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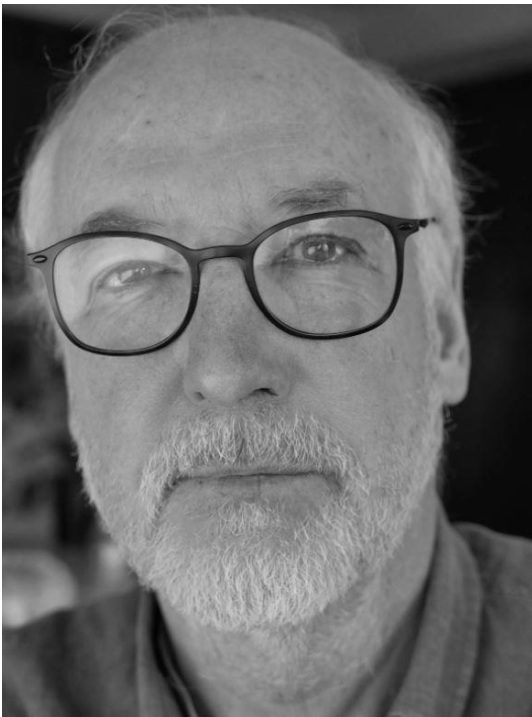
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

February / March 2021

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Alberta Archaeologist, Jack Brink, Receives Appointment to the Order of Canada

Jack Brink received the Order of Canada on December 30, 2020, for promoting and preserving Blackfoot culture through his work as an archaeologist, curator, and author. We send him our heartiest congratulations!!



About the Order of Canada

Created in 1967, the Order of Canada is one of our country's highest honours. Presented by the governor general, the Order honours people whose service shapes our society; whose innovations ignite our imaginations; and whose compassion unites our communities.

More than 7 000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order of Canada. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and have taken to heart the motto of the Order: *DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM* ("They desire a better country"). The striking, six-point white enamel insignia they wear symbolizes our northern heritage and our diversity, because no two snowflakes are alike.

(photo and about the Order of Canada: courtesy of the Office of the Governor General)

Archaeological Society of Alberta - Center Activities

All speaker series will be held virtually until further notice.

Archaeological Society of Alberta Calgary Center

Do Neandertals Have to Be Just Like Us? The Perpetual Debate About Neanderthal And Early Modern Human Behaviour

Presented by: Dr. Dennis Sandgathe

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Since the discovery of Neanderthals in 1800s there has been ongoing debate about how different or similar to us they were. The current evidence makes it clear that Neanderthals were different from the modern humans that replaced them, but this doesn't mean they were inferior.

To register please follow the link to the Calgary Library: [Do Neandertals Have to Be Just Like Us? The Perpetual Debate About Neanderthal And Early Modern Human Behaviour | Calgary Public Library \(calgarylibrary.ca\)](https://calgarylibrary.ca/programs-and-services/programs-and-services/2021-02-10-do-neandertals-have-to-be-just-like-us-the-perpetual-debate-about-neanderthal-and-early-modern-human-behaviour)

If you are unable to join via the Calgary Public Library, please contact info@arkycalgary.com and request a link to the talk.

NEW!

Past ASA - Calgary Talks Coming On-line

January 2021 ASA – Calgary Talk is now on-line through the Calgary Public Library.

[Ancient Environments of the Proposed West Coast Route of First Peopling of the Americas - YouTube](#)

Presented by: Quentin Mackie

**Archaeological Society of Alberta
Lethbridge Center**

**Sensing the Past: Engaging Digital and Indigenous Archaeologies for
Community-Engaged Research**

Presented by: Dr. Kisha Supernant

FEBRUARY 2, 2021 at 7:00pm

Join on Zoom (instructions and links below)

Over the past 25 years, archaeologists and Indigenous peoples have developed collaborative approaches to understanding the past, bringing together different systems of knowledge in productive and meaningful ways. Challenges remain, however, in integrating Indigenous knowledge systems into digital archaeological research, in part because the underlying structures of digital archaeology are based on non-Indigenous ways of knowing. In this paper, I explore how different forms of digital archaeology, including GIS, remote-sensing, and database construction, can be more attentive to Indigenous worldviews. Drawing on examples from my research with First Nations and Métis communities in western Canada, I explore where digital archaeology and Indigenous knowledge converge, as well as note where more work needs to be done to decolonize digital archaeology in order to incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing. I also discuss the tensions between an open-data approach to archaeology and Indigenous values about data access and sovereignty, as well as consider the role of digital archaeology in moving toward reconciliation.

