petrie (1904)

President's Note

Shawn Bubel

Happy New Year everyone! 2019 is going to be a busy year for the Archaeological Society of Alberta. Be sure to watch for information about activities and events happening across the province through our various media outlets, including the ASA Newsletter.

We would like to formally welcome Colleen Hughes, our new Provincial Coordinator. She has been an active member of the ASA for several years and brings a wealth of experience in public education and outreach to the position. We are excited to have her with us and look forward to working with her! Colleen's enthusiasm and energy are infectious so we hope you will have the opportunity to meet her in person soon.

Archaeological Society of Alberta 2019 Conference



Pencil us in...

The Lethbridge Centre is hosting the Archaeological Society of Alberta 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference from April 12-14, 2019.

Introduction to the New Provincial Coordinator



Colleen Hughes is the Archaeological Society of Alberta's (ASA) new Provincial Coordinator. She graduated from the University of Calgary with a Master of Arts in Archaeology and also holds a Bachelor of Communication Studies with an emphasis on photojournalism. Colleen has worked in the NWT, Nunavut, Saskatchewan, and throughout Alberta on various cultural resource management and academic archaeological projects. Colleen's interest in archaeology was piqued when she was in middle school, where the curriculum was then focussed on Aztec and Mayan cultures, and at that age she was unaware of the intriguing archaeological work unfolding right here in Alberta. Now, she's in the middle of it!

Colleen lives in Calgary with her husband, Keith and their super-cute cat, Matrix (who is named after soil matrix not the movie). Her love of travel has taken her to South Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and throughout North and South America. Her career choices have taken her down many interesting paths as well, from doing outreach work with older adults, being an executive assistant at a national law firm, creating a photojournalism



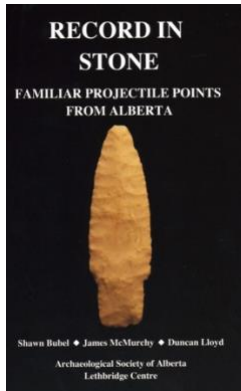
Field school at Cluny Fortified Village. photo by Colleen Hughes

magazine, working at an interior design firm, to finally, doing a photo essay on the Cluny Fortified Village site in 2009. And the rest, they say, is history.

As the Provincial Coordinator, she hopes to build excellent working relationships with a variety of groups and people interested in archaeological across Alberta. She can be reached at arkysocietyalberta@gmail.ca.

Content Needed! Do you have photos of past archaeological activities that you would like to share? We'd love to publish them. Otherwise, pictures of cats will have to do...

Publications and Other Interesting Reads



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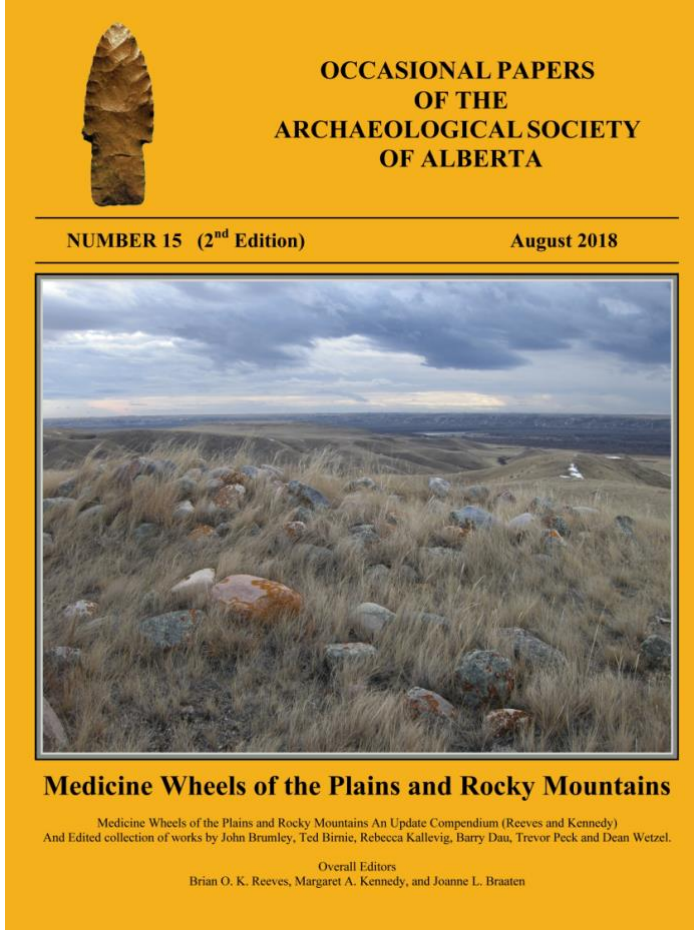
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Presenter: Dr. Elizabeth H. Paris
(University of Calgary)

Title: *Ancient Maya Lithic Technology in the Jovel Valley of Chiapas, Mexico*

EDMONTON January 9th

Members of the Edmonton Centre meet at the Strathcona Branch of the Edmonton Public Library. The guest presentations start at 7:00 pm. [Read more.](#)

Presenter: Andrew Lints (University of Alberta).

Title: *Piecing Together the Past through Pottery: Diet, Activities and Lifeways.*

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Presenter: Colleen Hughes
(Archaeologist)

Title: *"What's in a Name": An Investigation into Inuit Landscapes with Archaeologist Colleen Hughes.*

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Archaeological Society of Alberta Center Activities

EDMONTON

Everyone is welcome to the Edmonton Centre's executive meetings. The meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Institute of Prairie Archaeology near the south end of HUB mall on the University of Alberta Campus.

Introduction to Beading Workshop

Hosted by ASA Edmonton and facilitated by Krista Leddy.

JANUARY 26 1PM to 4PM at MacEwan University, Edmonton AB

Tickets cost \$40.00 and can be purchased on Eventbrite [here](#) and information is also available on the ASA Edmonton Center's [Facebook page](#)

This is a workshop for ASA members from all centres and participants will be provided with beads, needles, thread, beading substrate, wool fabric, and a basic pattern. Participants will be taught the two-needle method of beading and the one-needle method will be demonstrated.

Krista Leddy is a proud Métis woman whose family comes from the historical Métis communities of St. Albert and Lac St. Anne. She currently calls amiskwaciywâskahikan home. Her beadwork is influenced by the beautiful teachings and patterns of

her Métis ancestors and brings the spirit of the women who created before her into all of her pieces, whether they are traditional or contemporary in nature. Krista also teaches Métis who are reconnecting with their families and ancestors many of the traditional arts, including beading, sewing, storytelling, and dance.

RED DEER

Stones and Bones Event

Hosted by ASA Red Deer and Red Deer Museum & Art Gallery.

MARCH 9 1PM to 4:30PM at the Red Deer Museum & Art Gallery Drop-In Event

A "Stones and Bones" event is your chance to meet with experts, see cool items from Alberta's past and even get something you have found identified!

There are booked two paleontologists and an archeologist booked to examine your treasures and tell you about them.

Bring your fossils - ice age and older, stone tools and other curiosities down for identification and explanation.

Or just come down and meet a modern day flintknapper and see the treasures brought in by others.

Other Events Around the Province

Chinook Country Historical Society. January 29, 2019

Location: New Central Library, 802-3 Street SE, Calgary

Time: 7:00pm

Program: *The Life and Art of Nicholas de Grandmaison*. Presented by Ryan Green.

Edmonton and District Historical Society. January 22, 2019

Location: Queen Alexandra Gym, 7730-106 Street, Edmonton

Time: 7:30pm

Program: *The Unorthodox Founding of the Ukrainian (Greek) Orthodox Church of Canada*. Presented by Dr. Jars Balan.

Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District. January 31, 2019

Location: Studio Theater at the Esplanade

Time: 7pm

Program: Bi-annual Show and Tell

Alberta Genealogical Society Conference. April 26-28th, 2019.

The Archaeological Society of Alberta has booked a table at the event. If you are interested in volunteering at the table or if Centers have books etc. they would like to sell or distribute let us know.



Archaeological Curation at the Royal Alberta Museum

Submitted by Karen Giering

The Archaeology Program at the Royal Alberta Museum (RAM) curates the largest of the RAM's collections. We receive our collections in two ways. First, we are the central repository for archaeological artifacts recovered in Alberta under permits issued through the Heritage Resource Management Branch. Once an archaeological permit holder has completed a project, all the artifacts are submitted to the RAM for permanent curation. The majority of our collection is received in this way.

The second part of our collection is comprised of donations we receive from the public. An average of ten donations per year come from people who have gathered collections from their land over many years or have inherited a collection



from a family member. Once a donation is made the artifact are numbered, catalogued and organized into the collection. All artifacts, including the ones from donations, are used for teaching, display, research and are sometimes loaned to local museum throughout Alberta.

Currently, the archaeology program has 38 outgoing loans of artifacts. Fourteen are to small community museums across the province for display.

Twenty-four are research loans to universities and archaeological consultants, including students who often use the collection for papers and theses.

The collection is stored in two locations. At the new RAM in downtown Edmonton, we store the tools and important, diagnostic or unusual artifacts. However, the vast majority of the collection, primarily lithics and bone, is stored in an offsite warehouse. This warehouse currently has over 15,000 file size boxes and over 11,000,000 catalogued artifacts.

For more information about the Royal Alberta Museum go to:

<https://royalalbertamuseum.ca>

Archaeological Survey of Alberta's RETROactive Blogs

For those who are not familiar with RETROactive, please take a moment to check it out. It is a very well done blog about Alberta's past people and the land. This [link](#) connects to the very first RETROactive blog from January 2011.

I've Found Something, Something Really Old!

It is very exciting to find something that you do not come across every day. But please don't move it! What do you do when you are out on a hike and find an arrowhead, a tipi ring, or another "strange" old object? The Archaeological Survey of Alberta would like you to report it. Conveniently named, the Report-A-Find program, allows people to report their finds and this helps the Archaeological Survey to keep track of where and what items are found. Please follow [the link](#) to find out the process of [reporting archaeological finds in Alberta](#).

Arky Life Hack



We all have little inspirations that make our lives a little easier. Arky Life Hack is a section of the newsletter where we would love to hear your feedback about a little trick or two you have picked up and would like to share in regards to archaeology. Each issue will have a theme and respondents will have their hack published in the following issue of the ASA Provincial Newsletter. Please keep it clean, editorial discretion will be used. Pictures and/or up to 150 words are welcome. Let us know if you would like your name printed with your submission. **Deadline date for the Feb/Mar issue is January 15th.** Arkysocietyalberta@gmail.com is waiting for your inspiration.

How have you used....DUCK TAPE....in archaeology?

From the World Wide Web....

Taking a look back at the year 2018 archaeology stories.



Credit: Centre for the Study of the First Americans / Texas A&M University

From LIVE SCIENCE:

[*10 Things We Learned About the First Americans in 2018*](#)

[*The 10 Biggest Archaeology Stories of 2018*](#)

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The Archaeological Society of Alberta Annual Conference 2019

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You are invited to join archaeologists, students, and enthusiasts of the past for a weekend filled with presentations, posters, site tours, food, and fun! It is a great opportunity to learn about archaeology, meet the researchers, and visit archaeological sites in southwestern Alberta.

Preliminary Itinerary

Friday April 12 – Downtown Lethbridge

Evening – registration, walking tour of historic downtown Lethbridge and welcome reception at one of our local pubs (top secret for now).

Saturday April 13 – University of Lethbridge

Presentations and posters, ASA Annual Meeting.

Evening banquet and lecture by Christian Thomas (Senior Project Archaeologist, Department of Tourism & Culture, Government of Yukon)

Sunday April 14

Morning field trip to southwestern Alberta archaeological sites (also top secret for now).

Call For Papers and Posters

Conference organizers are now looking for papers and posters on all topics relating to archaeology, history, and the heritage of Alberta, The Great Plains, and Canada. They particularly wish to encourage students to present about their research, and consultants to talk about interesting finds discovered through their CRM projects. Paper and poster abstracts should be between 150 and 250 words, and must include the title, the author(s), their affiliation(s), and email address(es). Those accepted will be printed in the conference package.

Submit abstracts by March 1st, 2019

If you are interested in presenting a paper or poster please contact Elsa Perry at: perry@uleth.ca



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
CONFERENCE, APRIL 12TH AND 13TH 2019

CALL FOR PAPERS

THIS IS A CALL FOR PAPER ABSTRACTS FOR THE 2019
ANNUAL CONFERENCE LOCATED AT LETHBRIDGE
ALBERTA.

Submit abstracts of no more than 250
words to: perry@uleth.ca

Deadline March 1st, 2019



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA CONFERENCE
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA: APRIL 12TH AND 13TH 2019

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

1ST PLACE: \$400.00
2ND PLACE: \$200.00

PAPER TOPICS MUST BE RELATED TO ARCHAEOLOGY.
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**ATTENTION
STUDENTS!**



Students are encouraged to present at the conference! There are 1st (\$400) and 2nd (\$200) place prizes for the best student papers.

There is also a \$200 Best Poster award from the Association of Consulting Archaeologists!

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February 20th

Presenter: Jenna Hurtubise

Title: *Entanglements of Conquest: The Chimu Conquest of the Casma at Pan de Azucar de Nepena, Nepena Valley, Peru*

March 20th

Presenter: Patrick Rennie

Title: *The MacHaffie Site and its Place in NW Plains Archaeology*

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February 13th

Presenter: Dr. Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer

Title: *Breaking Boundaries: Combining Geophysics, Archaeology and A Film Documentary to Find John Ware*

March 13th

ASA – Edmonton General Meeting

Annual General Meeting and What we did Last Summer

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February 5th

Presenters: Meg Berry, Aaron Domes, Citlamina David, Mackenzie Laliberte, Laura Sonnenberg, Ria Nicholson and Dian Rossetti (Alberta Parks and the University of Lethbridge).

Title: *Looking Back and Looking Forward at Writing on Stone/Aísínai'pi*

March 5th

Presenter: Gabriel Yanicki

Title: *Recent Excavations at Wally's Beach*

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Title: *The Waterton Lakes National Park Post Kenow Wildfire Archaeology Project*

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Presenter: Christina Robinson

Title: *Heritage Risk and Industrial Archaeology: The Case Study of Brooks Aqueduct*

For the Love of Archaeology

Throughout this newsletter are quotes from people who have an appreciation of archaeology. Also note that clicking on the Alberta point will take you to the Archaeological Society of Alberta webpage.



While I was trained as a historian, I entered the museum profession where I worked with people trained in many disciplines, including archaeology. I credit the archaeologists with helping me to appreciate the value and importance of artifacts as sources. They helped lead me to a multi-disciplinary perspective which I still hold.

Bruce Shepard, President - South Eastern ASA

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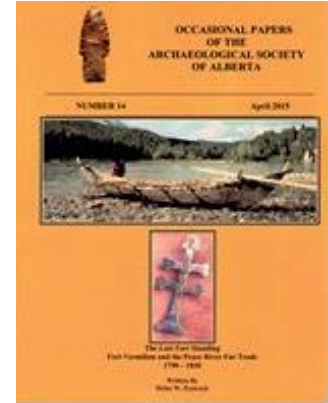
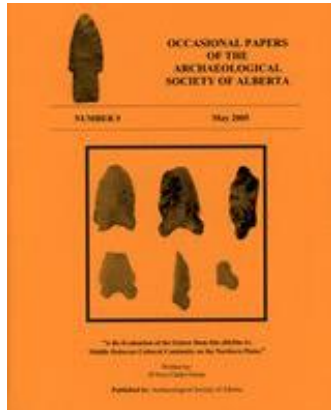
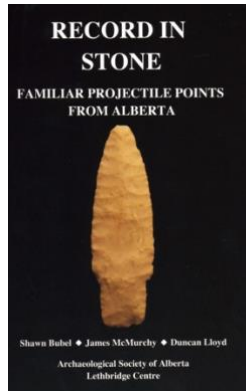
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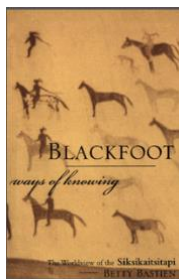
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AU Press – Athabasca University

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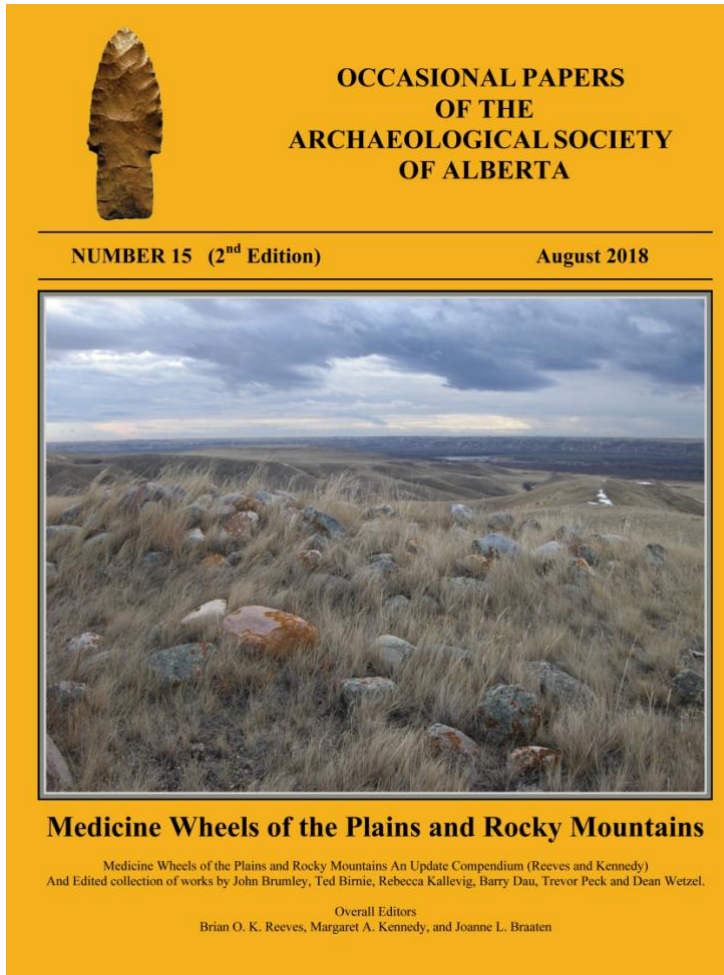


University of Alberta Press

Free PDF [The Uncovered Past: Roots of Northern Alberta Societies](#) edited by Patricia A. McCormack and R. Geoffrey Ironside (1993)

University of Calgary Press

Open Source Book called [Blackfoot Ways of Knowing: The Worldview of the Siksikaitstapi](#)



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Archaeological Society of Alberta Center Activities

Where do you wear your CC cap?

Submitted by Janice Blakey

From the time the Calgary Centre came out with the Red, White and Blue Ball caps we have been tracking where our caps have been travelling, catching sight of these fine caps making Alberta Archaeology great again!

Noteworthy sights from this last year include where CC Caps were fashionably shown off by Terry Quinn, Janet Blakey, and Rick Rowell at the Junction Site this past summer.



As the popular CC Caps have become a signature gift for invited speakers, we are also using this opportunity to provide a brief update on some of our speakers from last season.



Craig Lee (Sept 2017... *Ice Patch Archaeology in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem*)

Craig tells us the heavy snow conditions of last year curtailed his ongoing study of Ice Patches in Yellowstone Park. But this did not stop Craig from undertaking surveys of sites at lower elevations and exploring other parts of Montana...with the CC Cap right there with him.

Recent media coverage of Ice Patch studies can be found at: <https://www.sapiens.org/archaeology/ice-patch-archaeology/www.vimeo.com/252583882>

This last fall also provided **Sue Langley** (Nov 2017...*Mallows Bay, The Ghost Fleet and Beyond*) the opportunity to take several groups of colleagues and visiting dignitaries on a guided tour of the Mallows Bay wrecks...along with her CC Cap!



Jan 2018 Speakers **Trevor Peck and Caroline Hudecek-Cuffe** (*Archaeological Evidence for Painted Feather's Pound*) were back out in the field in October 2019, this time assessing a lead on an early Paleoindian site in the Athabasca Valley.

Robert Losey (Feb 2018... *Domesticating the Arctic: Living with Dogs and Reindeer in the Yamal Region of Russia*) tells us that his CC Cap travelled all the way to Se-Yakha in the Siberian Arctic this last season. But from this point another 30 hours of travel by snowmobile meant luggage and weight had to be cut down, and it was far too cold to wear the cap! Rob was kind enough to send along a photo of his summer field trip...(brrr!)



For updates on recent publications associated with the research Rob presented on:

Losey, R. et al. 2018. *Dogs in the North: Stories of Cooperation and Co-Domestication*. Routledge Taylor & Francis Group.

Losey, R. et al. 2018 Dogs Were Domesticated in the Arctic: Culling Practices and Dog Sledding at Ust'-Polui. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 51(113-126).

Max Friesen (March 2018) writes "Since my visit to Calgary, I've started a new project - this time in the Central Arctic. It's a collaborative project initiated by the Kitikmeot Heritage Society (KHS) of Cambridge Bay. This past summer a crew of 11, including 3 elders, a translator, 3 youth trainees, 2 KHS researchers, plus myself and a PhD student, traveled to Bathurst Inlet. We had a very successful season, collecting oral histories and interviewing elders while visiting archaeological sites." Despite his best intentions, Max tells us that unfortunately he forgot to take along his CC Cap on this trip.

Recent publications that relate to Max's lecture include:

Friesen, T. Max. 2018. Archaeology and Modern Climate Change. *Canadian Journal of Archaeology* 50(1).

Owen K. Mason and T. Max Friesen. 2018. *Out of the Cold: Archaeology on the Arctic Rim of North America*.

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As the year ahead promises to bring many more great archaeological adventures, stay tuned for news of where CC Caps are sighted next...

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Nomination and application deadline:

Nominations should be received by the nomination committee by the **end of**

the calendar year prior to the

I love archaeology as it gives us a chance to engage with and learn about the past. There is always something to be learning or thinking about in archaeology - never a dull moment!

Janet Blakey, President – ASA Calgary



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- ◇ Southeastern (Medicine Hat)

Have a look at the [Archaeological Society of Alberta website](#) for membership fees for each of the centers. Click on the “Centers” Tab to find the one nearest you.

Association of Consulting Archaeologists



“The [Association of Consulting Archaeologists](#) is an association of individuals professionally engaged in the protection, preservation and professional management of historic resources in the Province of Alberta”.

The Association of Consulting Archaeologists provides the [Bea Loveseth Memorial Award](#) to the best paper presented by an undergraduate or master’s student at the Chacmool Conference – a \$350 cash prize. Congratulations to Kathy Gadd (University of Alberta) the 2018 recipient. Her paper was titled “Early Results of Magnetometry Survey at Mattheis Research Ranch”.

I’ve Found Something, Something Really Old!

It is very exciting to find something that you do not come across every day. But please don’t move it! What do you do when you are out on a hike and find an arrowhead, a tipi ring, or another “strange” old object? The Archaeological Survey of Alberta would like you to report it. Conveniently named, the Report-A-Find program, allows people to report their finds and this helps the Archaeological Survey to keep track of where and what items are found. Please follow [the link](#) to find out the process of [reporting archaeological finds in Alberta](#).

Archaeological Survey of Alberta’s RETROactive Blogs

This issue’s chosen RETROactive blog discusses the tangible items and intangible ceremonies of the [Spring Equinox](#) (which is on March 20, 2019).



From the World Wide Web....

From Forbes: [Ancient Sparks of Joy: Archaeology and Marie Kondo’s Tidying Up](#)

Canadian Archaeological Association Call For Submissions



Canadian Archaeological Association
Association canadienne d'archéologie

The 2019 CAA Annual Meeting will be held in **Quebec City**
from **May 15-18, 2019**.

Call for Sessions is now open! This year session abstracts can be submitted on line [here](#).
The deadline for Session Abstracts is **February 28, 2019**.

A general call for papers will open **February 1, 2019**, and the deadline for paper abstract
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Other Events Around the Province

Chinook Country Historical Society.

Location: New Central Library, 802-3

Street SE, Calgary

Time and date: 7:00pm on **Tuesday,**

February 26, 2019

Program: *Writing Backwards: Three Contexts for Alberta's Black History, 1885-1920* presented by *Bertrand Bickersteth*

Location: New Central Library, 802-3

Street SE, Calgary

Time and date: 7:00pm on **Tuesday,**

March 26, 2019

Program: *Digitally Preserving Alberta's Diverse Cultural Heritage* presented by *Peter Dawson*.

Edmonton and District Historical Society.