New to Zoom – check this link out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQoE&feature=youtu.be>

Zoom Address for Talk and Password:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uleth.zoom.us/j/98163338389>

Meeting ID: 981 6333 8389

Find your local number:

<https://uleth.zoom.us/u/aekFPV3X68>

When attending web-based sessions;

- o Wear a headset/earbuds so that you can hear clearly and be heard clearly. This will also cut out echo effects, or audio feedback problems.

- o Ensure that you are in a quiet location and won't be disturbed.

- o Connect your device to a "wired" network connection for faster speeds and better results.

- o If using wireless be aware of issues such as wireless interference (microwaves) or crowded public hot-spots that may reduce your connection speed.

- o If people freeze up, please just wait a moment for the connection to resume. Typically, these are intermittent problems and it will fix itself.

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- Southeastern Archaeological Society [Archaeology Society of Alberta \(arkyalberta.com\)](http://Archaeology Society of Alberta (arkyalberta.com))

ASA Publications

- Books - [Archaeology Society of Alberta \(arkyalberta.com\)](http://Archaeology Society of Alberta (arkyalberta.com))
- Gold Series - [Archaeology Society of Alberta \(arkyalberta.com\)](http://Archaeology Society of Alberta (arkyalberta.com))

Canadian Archaeological Association

2021 Virtual Conference – Call for Sessions and Abstracts

We are pleased to announce the Call for Sessions and Abstracts for the 53rd Annual Canadian Archaeological Association Meetings—our first ever virtual conference! We hope you will consider submitting a session proposal or contributing a paper—we have two session types this year:

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.

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.

We are open to suggestions of other formats (e.g., lightning rounds, virtual poster sessions, discussion panels, etc.) that lend themselves to the virtual environment. Please email Lisa Hodgetts [president@canadianarchaeology.com] to propose an alternative format.

All session proposals and abstracts must be submitted on the CAA website.

Session proposals must be received by midnight on February 14, 2021. Abstracts are due at midnight on February 28.

[#archaeology](https://twitter.com/archaeology) [#caaaca2021](https://twitter.com/caaaca2021)

Contact: president@canadianarchaeology.com.

ANARKY 2021 Conference: Isolation + Remote Work

(formally the Chacmool Conference)

March 1-7, 2021


The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of Calgary invites submissions for the 2nd annual ANARKY Student Conference. ANARKY intends to provide an accessible platform for student research, as well as opportunities for students to network, and learn about future work and research opportunities. Join us for asynchronous video presentations, an interactive poster session, and panel and roundtable discussions. The ANARKY Conference will be hosted online during the week of March 1-7, 2021.

The theme of this year's conference is Isolation and Remote Work. We once again remain committed to our goal of breaking boundaries and disrupting the norm. This year has thrown us for a loop, forcing many of us to work from home and find creative and innovative ways to adjust and continue our education and research. This year has similarly highlighted the urgent need for structural change. Although technology has allowed many of us to work remotely, access to technology is not universal. We welcome interdisciplinary submissions from anthropology and archaeology that highlight the creative, innovative and sometimes frustrating aspects of isolation and remote work. We also welcome submissions that challenge the status quo in other ways, including making research more accessible to a wider audience, and breaking down barriers of accessibility, including racial injustice and gender inequality.

For general inquiries about ANARKY 2021 or information about speakers, sponsors, and tickets, please get in touch today. Anarky.conference@gmail.com.

Website: [Home | ANARKY 2021 \(wixsite.com\)](http://www.wixsite.com/anarky2021)

Anthropology Physical Anthropology Linguistics and Archaeology (APALA) Conference February 26-27, 2021



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AND PRESENT!**

DATE:

The SAS is pleased to announce that our 2021 Annual Gathering will be held in conjunction with the APALA conference by the Archaeology and Anthropology Students Association in the Department of Archaeology & Anthropology at the University of Saskatchewan. The conference is FREE AND OPEN TO ANYONE! Presenters have the option of either previously recording their presentation or presenting live. Student presenters are eligible for the annual Keith Lewis Memorial Student Presentation Award.

The SAS encourages you to submit your abstract via email by FEBRUARY 12th, 2021.

General@thesas.ca



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Medicine Wheels of the Plains and Rocky Mountains

Medicine Wheels of the Plains and Rocky Mountains An Update Compendium (Reeves and Kennedy)
And Edited collection of works by John Brumley, Ted Birnie, Rebecca Kallevig, Barry Dau, Trevor Peck and Dean Wetzel.

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Archaeology Web Finds



Psst! Students,
have a look at
this!

The AEL AMS Laboratory will be hosting monthly seminars starting in February 2021!

What can you expect?

- Learn about our analytical capabilities.
- Discuss applications for your radioisotope of interest.
- Hear from experts about how they are using our facility.

The first webinar will take place on:

Tuesday February 23, 2021

12:00 - 13:30 EST

Featuring Dr. John Smith and Dr. Matthew Herod discussing applications of Iodine-129.

For more details: <https://www.ams.uottawa.ca/webinarseries/>

To register: <https://www.ams.uottawa.ca/webinarregistration/>

From BBC New: *Israeli archaeologists find 'Biblical royal purple dye'*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-55815820>



From CBC Radio Canada: *Canadian archeologists part of major discovery that could rewrite history*

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1430302787835>

From Research Gate: *Subglacial tunnel channels, Porcupine Hills, Southwest Alberta, Canada*

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/248478685_Subglacial_tunnel_channels_Porcupine_Hills_Southwest_Alberta_Canada



Watch on Netflix: *The Dig* –

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-suffolk-55847541>



From Heritage Daily: *A Lost Paradise in the Sahara Desert*

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2021/01/a-lost-paradise-in-the-sahara-desert/136985>

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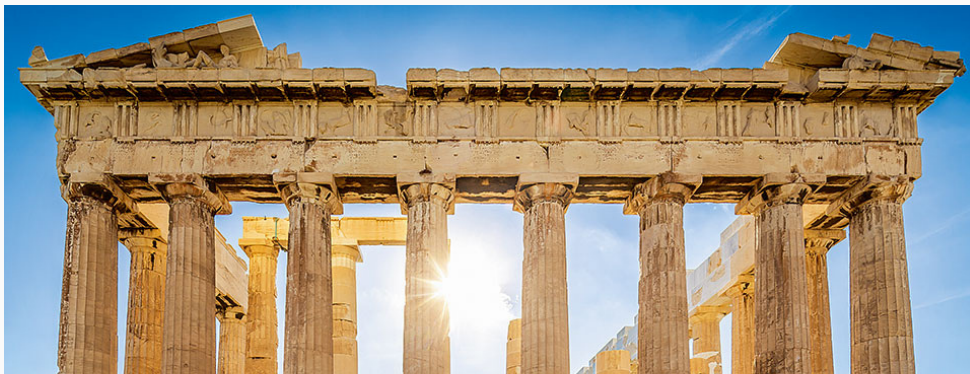
Lethbridge Centre

Pandemics in the Ancient World: The Death of Pericles and the Treason of King Suppiluliuma

Presented By: Kevin McGeough
April 6 at 7pm

Kevin will explore two ancient pandemics - one in Late Bronze age Turkey, and the other in Classical Greece. Kevin will discuss different approaches to stopping the diseases, long term social and political consequences of the events, and discuss ideas on how we can learn from these events.

Contact Lethbridge Centre directly for the Zoom Link



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Bodo Centre

Plan your visit! Opening summer 2021!

The Bodo Archaeological Society is hiring!

Applications are due April 16 and can be e-mailed to bodoarchaeology@gmail.com.

Don't forget to enter the Cash Calendar Raffle that takes place on the last business day of each month in 2021! Tickets are \$50/each with 3 cash prizes every month.

Check out their page or email bodoarchaeology@gmail.com.

Workshops / Conferences

Manitoba Anthropology Students Conference: Decolonizing and Radicalizing Anthropology
April 30 / May 1

Register [here](#).