Location: Queen Alexandra Gym, 7730-

106 Street, Edmonton

Time and date: 7:30pm on **Tuesday,**

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Program: *The Michel Band* presented by *Celina Loyer*

Location: Queen Alexandra Gym, 7730-

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Time and date: 7:30pm on **Tuesday, March**

26, 2019

Program: *Edmonton's Historian Laureate* presented by *Marlena Wyman*

Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District.

Location: Studio Theater at the Esplanade

Time and date: 7:00pm on **Thursday,**

March 28, 2019

Program: *The Pioneer Village at the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Grounds* presented by *Bill Dearborne*

Lethbridge Historical Society.

Location: Lethbridge Public Library

Time and date: 7pm on **Tuesday,**

February 26, 2019

Program: *Frontier Life in the Mounted Police* presented by *Ken Favrholt*

PUBLIC Professor Series (University of Lethbridge Faculty of Arts & Science)

Location: Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge

Time and date: 7pm on **Thursday,**

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Program: *The Geography of Circumstance* presented by *Dr. Tom Johnston*

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April 26-28th, 2019.

The Archaeological Society of Alberta has booked a table at the event. If you are interested in volunteering at the table or if ASA Centers have books etc. they would like to sell or distribute let the [Provincial Coordinator](#) know.

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STONE TOOL WORKSHOPS



The art of stone tool making spans over 2 million years into the past. A technology not only functional but artistic, travelling unique directions in each culture. Our ancestors were adept stone tool makers but, in favour of modern technologies, we falsely attribute stone age technology as "primitive." One workshop will show you that the technology requires a very sophisticated understanding of the properties of stones and the physics required to shape them.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

April / May 2019

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

APRIL 12TH – 14TH, 2019

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

Friday, April 12th

1 – 4 pm: Afternoon Workshop: *Understanding and Interpreting Radiocarbon Dates* with Tara Collett.

5 – 8 pm: Conference Registration

University of Lethbridge Penny Building 324 5th St. S (downtown Lethbridge)

6:30 – 8 pm: *Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Lethbridge* with Belinda Crowson

8:30 pm: Welcome Reception

Owl Acoustic Lounge, 411 3rd Ave S

Saturday, April 13th

Students Union (SU) Ballroom B, University of Lethbridge, 4401 University Dr. W

8:30 am: Opening Remarks and Blessing by First Nations Elder

9 am – 3 pm: Presentations

3 – 4 pm: Student Paper Session

4:15 – 5 pm: Provincial Annual General Meeting

5:15 – 6 pm: Wine Reception and Poster Session

6 – 7:30 pm: Banquet

Students Union (SU) Ballroom B, University of Lethbridge

7:30 – 10 pm: Keynote Address

New insights into ancient Dene hunting technologies from the Yukon Ice Patch Project by Christian D. Thomas on behalf of The Yukon Ice Patch Research Group: Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Kluane First Nation, Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, Teslin Tlingit Council and Cultural Services Branch, Yukon Government.

Sunday, April 14th

9 am: Fieldtrip to the Galt#8 Mine Site

Register online or by mail-in form at: <http://www.arkyalberta.com/conferences.php>

Registration: \$60 Student/Limited Income: \$30 Banquet: \$40

Archaeological Society Of Alberta

Center Speaker Series

Open to Members of the Public (it's also free)

Bodo Centre

Members meet at Bodo (April - October) and Provost (November - March) on the third Wednesday of every month, except December. Meetings are held at the Provost Recreational & Culture Centre in the Alberta Room. Doors open at 7:00pm and the Guest Speaker begins at 7:30pm. [Read more.](#)

Calgary Centre

The Calgary Centre talks take place on the third Wednesday of the month, in Room ES 162 (Fall) & ICT 121 (Winter) at the University of Calgary. The talks begin at 7:30pm. [Read more.](#)

April 17, 2019

Speaker: Kisha Supernant
Title: *Mobility, Material Culture, and Metis Identity: A Comparison of 19th Century Wintering Camps in the Canadian West*

Note: Location is TBD.

Edmonton Centre

Members of the Edmonton Centre meet at the Strathcona Branch of the Edmonton Public Library. The guest presentations start at 7:00pm. [Read more.](#)

May 6, 2019

Speaker: Paulina Johnson
Title: *"Remember our ancestors put the tobacco down for your work 200 years ago": Engaging Indigenous Culture through Natural Law*
Note: This is the last speaker for this season.

Lethbridge Centre

The Lethbridge Centre speaker series meets in the Community Room at the Lethbridge Public Library on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. [Read more.](#)

April 12-14, 2019

Lethbridge is hosting the Archaeological Society of Alberta's Conference from April 12-14.

Red Deer Centre

The Red Deer Centre holds regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month from October to April. The meetings are held in Room 1328 at Red Deer College, and start at 7:00pm. [Read more.](#)

April 4, 2019

Speaker: Jerimy Cunnigham
Title: *Explaining Inequality in the Casas Grandes Region, Chihuahua, Mexico.*

Southeastern Centre

Invited speakers present their research and knowledge to the members on the third Wednesday of every month. Meetings this year will be at Medicine Hat College in the Crowfoot Room starting at 7:00pm. [Read more.](#)

April 17, 2019

Speaker: Patrick Carmichael
Title: *The Three Monkey Mystery: A Conundrum of Style and Time from Ancient Peru*



Did you know...that all of the Centres have an active Facebook presence? Check them out for the latest information or contact the Centres directly.

Archaeological Society Of Alberta Activities

Bodo Centre

Bodo Archaeological Center has regular Daily Drop In Tours starting mid-May. Everyone is welcome. The tours last about two hours and are offered **Monday to Friday 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday 10 am - 2 pm**. Cost for adults is \$20, younger than 12 years old \$10, under 5 years old are free. Until mid-May, tours are available by calling at 1-780-753-6353.

Please check out the website, [here](#), for other exciting archaeological activities, programs, and tours.

Calgary Centre

Historical Artifact Identification Workshop

The Calgary Centre hosted a Historical Artifact Identification Workshop on March 9th, 2019. Dr. Margaret Kennedy was the instructor. The full day workshop was an overview of how to identify historical artifacts. Topics covered included ceramics, glass, nails, tin cans, glass beads, and arms and ammunition. Each section had a wide variety of examples to look at and participants had hands on experience with most items. As part of the workshop, a booklet called "Historic Artifacts: an Introduction to their Identification and Analysis" by Dr. Kennedy, was used - a very practical guide!



Margaret Kennedy (right) talks with Margie Patton, a graduate student, about historical nails at the Historical Artifact Identification Workshop. The table is full of metal cans of various ages and degradation. photo: Colleen Hughes

April 17th Speaker Information

Mobility, Material Culture, and Metis Identity: A Comparison of 19th Century Wintering Camps in the Canadian West

Speaker: Kisha Supernant

Relationships between artifact assemblages and cultural identities are complex and difficult to disentangle. The Canadian west during the 1800s provides an interesting historical and archaeological case study that has potential to shed light on the dynamics of settlement, material culture, and the mobile nature of Métis peoples. Based originally in the Red River Settlement, some of the Métis began to expand west after 1845, forming interconnected wintering communities to participate in winter bison hunting. These wintering communities were almost entirely inhabited by Métis families, so the assemblages from wintering sites present a test case to examine the day to day material culture of the Métis hunting brigades during the mid- to late- 1800s. In this paper, I examine patterns from previous and new excavations of Métis wintering sites in Alberta and Saskatchewan to explore how Metis communities balanced the mobility of buffalo hunting with the need for a protected home base during the difficult prairie winters. I compare assemblages across sites and make inferences about the complex nature of Métis identities during the nineteenth century, including the relationship between mobility, family, and the economics of buffalo hunting.

Archaeological Society Of Alberta Activities

Edmonton Centre

May 6th Speaker Information

“Remember our ancestors put the tobacco down for your work 200 years ago”: Engaging Indigenous Culture through Natural Law
Speaker : Paulina Johnson

Indigenous cultures have their own methodologies, ontologies, and epistemologies that are rooted in their views of the universe. Within Nêhiyawak culture, much of what is believed is connected to Manitou, the Creator, through natural law. Natural law is a universal force that is the continuation of Nêhiyaw being and beliefs. Understanding its role within our world allows us to reveal its spiritual connection to our entirety as Indigenous people and for a better insight into cultural views for non-Indigenous audiences. From knowledge of what is natural law to the protocols that are followed including acknowledging kinship ties, this presentation allows for Dr. Paulina Johnson, sîpîhkokîsikowiskwew, of Samson Cree Nation in Maskwacîs, Alberta to share how she utilizes natural law within Indigenous engagement initiatives in her own research and practice. She highlights key beliefs regarding spiritual and ceremonial views that allows the audience a glimpse into actions towards reconciliation, indigenization, and decolonization.



New Website and Email Addresses

The Edmonton Centre has been busy updating and redesigning their website. Their website is www.arkyedmonton.ca



DID YOU KNOW...by clicking on the Alberta Points throughout the newsletter it will direct you to pages on the Archaeological Society of Alberta's website.



Red Deer Centre

April 4th Speaker Information

Explaining Inequality in the Casas Grandes Region, Chihuahua, Mexico
Speaker: Jerim Cunningham

The site of Paquimé in the Casas Grandes valley of Chihuahua Mexico represents one of the three most complex archaeological cultures in North America. The site's ballcourts, platform mounds, elite burials, macaw pens, and vivid polychrome pottery suggest that ritual activities lead by community leaders was a dominant activity. While initial work in the region suggested that Paquimé was an outpost for traders from central Mexico, recent studies have begun to show evidence for local socio-cultural evolution. In this presentation, I describe the archaeology of Northern Mexico and outline findings from the Santa Clara Archaeology Project, which has identified a ritual center with a ballcourt that emerged likely sometime in the 13th Century from an earlier pithouse village. These findings suggest that inequality may have emerged locally as leaders began to claim that they had the ability to intercede with supernatural "horned serpent" beings thought to control the rains.

Archaeological Society Of Alberta Activities

Southeastern Centre

April 17th Speaker Information

The Three Monkey Mystery : A Conundrum of Style and Time from Ancient Peru

Speaker: Patrick Carmichael

From the baking deserts of coastal Peru to the opulent galleries of New York City, archaeologist Patrick Carmichael hunts down clues to a 2,000 year-old mystery. In the mid 20 th century, tomb robbers converged on a tiny oasis in Peru, looting spectacular artworks and selling to the highest bidder. Vast scientific knowledge was lost to the looters' spades while huge consignments of ancient treasures were smuggled out of Peru. But clues still remain hidden in scattered collections and obscure archives. Did these burial goods come from three sequential cultures represented by the Final Paracas, Topará-derived, and Proto-Nasca styles as maintained by traditional archaeology, or were these styles all contemporary, indicating separate ethnic groups, social strata, generational fades, religions, or other social units? Is the answer hiding in plain sight on museum shelves? Following leads from interviews with 1950s witnesses, handwritten notebooks, faded photographs and the artworks themselves, the quest for answers leads from Peru to California and New York.

Lethbridge Centre

It's a Casino Year! May 23rd and 24th, 2019

Every few years we help run a casino in Lethbridge, these two days provide us with necessary funding for our public outreach activities, private collections recording program, and our day-to-day costs. Please consider volunteering for a shift on either May 23rd or 24th, 2019.

Day shifts are 1pm – 8pm, Night shifts are 8pm – 4am, all training is provided!

If you're interested in helping please contact the Lethbridge Center [here](#).



Provincial Awards & Grants

The Archaeological Society of Alberta provides two awards: Distinguished Service Award and the Johan (John) Dormaar Award. The ASA also provides research/special activity funding through the Archaeological Society of Alberta Grant Program. Click on the award/grant title to be directed to ASA guidelines.

Johan (John) Dormaar

Award: Nomination and application deadline: March 1st for presentation at the AGM. Nominations are accepted throughout the year. Award: \$1,000.00

Distinguished Service

Award: Nomination and application deadline: Nominations should be received by the nomination committee by the end of the calendar year prior to the Archaeological Society of Alberta's AGM.

Archaeological Society of Alberta Grant Program

for research assistance and special activities: Application deadlines: January 15th and September 15th annually Research grant: up to \$10,000.00 Special activity grant: up to \$5,000.00

Archaeological Society of Alberta

Archaeology Education Kit

The Archaeological Society of Alberta can provide a portable archaeological items education travel kit that is available to ASA Centres for use at community events or school visits. It is a great hands-on kit that makes “holding” the past possible. The kit includes items such as bison skulls, fire broken rock, hafted arrow, and much more. Contact the [Provincial Coordinator](#) for more information



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- ◇ Southeastern Archaeological Society of Alberta



Publications

Archaeological Society of Alberta publications – The ASA has a series of published books for sale on the website. Please check out the Gold Book Series [here](#) and other publications, like the ever popular *Record in Stone: Familiar Projectile Points from Alberta* [here](#).

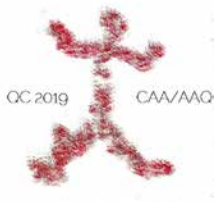


The newest Occasional Paper for the Archaeological Society of Alberta (No. 15, 2nd Edition), *Medicine Wheels of the Plains and Rocky Mountains*, is now available. Please see attached order form for more information.

Canadian Archaeological Association Conference

Quebec City 2019

In 2019, the conjoint Annual Meetings of the Canadian Archaeological Association and the Association des archéologues de Québec will be held in Quebec City from May 15-18, 2019.



The theme for the [2019 CAA annual meeting](#) is “Heritage at Risk”, in recognition of the myriad challenges confronting the preservation and accessibility of the archaeological record, archaeological sites, monuments, landscapes, collections and intangible cultural heritage. Development, neglect, coastal erosion and other climate-related factors all pose significant threats that are not yet well understood in terms of their scale or their potential mitigation. Social, educational and technological factors pose risks to collections, archives and intangible cultural heritage. This theme highlights possible looming crises for archaeologists, heritage resource managers and the public, as well as potential policy, education and technological solutions.

Strategy

On February 2nd and 3rd 2019, the Archaeological Society of Alberta Provincial Board huddled down in a hotel board room to do some serious strategic planning. Stay tuned for the results of the planning session.



One of the many discussion sessions of the weekend. The volunteer board members representing all the ASA Centers brought forward many great ideas and projects.



Chris Ullmann (Red Deer) and Dawn Wambold (Calgary Center) pose in front of the idea/strategy wall.



Sunday working group - (L to R) Brent Murphy (Calgary), Amandah Van Merlin (Edmonton), Doug Shaw (Red Deer), Kevin McGeough(ASA AAR Editor), Janet Blakey (Calgary) working on a Code of Conduct for the ASA



Above: Shari Hanson, Community Development Officer with Alberta Culture and Tourism, was the facilitator and Shawn Bubel, ASA President, and Janice Blakey (Calgary) in the background..



Left: Sunday working groups - Back: (L to R) Katherine Gadd (Edmonton), Rachel Lindemann (Lethbridge), and Rob Wondrasek (Lethbridge) working on photo releases and waivers. Front: (L to R) Shawn Bubel, (ASA President) Jim McMurchy, (ASA Senior Advisor) and Alexandra Burchill (ASA Secretary) working on Bylaws.

ARKY LIFE HACK

WEATHER

With field season just around the corner, here are some pointers on working in Alberta weather.

- **USE WATERPROOF PAPER IN THE RAIN.**
- **DOUBLE UP SOCKS IF WALKING ANY DISTANCE. (WOOL IS BEST)**
- **INVEST IN A GOOD SUN HAT**
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- **STUFF NEWSPAPER INTO YOUR WET BOOTS TO HELP DRY THEM OUT**
- **BRING LOTS AND LOTS OF WATER ON HOT DAYS**
- **IN THE SPRING AND FALL - WEAR LAYERS!**
- **GET WEATHER INFORMATION FROM A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT SOURCES**

Arky Life Hack wants your input! Do you have a trick or two about working or volunteering in archaeology? We would love to hear from you.

Next issue's theme is "What to Eat?" Please send in your sage advice on dining in the field - from what to eat, to recipe books, to carrying containers, to staying hydrated, [just let us know!](#)

Report A Find

The Archaeological Society of Alberta highly recommends reporting any type of artifact you may find to the [Alberta Report A Find web site](#). It is important to know where artifacts are being found. It helps archaeologists to determine things like past human and animal migration patterns, trade routes, and more.

Archaeology Web Finds



From CBC - [Sea otters' stone tools provide new clues for archaeologists.](#)

From McMaster University "Brighter World" - [How cutting-edge archaeology can improve public health](#)



The Archaeological Society of Alberta
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April 12-14th, 2019
Lethbridge, Alberta

Heritage Around Alberta

Alberta has several provincial heritage organizations. Explore them here by clicking on the logos.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

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Mission Statement: The Archives Society of Alberta strives to create a cohesive and engaged community by providing its members with the opportunities for professional assistance, continuing education, awareness initiatives, online presence and other services that the provincial archival community requires to assist the people of Alberta, Canada, and the world in experiencing the province's unique archival heritage.

Archives Society of Alberta 2019 Biennial Conference

[Mind the Gap: Digital Evanescence, Cultural Diversity and the Archival Challenge of Social Memory](#)

May 23-25, 2019

Banff Center for Arts and Creativity, Banff, Alberta
Registration form [here](#).

Keynote speaker: Raymond Frogner, Head of Archives, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation



The Alberta Museums Association leads, facilitates, and supports museums in their vital role with communities.



The Historical Society of Alberta focuses on the study of the history of Alberta and Canada. There are five [chapters](#): Central Alberta Historical Society, Chinook Country Historical Society, Edmonton and District Historical Society, Lethbridge Historical Society and Peace Country Historical Society.

Historical Society of Alberta Annual General Meeting

May 25, 2019

Blackfoot Crossing Historic Site
10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Registration and Information form [here](#).

Registration includes AGM, Tours and an Awards Luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Linda Many Guns "Creation of the Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park and the Siksika Nation".



The Alberta Genealogical Society, has ten [branches](#) throughout the province: Brooks and District Branch, Camrose Branch, Drayton Valley Branch, Edmonton Branch, Grande Prairie & District Branch, Lethbridge & District Branch, Medicine Hat & District Branch, Wetaskiwin & District Branch

Alberta Genealogical Society Conference

[Images Through Time](#)

April 26-28, 2019

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Edmonton
Registration form [here](#).

Guest speaker: Kirsty Gray, Family Wise, Ltd., Wiltshire, England

Alberta Archaeology Field Opportunities

Public Excavation Program at the Cluny Fortified Village Site
May 13 – June 12, 2019



The University of Calgary is offering a volunteer excavation program at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park. Participants will excavate alongside members of the Archaeology Field School at the famous Cluny Fortified Village site. First time participants will receive a tour of the archaeological site. Volunteers will be supervised by experienced University of Calgary graduate students, and training in archaeological excavation techniques will be provided on site. All artifacts from the site are the property of the Siksika Nation and, ultimately, will be stored at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park Interpretive Centre.



The program will operate from May 13 to June 12, 2019, Monday–Friday. Participants must commit to a minimum of two days with the program.

Cost consists of the daily admission fee to Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park (\$12.00 + GST for adults, \$8.00+GST for children (under 17) and seniors). Participants will meet with volunteer program supervisors at the Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park Interpretive Centre parking lot at 9:00 AM each day—please note that there are no overnight accommodation facilities at the park. The work day runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



Minimum age of participation is 12. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. All participants will be required to complete a Volunteer Liability Waiver Form and a Photography Waiver Form. The guardian of participants under the age of 18 must also complete an Informed Consent Form.

Visit <https://arky.ucalgary.ca/public-archaeology/> for more information. To register or for more information, email pubarky@ucalgary.ca or call 403-220-8537.

The Public Archaeology Program, the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, and the University of Calgary are not responsible for cancelled registrations or cancellations as the result of severe weather conditions. In the event of severe weather conditions, the Public Archaeology Program will attempt to contact excavation participants either the night before or early on the day of excavation. Changing weather conditions in the field may require cancellation of the workday while at the site. In either case, no refunds of the Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park admission fee or costs relating to travel to the park will be provided. Participants may re-register for alternative participation dates, but there is no guarantee that there will be other dates available in the excavation program.

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Alberta Archaeology Field Opportunities

ANTHR 396: Archaeological Field Methods

The 2019 Department of Anthropology Archaeological Field School

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May 21-June 20, 2019

Institute of Prairie Archaeology

On the Mattheis Ranch, Brooks AB area

Rangeland Research Institute, University of Alberta



For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/a/uAlberta.ca/ipa/>

Course Description

Students in the University of Alberta's *Institute of Prairie Archaeology* field school receive instruction in all practical aspects of archaeological field and laboratory techniques. Field activities involve surface survey for artifacts ranging from the Paleoindian era onward, location and mapping of tipi rings, and excavation of a camp and processing area associated with bison kill from the Avonlea/Old Women's Phase transition, as Blackfoot material culture appears clearly in the archaeological record.

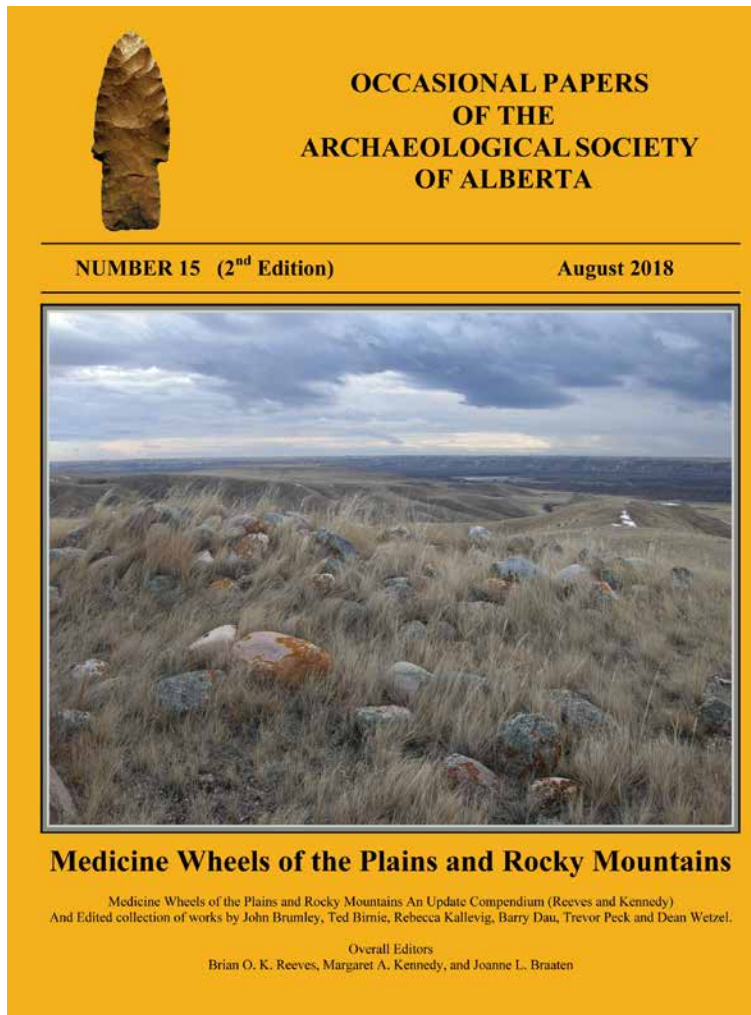
Initial lectures will cover the basic framework of northern Plains prehistory, familiarization with typical tool types, raw stone material, ceramics and faunal remains, as well as pertinent regional landforms, typical soil formation processes, and vegetation characteristics.

Students will apply methods of intensive ground survey, and undertake assessment and excavation of sites under investigation. This will involve simulated site assessment and mitigation exercises conducted to regulatory standards, from research design to reporting, with graded duties to include maintaining accurate field notes, level records and profiles. Students will also be responsible for ensuring that artifacts they have collected or excavated are cleaned, accurately catalogued, and reported upon.

Prerequisites: ANTHR 206 or equivalent, or consent of Department.

Requires payment of tuition (6 credits) and student instructional support fee (\$2000), totaling roughly \$3500.