Archaeology CRM Career Day
April 3

There will be short presentations from people working in CRM, including time to network / ask questions. Register [here](#).

NEW!!

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January 2021 ASA Episode [Now Available!](#)

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CAA - Field Schools / Projects

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Saskatchewan Archaeological Society

Saskatchewan Archaeological Society is hiring!

For more information on applications see their [website](#).



Calgary Centre

Obsidian in Alberta: Building 10,000 Years of Pre-contact Human Relationships

Presented By: Todd Kristensen

April 21 at 6:30pm

Archaeologists can connect obsidian artifacts back to their volcanic origin and reconstruct how ancient people moved materials. We compiled laboratory results of roughly 1000 sourced obsidian artifacts in Alberta to discover who first colonized the province and to understand how ecological zones influenced human relationships.

New!! All future virtual talks will be through the Calgary Public Library. Please see their website [here](#) to register.



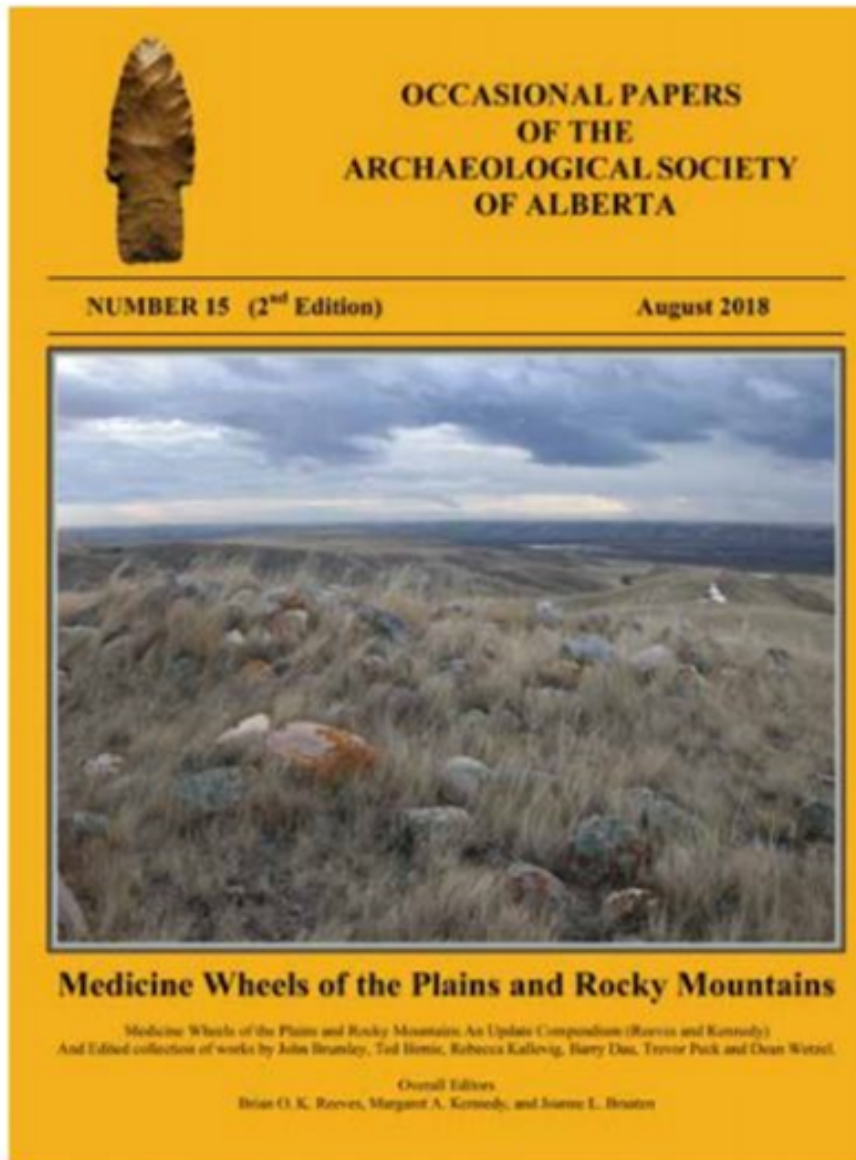
Archaeological Society of Alberta AGM and Conference

This year the Archaeological Society of Alberta is hosting an online conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) as a all day event on May 1, 2021.