For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/a/uAlberta.ca/ipa/>



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June / July 2019



Prize Recipients From the Archaeological Society of Alberta Conference



Best Poster Award - Tatyanna Ewald won with "Tooth be Told, This Concept Isn't too Hard to Grass-p: A new Method for Dental Microwear Analysis in Bison"



Best Student Paper Award - Madisen Hvidberg (University of Calgary) won with "The Use of Reality Capture Technologies to Mediate Relocaiton Impacts at the Perrenoud Homestead"



Runner-Up Best Student Paper Award - Margaret Patton (University of Calgary) won with "Magnetometry and Ground Penetrating Radar at the Junction Site (DkPi-2): Late Prehistoric Campsite Spatial Organization"



Best Student Poster Award- Kelsey Pennanen and Peter C. Dawson (University of Calgary) won with "Seeing the Light: Using Laser Scanning to Study Erosion Dynamics and Monitor Stream-Bank retreat at a Threatened Heritage Site in Alberta"

On April 12-14th, archaeologists of all different levels of experiences and backgrounds attended the Archaeological Society of Alberta Annual Conference 2019. The conference was well attended.

Tara Collett's "Understanding and Interpreting Radiocarbon Dates" workshop was a very succinct summary of how to read Radiocarbon date reports and how to prepare artifacts for radiocarbon dating (hint: don't use burnt bone). Also on April 12th was a historic walk of downtown Lethbridge, led by Belinda Crowson which was very informative. On April 14th people were also able to have peek into the Gault mine.

The speakers the following day spoke on a variety of Alberta archaeology topics ranging from Medicine Wheels to Fort Vermilion field school adventures to the different technologies (magnetometry, 3D scanning, etc.) archaeologists are using to help them learn about the past.



The Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) encourages student participation and with the generous donations by the ASA, Association of Consulting Archaeologists and an anonymous donor, students had opportunities to bring some money home. Here Shawn Bube, ASA Provincial President, presented the awards to the recipients.

Archaeological Society Of Alberta Activities

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Bodo Centre



Dig-it Camp dates are available!

Once again the Bodo Archaeological Society is proud announce that we will be providing our Adult Dig-It Camps in July of 2019!

We are offering our camps for one week: July 8th-12th 2019

Cost of the camp is \$125/day which includes an introduction to archaeology, hands on instructions from trained professionals lunch and a snack. The excavation will take place at the Bodo Bison Skulls Site, near where a 500 year old communal bison kill site has been uncovered. This camp focuses on fieldwork, but no previous excavation experience is required. Participants will make a contribution to the understanding of precontact history in Alberta and on the greater Northern Plains. Registration in the 4-day camp includes a bonus field trip.

Bodo Archaeological Society
Can you dig it?



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Drop in tour: Self Guided
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1/2 Day School Program
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(ages 5-8)
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Southeastern Centre

Upcoming Events

June 23, 2019: Murphy Medicine Wheel Field Trip followed by a picnic by the river. More details to follow.

Past Event Update

June 1, 2019: SEASAS members visited the former Burnside Ranch area west of Medicine Hat and east of Redcliff (EaOq-1). Numerous stone circles, cairns and teepee rings were first investigated in 1960 by Dr. Richard Forbis of the Glenbow Foundation, and was later examined during a 1976 University of Calgary study. There is even a pictograph or two. The large grassfire in the area in 2017 has made many of the stone features more visible.

May 15, 2019: SEASA members participated in a walk to the Ross Glen Archaeological site of Medicine Hat (DIOp2). Excavated in 1981 the site yielded considerable quantities of data with scientifically significant results. These investigations yielded evidence of at least three prehistoric occupations, with the principal occupation dated to about 500 AD associated with Besant and Old Woman Phase artifacts. Housing development has obliterated the archaeological site. Group leader Janice Andreas discussed some of the findings from the excavation; Cathy Linowski described the plant and animal resources available to first nations peoples and other group members discussed the history of the area prior to City development. For more information about the Ross Glen site click [here](#).

Southeastern Centre Continued...

April 17, 2019: The SEAS members and the community guests enjoyed an enthusiastic and entertaining presentation by Patrick Carmichael from Mount Royal University titled "The Mystery of the three monkeys" detailing anthropological/archaeological studies of the Nasca culture of south coastal Peru and the elaborate ceramic vessels produced. Patrick also highlighted the challenges of conserving and documenting cultural materials in developing countries.

SEAS volunteers have been active in helping with the archaeological work that was done near Empress with Barney Reeves and Margaret Kennedy.

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A creative way to learn..

From UGATODAY: [Comic series, workbook bring anthropology to life](#)

Sometimes archaeological sites are found by accident and in this case by a group of kindergartners.

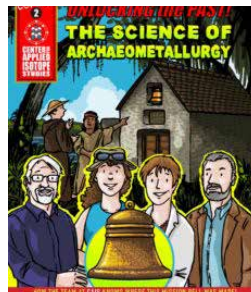
From LiveScience: [Kindergartners Stumble Across This 5,600-Year-Old Burial Mound. Archaeologists are Mystified.](#)

Yum...carbohydrates!!

From ScienceDaily: [Earliest Evidence of the Cooking and Eating of Starch](#)

Ancient DNA, as intriguing as always..

From National Geographic: [Oldest Burial Yields DNA Evidence of First Americans](#)



Indigenous Day

National Indigenous People's Day takes place on June 21st. June is also National Indigenous History Month.

This day was recognized across Canada in 1996.

[This link will take you to a list of events happening around Alberta for National Indigenous People's Day.](#)

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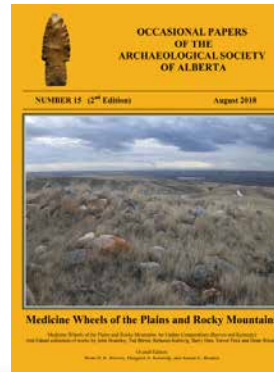
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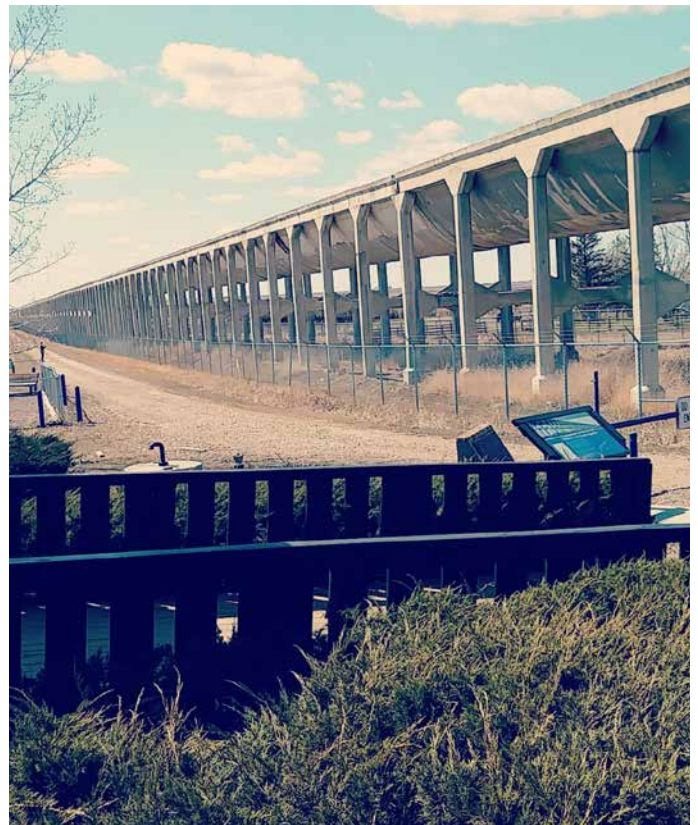
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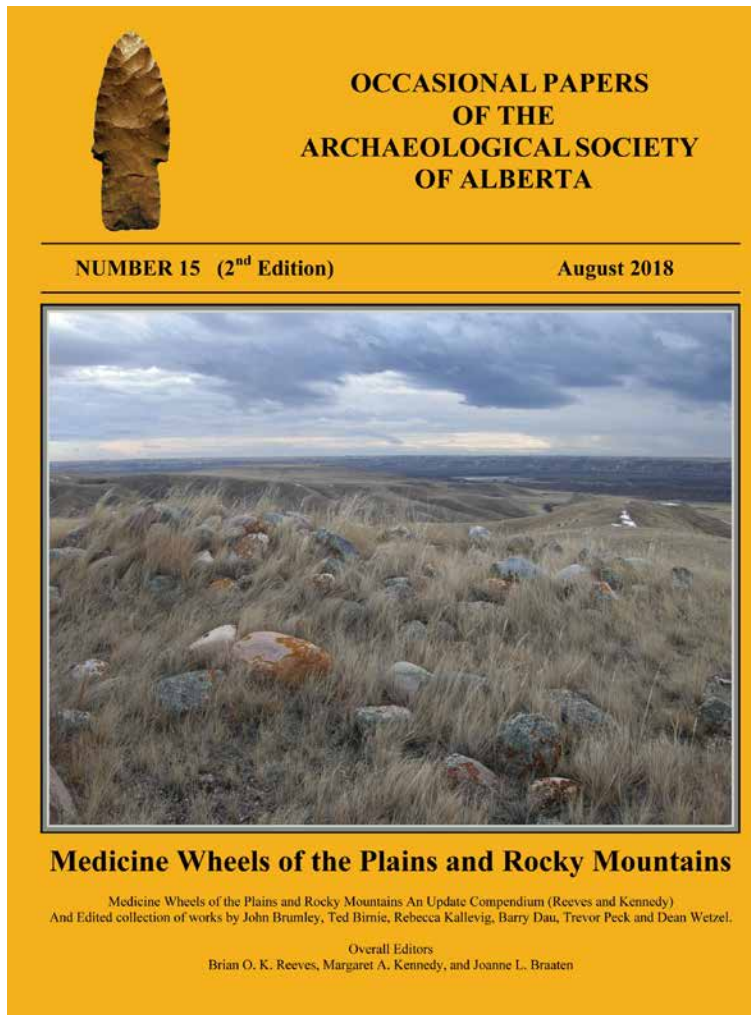
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Summer Camps at Bodo Archaeology Centre

Discover archaeology for a day!



Learn about archaeology and Alberta's history while having fun! Campers will participate in hands-on activities including a visit to an archaeology site and lab, arts and crafts, and a sandbox excavation!



Mighty Warrior Day Camp

Ages 5-8

Duration: 10am to 3pm

Dates Available: August 5, 7, and 14

Cost: \$35 per child

Arrowhead Day Camp

Ages 9-11

Duration: 10am to 3pm

Dates Available: August 1, 8, and 15

Cost: \$35 per child

Buffalo Bones Day Camp

Ages 12-15

Duration: 10am to 4pm

Dates Available: August 2 and 16

Cost: \$45 per child

Participants need a bag lunch, water bottle & closed toe shoes. Snacks are provided.

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Note the new email address.

Dig Week at the Bodo Archaeology Site

Submitted by: Courtney Lakevold



Photo by: Courtney Lakevold

The Bodo Archaeological Society (BAS) ran their Adult Dig Camp from July 8-12, 2019, in partnership with Dr. Krista Gilliland of Western Heritage. The BAS students and staff were excited for dig week – a chance to flex our excavation muscles and see what we could uncover. It was also a change of pace for us as May and June were largely spent doing school tours for about 400 students from across East Central Alberta.

In total we had 8 adult public participants, ranging from two to five days of participation. There were also two volunteers that had previously been student interns at Bodo and returned this year to get excavation experience. In addition, the Bodo Archaeological Society has three student interns from Grant MacEwan and two summer student staff members (one attending Grant MacEwan and one attending Mount Royal University). This was the first excavation experience for four of our five students, so this was a great opportunity for them to learn the basics and get a taste of fieldwork.

We started the week with an introductory lecture on the Bodo Archaeological Site and how to excavate and fill out field forms. We showed participants examples of the types of artifacts and materials they might encounter while excavating and then we headed out to the field.

The first day was spent doing shovel tests in teams of two. The goal of the shovel testing was to provide participants experience doing them as it is one of the most common methods used in consulting archaeology. On the second day, some teams finished up the shovel tests they had previously started, and others moved on to 50 cm x 50 cm excavation units. We re-opened several tests from 2018 that needed to be completed and opened up new excavations. In the evening on day two, we had an optional activity – a plant hike where we pointed out and talked about traditional uses of local plants. We also stopped to pick Saskatoon berries and we were lucky enough to have one of our student's grandmother (known as G-ma) make a couple of pies for us to eat later that week!

Day three started with a field trip to a nearby bison rubbing stone, and then we continued excavation at the site. In the evening, Krista did a lecture about sediments and soils, and we had a campfire and margaritas in memory of Dr. Terry Gibson (anyone who had previously been to Bodo when Terry was there had probably had Terry serve them a margarita!). Day four started with a memorable trip to another part of the site to look at the waterholes (areas where there are freshwater springs). There were cattle in the area that were not so keen on having the dig participants in their space! After a brief standoff, everyone made it back to



Photo by Courtney Lakevold

the site safe and sound to continue excavation.

The morning of day five had participants continuing and finishing up excavation and the students spent the afternoon doing stratigraphic profiles.

There is always lots to find at Bodo, and this year was no exception. We found lots of bison bone, pottery

(including some rim sherds), a projectile point, debitage and canid bone. As always, there were lots of raw material types found including quartzite,

pebble chert, petrified wood, Swan River chert and brown chalcedony or Knife River Flint.

Overall, it was a fantastic week. The weather gods were on our side – we got away with little rain and reasonable summer temperatures. We had wonderful, enthusiastic, positive public participants who greatly contributed to the success and enjoyment of the week. We are so grateful they were able to join us. Our students were equally as enthusiastic, in addition to being hardworking, helpful and great representatives of Bodo. We owe thanks to Krista Gilliland and Western Heritage for their contribution to this project. Their continuous support of the Society and dedication to the Bodo Archaeological Site is greatly appreciated.

We hope to see many of you out at the site and centre next year. As we like to say around here...come to Bodo!



Photo by Krista Gilliland

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A neat site about North American Paleoindian Site : [The Paleoindian Database of the Americas](#)

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Volunteer Event: DIPI- 1 Site Revisit

August 24-25, 2019 | 9:30AM-4PM
Meet @ HSIBJ Overflow Parking
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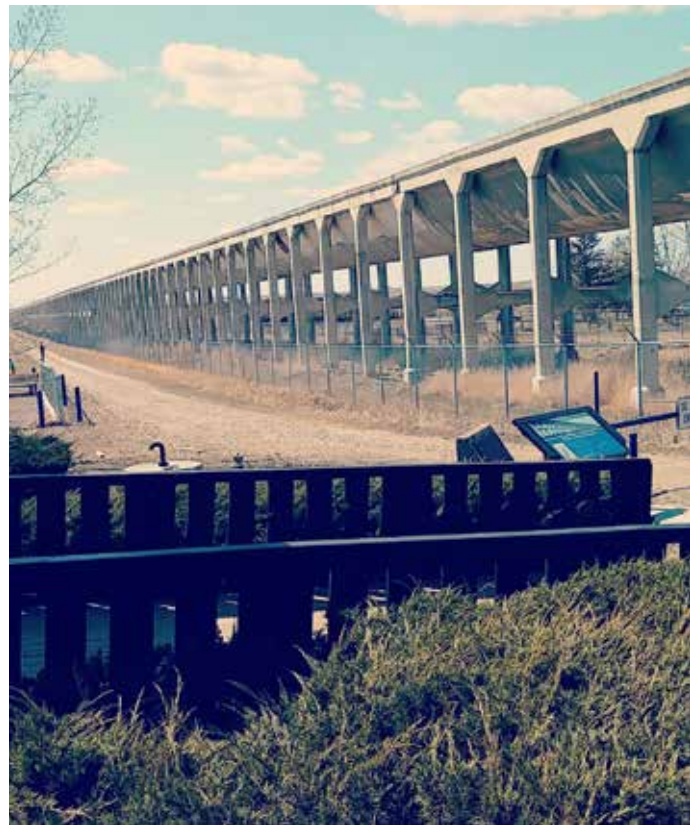


ASA - Lethbridge Centre requires volunteers to aid in the ongoing assessment of a threatened site in the Porcupine Hills. Volunteers will help conduct shovel testing and some limited excavation to determine the extent of the site and the level of erosional damage. This event expands on a 2016 field trip where some surface collection and initial mapping was conducted, and a 2018 surface survey and shovel testing program.

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Alberta Events

6th Annual Whoop Up/Black Powder Rendezvous & Knap-In

August 30 - September 2nd

[Click here for the website](#): "The Fort Whoop Up Knap-In will be held August 30st - September 2nd with the Blackpowder Club at the Blackpowder Range Lethbridge Alberta... Master Knappers from Canada and the US will be available to instruct those who want to learn or improve their knapping skills. This is an opportunity to meet many knappers with varying skills and experiences. Rock and tools will be available."

Chinook Country Historical Society

September 17th, 2019 - 7pm

Central Library 802-3St. SE (free program)

Ranching Under the Arch: Stories from the Southern Alberta Ranchlands

D. Lorraine Andrews, Historian, Author

Pioneers made the rangelands their home, conserving and preserving the land for generations to come. In the process, they were instrumental in establishing the vibrant and successful ranching industry that remains a fundamental part of our history and our future. Using photos and readings, this talk will delve into some of these compelling stories.

Central Alberta Historical Society

September 18 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Red Deer Museum and Art Gallery on the third Wednesday of the Month at 7pm

CAHS Banquet, AGM, and Speaker Linda Manyguns

At the moment, we're planning our new season, which will begin with our Banquet and AGM on September 18. Linda Manyguns, Chair of Indigenous Studies at the University of Lethbridge will be our speaker on that evening.

Edmonton and District Historical Society

Sept. 24, 2019 at 7:30pm

Old Timer's Cabin 9430-99Street (Scona Road)NW

William Bird and Mill Creek; The Northern Alberta Pioneers & Descendants Association

Roy Bird's great grandfather William Bird built a flour mill along a creek that the local Cree called Stony. All the parts were imported from England. And people eventually started referring to 'The Creek that Flowed By Bird's Mill.' Thus, Mill Creek. The mill wasn't too far from where the Muttart Conservatory stands.

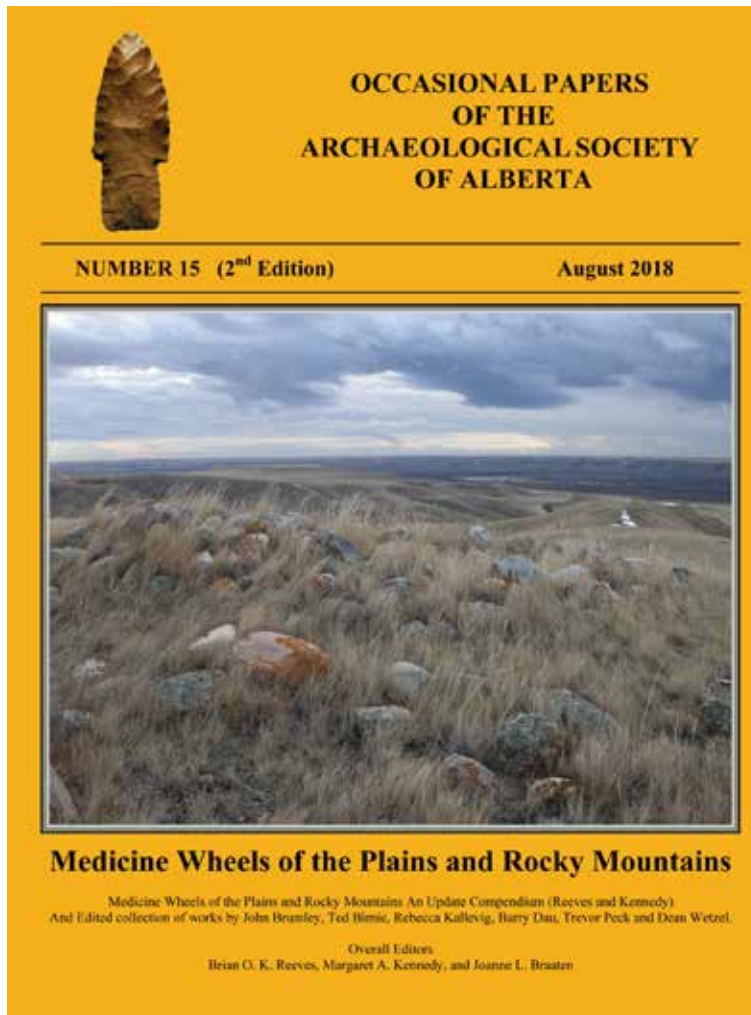
The Lethbridge Historical Society

Sept. 24, 2019 6:30-9:00pm

207 13 St N, Lethbridge, AB

Welcome to the Northside: A Walking Tour of 13 St N

Join us as we take a walk down north Lethbridge's main street, 13st North and learn more about the history of this interesting neighbourhood. After spend some time with us at Jonny Bean Coffee (418 13 St N) for some coffee and conversation. Tour will start at the corner of 2 Avenue North & 13 st N.



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Archaeological Society of Alberta Activities

Lethbridge Centre

Update on Continued Work at D1P1-1

Submitted by : Rachel Lindemann

We've wrapped up our yearly project at D1P1-1 - a site continually eroded by off-road vehicle use in the Porcupine Hills. This year we tackled starting to identify the southern boundary through shovel testing. Our first day was a bit disheartening - lots of negative tests or ones with very little returns. The second day of testing was better and we had several positive tests on a nice terrace. We always do surface collecting and this year we collected over 100 artifacts from the surface. This included bone fragments, flakes of various material types, a bit of FBR, and a couple of projectile points!



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Bern Weinhold, John Easton, Richard Crowe (foreground), and Terry Quinn, Rick Rowell, and Dave Walters (background) partake in a surface survey searching for artifacts. The road way is an example of how erosion can affect an archaeology site.

Lethbridge Centre Update on Continued Work at DIP-1 (continued)

This year we also completed two 1 x 1 m test units to try and definitively identify the occupations at the site. One unit had moderate returns and ended in glacial clay sooner than we would have liked but the second unit had more lithics, FBR and bone. Frustratingly we didn't find any identifiable projectile points in the test units to help us identify the periods of occupation, but there is always next summer!

“...we had several positive tests on a nice terrace”



John Easton and Carol Getzlaf working at a screen.



Dylan Frank working in a 1 meter x 1 meter unit.



David Walters is working on a test unit with Tatyanna Ewald. Test units often help archaeologists determine where to put the larger 1 x 1 units.



Mariah Miller is holding a projectile point. A surface find eroding out of the road way.

Archaeological Society of Alberta Activities

ASA Edmonton Centre

Stones and Bones

When: Saturday, November 2nd, 10:00 – 16:00

Where: Alberta Legacy Development Society/Leduc
Heritage Grain Elevator, 5209 47 St, Leduc, AB

ASA Calgary Centre

Casino Volunteers Needed

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Clay vessels that may have been used to feed milk to human infants. Katharina Rebay-Salisbury

- Want to find out about archaeology news in one place - check out [The Archaeology Channel](#)- audio news for those interested in past human cultural information.
- From ScienceNews: [Baby Bottles may go back millennia in Europe](#)
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(it's free to attend)

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ASA Lethbridge
Lethbridge Public Library;
Community Room
http://www.arkyalberta.com/lethbridge_speakers.php

October

October 1st, 7:00pm

Ria Nicholson
*Where the Arrrogant Trespass
Began: Experimental
Archaeology at Carrig, Ireland*

November

November 5th, 7:00pm

Alanna Schockley
*Excavations at Horvat Tevet, An
Iron Age Agrarian Site in Israel*

ASA Edmonton
Edmonton Public Library -
Strathcona, 8332 104 St NW
<https://arkyedmonton.ca>

October 9th, 7:00pm

Andre Costopoulos
*Choice and Adaptations in
Rapidly Changing Northern
Environments*

November 13th, 7:00pm

Pam Willoughby
*World Prehistory- Dismantling
"Civilizations": Africa*

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Red Deer College, Room 1328
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November 13, 7:00pm

Colleen Hughes
Kevin Black Plume
*Archaeology at Waterton Lakes
National Park: 2019 Field Season*

South Eastern ASA
Medicine Hat College, Crowfoot
Room or F-156
http://www.arkyalberta.com/lethbridge_speakers.php

October 16th, 7:00pm

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October 1st, 7:00pm

Ria Nicholson

Where the Arrorgant Trespass Began: Experimental Archaeology at Carrig, Ireland



Experimental archaeology is a subfield of archaeology which tests and generates hypotheses using replica objects, processes, and features. The discipline employs a broad range of methodologies to elicit new data which can be used within a range of other sources to interpret material culture in an experiential and sensory way. At the site of Carrig, the first Anglo-Norman ringwork castle in Ireland dating to 850 years ago, experimental archaeology is being used both to interpret material culture and to find ways to present this crucial site to the public. This presentation will describe the recreation of traditional medieval crafts and technologies, as well as the significance of the Carrig site both in the past and in Europe's current geopolitical landscape.

November 5th, 7:00pm

Alanna Schockley

Excavations at Horvat Tevet, An Iron Age Agrarian Site in Israel

Alanna's talk will look at recent excavations at Horvat Tevet, an Iron II agrarian collection site for the ruling city of Megiddo, in northern Israel during this period. The complex site boasts one of the most intact Iron II administrative buildings in Israel, as well as a pottery kiln, multiple cemeteries, and a residential area.



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October 9th, 7:00pm

Andre Costopoulos

Choice and Adaptations in Rapidly Changing Northern Environments

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He will discuss what archaeology tells us about how communities decided where to live on the landscape in Northern Finland and in James Bay (Canada) between about 5000 and 2000 years ago. He will talk about what we can learn from these settlement patterns as we face increasing environmental instability and change in the present.

November 13th, 7:00pm

Pam Willioughby

World Prehistory- Dismantling "Civilizations": Africa

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When most people think of civilization and Africa, they immediately think of Egypt. However, many other parts of the continent that saw the emergence of complex societies. These include Nubia in northern Sudan, Benin and Nok in modern Nigeria, the Ethiopian Highlands, the Zimbabwe culture and the Swahili coast of East Africa. This talk will focus on the last two. As was the case in other colonized regions, early European researchers saw the emergence of the Zimbabwe culture and that of the Swahili as a product of outside influence. By the time of independence in the 1950s, and in the postcolonial period, the African nature of both civilizations becomes clear.

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Bill Perry

Archaeological Resource Management in a post wildfire environment: Waterton Lakes NP

Waterton Lakes National Park is part of a rich cultural landscape that stretches back around ten thousand years primarily within the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nation. The Kenow Wildfire of 2017 has presented a unique opportunity for archaeological research in the Park. The wildfire cleared out the ground cover, allowing exceptional visibility of the land surface.

Parks Canada has put together a team of archaeologists for a 5-year project to record and research the new finds that come to light. Initial site survey results have uncovered an unprecedented degree of archaeological visibility focused on the last 1000 years. This presentation highlights archaeological research and engagement with the surrounding indigenous nations, communities, local landowners and interested public.

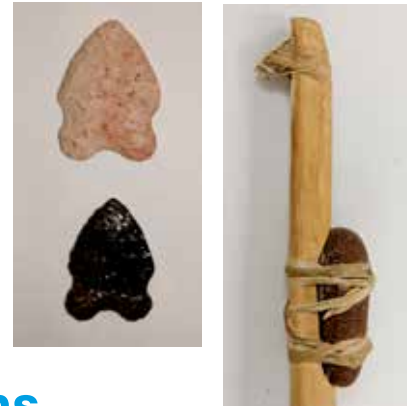
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International Archaeology Day

October 19, 2019

[From the Archaeological Institute of America](#)

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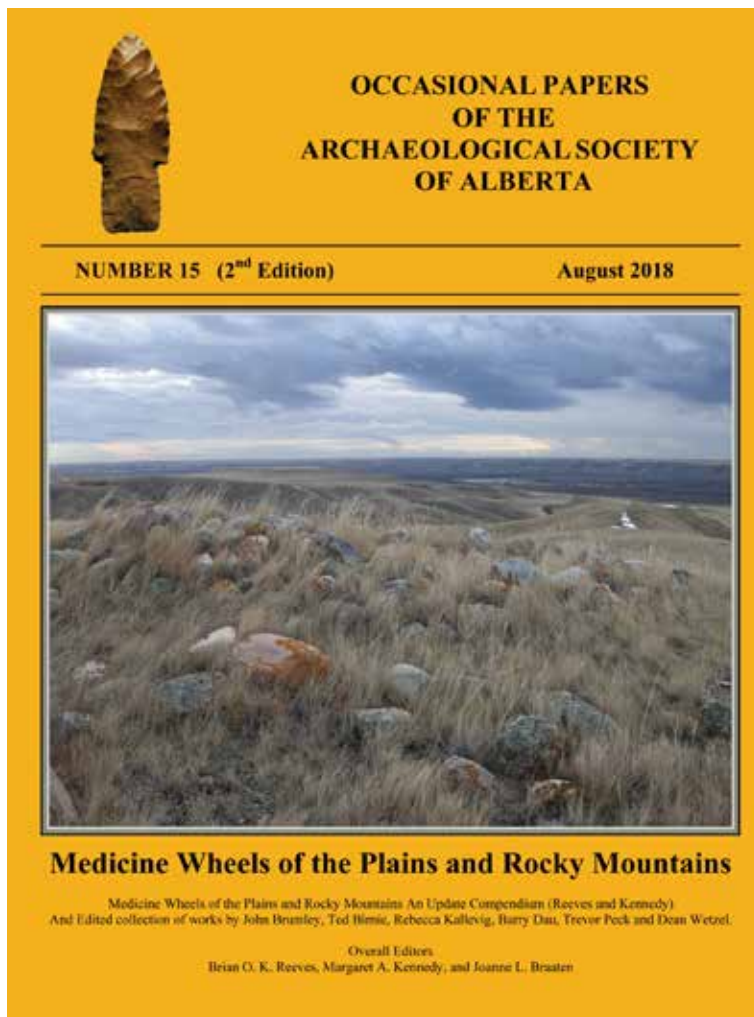
History

- The first Archaeology Day was held in 2011. Participants came from 38 U.S. states, 4 Canadian provinces and an event in the United Kingdom.
- In 2012 participants came from 49 U.S. State, 8 Canadian provinces, Australia, Egypt, France, Germany, Ireland, and the United Arab Emirates.
- The name of the event was changed in 2013 to International Archaeology Day.
- In 2014 approximately 100,000 people celebrated IAD at 475 events.
- IAD continued to grow in 2015 and had activities in 27 countries with 500 events.
- In 2016 over 700 worldwide events were organized.
- 2017 had over 900 events celebrating archaeology.

Trivia Game

Check out the trivia game that the Archaeological Institute of America has going in the weeks leading up to International Archaeology Day. <https://www.archaeological.org/programs/public/archaeologyday/trivia/>





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December / January 2020

Wishing All A Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year

Archaeological Society of Alberta Activities

ASA Red Deer Centre

Updates from the Archaeological Society of Alberta

Red Deer Centre

submitted by: Chris Ullmann

We had a few events this year and promoted the 2019 Wildhorse Knap-in, in July which our former president, Doug Shaw, attended. Doug chose to step down as president as he plans to spend time in Rwanda educating locals and helping with construction projects.



Bob Silverthorne presentation on October 9th.

Our speaker season kicked off on October 9 with **Bob Silverthorne** presenting.

Bob spoke on the trade between the Hudson's Bay Company and the Plains Cree, and "How it was done Pre-Contact". Bob was one of the founders of Maskwacis and Red Crow Colleges among other First Nation Colleges. He is an educator and also established the High Country Guide School.

Bob's presentation was not only informative in the historical context but also provided insights as to how important the traditional ways are for the young adults he teaches and told us about OITs (Old Indian Tricks) and NITs (New Indian Tricks).

- For OITs – Bob winter camps with his Tipi. OITs include the tipi liner, how it attaches to the poles using a rope at the top (for which the Shaganappi trail takes its name) and stones at the bottom which are often found now as Tipi rings. This provides both insulation and air flow to guide smoke out of the hole in the top.
- For a NIT – he uses a light modern fabric for the outer layer which weighs far less than a traditional buffalo skin or even the post trade canvas.



2019 Wildhorse Knap-in at the Wildhorse Mountain Ranch. Hosted by Russel Thornberry and Bear Baker.

Our second speaker event on November 13, featured **Kevin Black Plume** and **Colleen Hughes** who presented on the Waterton Lakes National Park Field Season - Post Kenow Fire. The unprecedented heat of the 2017 fire both revealed and destroyed artifacts. Bones and other materials were destroyed leaving only ashy remnants in some cases; while other artifacts and locations were revealed by a loss of topsoil and surface litter. Continuing erosion and tree falls present a possibility of additional revelations and a risk of material loss. Thus this continues to be both an opportunity and a challenge for archaeology in Waterton Lakes National Park.

Waterton Lakes National Park is rich in both ancient and more recent history. It is also the location of Alberta's first producing oil well. Traditional uses of oil seeps in the area included medicinal use and as an insect repellent. Wildlife continue to use the oil seeps as a dip, including one bear who makes a pilgrimage to escape the bugs with a dip in his favorite seep. Currently, the site of Western Canada's first well is a point on the map, Kevin expressed a great deal of interest in incorporating more of the surrounding area in recognition of a larger footprint - as evidenced by artifacts that they found.

Our next speaker date is set for January 8, follow us on Facebook or sign up as a member for further details. Contact Chris Ullmann for memberships: cullmannn@hotmail.com (The 3 n's are correct).

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ASA Calgary Centre

The 2019 Calgary Centre Tour of Southeastern Alberta

submitted by: Christina Robinson

With 14 members visiting the Brooks Aqueduct, Medalta Potteries, and the Minor Medicine Wheel Ceremonial Stone Feature Complex the two-day archaeological tour of southeastern Alberta organized by the Calgary Centre was a great success. The first day had an industrial feel as both the aqueduct and Medalta Potteries were visited. The visit to the Brooks Aqueduct, both a National and Provincial Historic Site, was guided by Christina Robinson, a PhD student at The University of Calgary. Christina's research is on the aqueduct where she has recently completed her fieldwork that was funded by the Calgary Centre and conducted with volunteer help from ASA members from across the province. On the tour Christina talked about her research and this fieldwork, as well as, the construction of the structure, damages it faces, and the history of preservation work at the site over the last 100 years.

The next stop on the tour was the Medalta Potteries. Located in Medicine Hat the potteries are an industrial complex dating from 1912 and were in operation until 1966. Established in 1986 The Friends of Medalta Society is dedicated to the restoration and development of this site but it wasn't until the 1990s that any restoration work was done. The current museum finally opened its doors in 2009. The group were given a guided tour by the museum of the still-standing beehive kilns and factory floors that still contain machinery employed in the manufacturing process. Within the warehouses and kilns, exhibitions of all the different ware types that had been produced over the duration of the pottery were displayed, as well as the excavated remains of a kiln base.



Christina leading the Walking Tour of the Brooks Aqueduct



The three standing beehive kilns at the Medalta Potteries



The excavated remains of a kiln base uncovered in renovations at Medalta.



The original log cabins of the first ranch at this location, now known as the Hern Ranch.

At the end of the first day the Southeastern Centre, in particular Randy Stoz the Secretary, showed the tour group great hospitality by opening their beautiful garden to the merry band of travellers which provided them with an opportunity to mix and mingle with other fellow ASA members.

The second day saw an early start to make the most of the Minor Medicine Wheel Ceremonial Stone Feature Complex. Dr. Margaret Kennedy and Dr. Barney Reeves gave a guided the tour through this fantastic landscape full of archaeological features. Driving through the complex, Margaret pointed out cairns and medicine wheel locations. Then some of these features were visited on foot, where Barney talked about the work that had taken place from the 1970s until the present day that has revealed this vast complex of stone features. Barney also took time to explain the many features that were passed through including stone circles, a serpent effigy, vision quests, liner cairns, trackways, and the Minor I and II medicine wheels. Barney placed his interpretation of these sites in context of the Gros Ventre and Blackfoot people who created this mass complex. On this tour, we were also joined by the land owners of the Hern Ranch, which currently operates on this complex. The ranch owners not only provided the tour with more insight into how the landscape functions now, they also served us a turkey dinner and a tour of the ranch buildings itself. While leaving this fantastic landscape, a final stop in the complex at the Minor III medicine wheel feature marked the last location on what was overall a fantastic trip.



The end of the trackway that is thought to have served as an entrance to the complex and overlooks the Red Deer River at the Minor Complex.

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Bodo Archaeological Society

Finalist for Alberta Pride Award

Submitted by Courtney Lakevold



The 2019 Travel Alberta Industry Conference was held October 27-29, 2019 in Banff, AB. As part of this conference, Travel Alberta hosts the Alberta Tourism Awards, also known as the Alto Awards. These awards “celebrate and acknowledge individuals and organizations in our province whose efforts shine a light on all Alberta has to offer.” The awards are presented in ten categories including tourism content, tourism event or festival, marketing excellence (in three budget categories), marketing partnership, outstanding sustainable tourism, service excellence, new tourism experience, and Alberta Pride.

This year, the Bodo Archaeological Site and Centre was one of three finalists for the Alberta Pride award. The Alto Alberta Pride Award was created to recognize a business or organization that captures the essence of the Alberta experience. What is the Alberta experience? It could be what your guests do when they arrive or how they feel when they leave. It could be a vacation experience that’s unique to the province or it may be that your guests perceive Alberta as a very special place.

Bodo’s application for the Alberta Pride award highlighted the unique experience that we offer our visitors – getting hands on with history and being able to actively participate in archaeology and touch real artifacts, not just look at them through glass. Visitors connect with history in a much more tangible way and it leaves them with a deep appreciation of Alberta’s past. They are proud of that history and, for the adult dig participants, they are proud to have a hand in helping to uncover and discover a piece of that history.

The other two finalists were the Canadian Death Race, an ultramarathon event in Grande Cache, and the Jasper Planetarium. The Jasper Planetarium took home the award at the Gala on October 28th. Bodo was honoured to have been recognized as a finalist, and to be in the company of the other finalists and winners who are also offering wonderful Alberta visitor experiences. The organizers said there were a record number of applications for the awards this year. Bodo would like to thank Travel Alberta for the recognition and for their ongoing support of the Bodo Archaeological Site and Centre.

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Casino Volunteer Opportunity

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The Archaeological Society of Alberta highly recommends reporting any type of artifact you may find to the [Alberta Report A Find web site](#). It is important to know where artifacts are being found. It helps archaeologists to determine things like past human and animal migration patterns, trade routes, and much more.

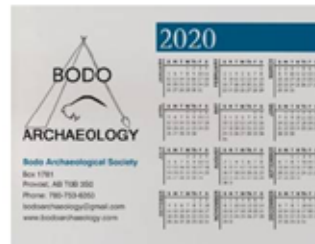
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An ice patch nearing complete melt in northern Mongolia. Photo by William Taylor

From Smithsonian.com - [Archaeologists Race to Preserve Artifacts as the Ice Melts in Mongolia](#)

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Tara Collett

Forensic Archaeology and the Ethics of the Past

The annual dinner starts at 6:30.
Please see abstract for more info.

January



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January 15th, 7:30pm*

Genevieve LeMoine

*On the edge of the North Water:
Cultural Contact at the Gateway
to Greenland*



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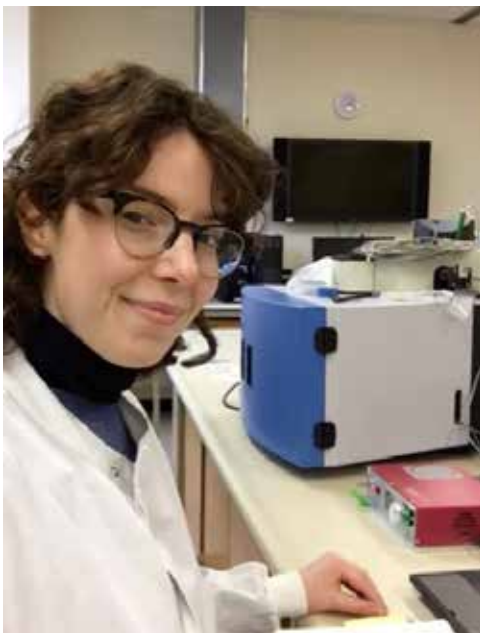
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Please note: no graphic photos will be shown; however, discussion will revolve around mass graves and fatalities, cannibalism, and thermal/physical trauma.

Dinner Information - Cost is \$25/person and students are free
Please RSVP by December 2nd at arky.lethbridge@gmail.com

6:30 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Speaker (Free)

Please include any dietary restrictions – dinner will be a mix of pasta, pizza & salads. You don't need to be a member to attend so feel free to bring a friend or your partner. If you aren't interested in the dinner feel free to join us at 8 pm for coffee and the lecture.

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The Australian continent was reached over 50,000 years ago with its colonising populations rapidly expanding into all ecological regions. Colonization is believed to have been facilitated by well-structured communication strategies; mirrored in various forms of symbolic behaviour such as rock art. Australia is a continent rich in rock art. The inscribed landscape is composed of over thirty distinct, yet stylistically interrelated rock art regions. Durable geology, an understanding of erosion rates, and increasing archaeological contextualization from around Australia allows for the contextualizing of rock art with archaeological correlates. This contextualization provides the opportunity to investigate changing social dynamics of groups; and the impetus for variations in these throughout time. This paper presents findings from an analysis of symbolic behaviour found in rock art on Murujuga (the Dampier Archipelago), North West Australia. The paper will discuss how rock art and other archaeological correlates from Murujuga and around Australia, provide avenues to investigate the impetus for shifting social geographies and lifeways throughout time.

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Genevieve LeMoine

On the Edge of the North Water: Cultural Contact at the Gateway to Greenland

Foulke Fjord, in northwestern Greenland lies at the northern end of the North Water polynya, an area of open water that forms annually in the sea ice at the northern end of Baffin Bay that supports a rich and diverse community of marine life, from whales to sea birds. This ecological hotspot has attracted human inhabitants for the last 4500 years. In this presentation I will present the results of three seasons of research at one site in this region, Iita (Etah), on the north shore of the fjord. Historically Iita was an important nexus of cultural contact between Inughuit and Euro-American explorers, as well as Inuit migrants from Baffin Island led by the shaman Qitdlarsuaq. A remarkable sequence of discreet stratigraphic levels also reveal earlier occupations, including both late Dorset paleo-Inuit and pioneering Thule. In addition to shedding light on key episodes of cultural contact in this region, Iita is also a bellwether of sorts for archaeological sites in the Arctic as even in this northerly location diminished sea ice has accelerated erosion.

Canadian Archaeological Association & Archaeological Society of Alberta

Joint Conference



We are happy to announce the Canadian Archaeological Association and Archaeological Society of Alberta are jointly hosting the annual **53rd Canadian Archaeological Association Conference in Edmonton, Alberta from May 6-9, 2020.**

This year's theme is "Where Communities Meet", reflecting the changing practice of archaeology in Canada, the archaeological interest in how groups have interacted in the past, and the deep history of Edmonton.

The Call for Session page is attached to the newsletter

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The Historical Society of Alberta focuses on the study of the history of Alberta and Canada. There are five [chapters](#): Central Alberta Historical Society, Chinook Country Historical Society, Edmonton and District Historical Society, Lethbridge Historical Society and Peace Country Historical Society.



The purpose of our society is to promote interest in genealogy and genealogical research through a provincial association, by providing opportunities for the exchange of genealogical ideas and information. The Alberta Genealogical Society holds regular meetings on many topics for the education and interest of members. Our editorial team publishes a quality genealogical journal enriching the knowledge and self-discovery of the reader. The Society strives to collect, index and publish genealogical material relating to Alberta.

The Alberta Genealogical Society, has ten [branches](#) throughout the province: Brooks and District Branch, Camrose Branch, Drayton Valley Branch, Edmonton Branch, Grande Prairie & District Branch, Lethbridge & District Branch, Medicine Hat & District Branch, Wetaskiwin & District Branch



Canadian Archaeological Association (CAA) 53rd Annual Meeting
“Where Communities Meet / Un lieu de rencontre”
Edmonton, Alberta, May 6 – 9 2020



Welcome to the 53rd Canadian Archaeological Association Conference! This year the conference will be jointly hosted by the Archaeological Society of Alberta. Our theme is “Where Communities Meet / Un lieu de rencontre,” reflecting the changing practice of archaeology in Canada, the archaeological interest in how groups have interacted in the past, and the deep history of Edmonton. In Cree, Edmonton is known as *amiskwaciwâskahikan* and is situated on Treaty 6 territory, as well as in the Métis homeland, and has been a place where Indigenous communities have gathered since time immemorial.

Call for Session Proposals

Please consider organizing a session at the upcoming meeting. Sessions may be of two types:

1. Invited sessions

The session convenor(s) invite specific people to address a specific topic or a theme. Additional papers may be included as posters. Convenors do not need to have a full slate of presenters lined up when they submit their proposal.

2. Themed sessions

The session consists of volunteered papers organized around a particular theme. Session convenor(s) will be asked to select and arrange papers from those volunteered for the session; additional papers may be included as posters.

Guidelines for session convenors

Session formats:

1. Time allocation for presented papers will be 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for questions.
2. Minimum number of papers for a session is 6.
3. Sessions may include oral presentations and poster presentations.
4. Invited speakers may be presenters or co-authors on additional papers or posters in other sessions.
5. Session convenors may present one paper in their own session.
6. Session convenors may be presenters or co-authors in other sessions.

Session proposals:

1. Session proposals should consist of a plain language title and a 300 word (maximum) description of the session.
2. Session convenors should include their name, professional affiliation, and e-mail address in their proposal.
3. Sessions may be organized by no more than 3 convenors.
4. Session proposals may be submitted in English or French.
5. Session convenors must be members in good standing of the Canadian Archaeological Association at the time the proposal is submitted and at the time of the conference.
6. Session convenors must register for the conference and are expected to chair their session.
7. An individual may be a convenor for up to two sessions.
8. Convenors, please consider diversity as you prepare, especially in terms of career stage and background of the presenters.

Evaluation:

1. After deadline, session proposals will be reviewed by the Program Chair and a subgroup from the organizing committee.
2. If there are several session proposals on the same or very similar themes, convenors may be asked to combine sessions.
3. Submission of a proposal is not a guarantee of acceptance.
4. Session proposals will be listed on the conference website by December 15 2019.

Session organization:

1. After the abstract deadline, session convenors will be asked to organize presentations into a logical order to fit the theme.
2. After the abstract deadline, the Program Chair may direct additional volunteered papers to sessions if they are a clear fit with the theme. Convenors may accept these additional papers or not.
3. Presenter conflicts between sessions will be resolved by the Program Chair.

To submit session proposals, please go to <https://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting/call-for-sessions>
Proposals must be received no later than midnight (MDT) on **December 2 2019**.

Please see the conference website for additional information:

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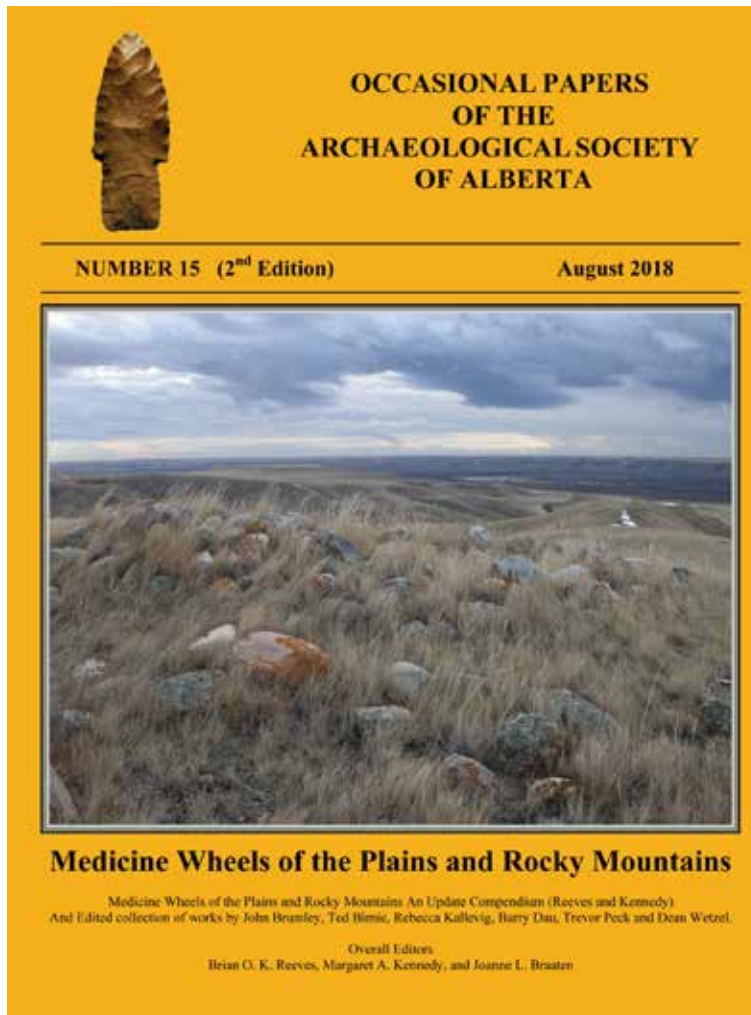
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