Registration is free, or by donation.

For more information, please the Archaeological Society of Alberta's [website](#).

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53rd Canadian Archaeological Association Conference

Join us for the CAA's (#archaeology #caaaca2021) first ever virtual conference May 5 – 9, 2021! We are excited bring our community together to explore our conference theme: Many Voices, Multiple Pasts: Identity and Diversity in Canadian Archaeology.

The CAA's Annual Meetings bring together a variety of professional, academic, and avocational archaeologists from across Canada. Attendees present the results of new research, discuss and debate issues in archaeology, and take the pulse of our discipline at local, regional, and national scales.

For more information about the conference, please visit their [website](#).

The CAA's recognize the financial challenges that COVID-19 has brought for many, so the registration fee for the conference is "pay what you can" starting at \$10.00.

Archaeological Web Finds

From The Conversation: Cave of Horror: fresh fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls echo dramatic human stories

For more details see the [link](#).



From Sci-News: Ancient Maya Used Salt Cakes as Money, New Research Suggests

For more details see the [link](#).



From Atlas Obscura Podcast: The Archaeologists Recreating the Sounds of the Stone Age

For more details see the [link](#).



From CNN: Archaeologists uncover 3,000 year-old gold mask in southwest China

For more details see the [link](#).



From Heritage Daily: Archaeologists Excavate 1,600-Year-Old Burial Containing Ornate Treasures

For more details see the [link](#).



JUNE / JULY 2021



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CALGARY CENTRE

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BODO CENTRE

Have you always wanted to try archaeology? Here's your chance!

The Adult Dig program is July 5-9 and August 11-15. The program will be based outdoors and you can participate by booked slots only.

Don't forget to enter the Cash Calendar Raffle that takes place on the last business day of each month in 2021! Tickets are \$50/each with 3 cash prizes every month.

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PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAMS 2021



DROP IN TOURS

June 14 - August 27, 2021
Tour the site and interpretive centre with a knowledgeable guide.



KIDS DAY CAMPS

July and August 2021. For ages 5-15.
Discover archaeology through fun, interactive, landscape based activities.



ADULT DIG CAMP

July 5-9 and August 11-15, 2021, Ages 16+.
Two to five day camps available, daily from 9 am to 5 pm. Come and excavate with us!



ATLATL CLUB

Every Tuesday @ 7 pm from July 6 to August 24, 2021. All ages and skill levels welcome.

STATEMENT ON KAMLOOPS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

On behalf of the Archaeological Society of Alberta, we want to express our sorrow at the discovery of the remains of 215 children at the Kamloops residential school in the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First Nation in British Columbia.

This sobering event should cause pause. It is important to remember the thousands of children and families directly impacted by Canada's residential school system. This discovery is a powerful reminder of how this dark and shameful time in Canada's history still resonates today and into the future. Indigenous communities still continue to face challenges as we walk the difficult path to reconciliation. Some of our archaeological colleagues, such as Eldon Yellowhorn, have been working for many years to bring the brutality that occurred at these schools to light and we want to reaffirm our commitment to seeking an end to the violence perpetrated through settler colonialism.

Flags on the Peace Tower in Ottawa and many flags across the country will be flown at half-mast until further notice to mark this national tragedy and to honour the families. As part of the University of Lethbridge Archaeology program efforts, one of the field school readings this summer will be The Education of Augie Merasty: the memoir of a residential school survivor.

This atrocity alerts us to our responsibility and commitment to seek an end to all forms of settler colonial violence and ongoing racism. In addition to delivering on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It is important that the stories of those who suffered and continue to suffer from this violence are told and that our community remembers.

We encourage you to have an open discussion about this tragic discovery and the impacts residential schools had on Indigenous peoples. Let us all actively listen to their needs and offer support in whatever way we can.

CAA - FIELD SCHOOLS / PROJECTS

The CAA Public Advocacy Committee is thinking ahead to the 2021 field season!

If you are aware of, or are running, a 2021 field school or project please let them know by filling out this [survey](#).

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS

Call Me Indian: From the Trauma of Residential School to Becoming the NHL's First Treaty Indigenous Player

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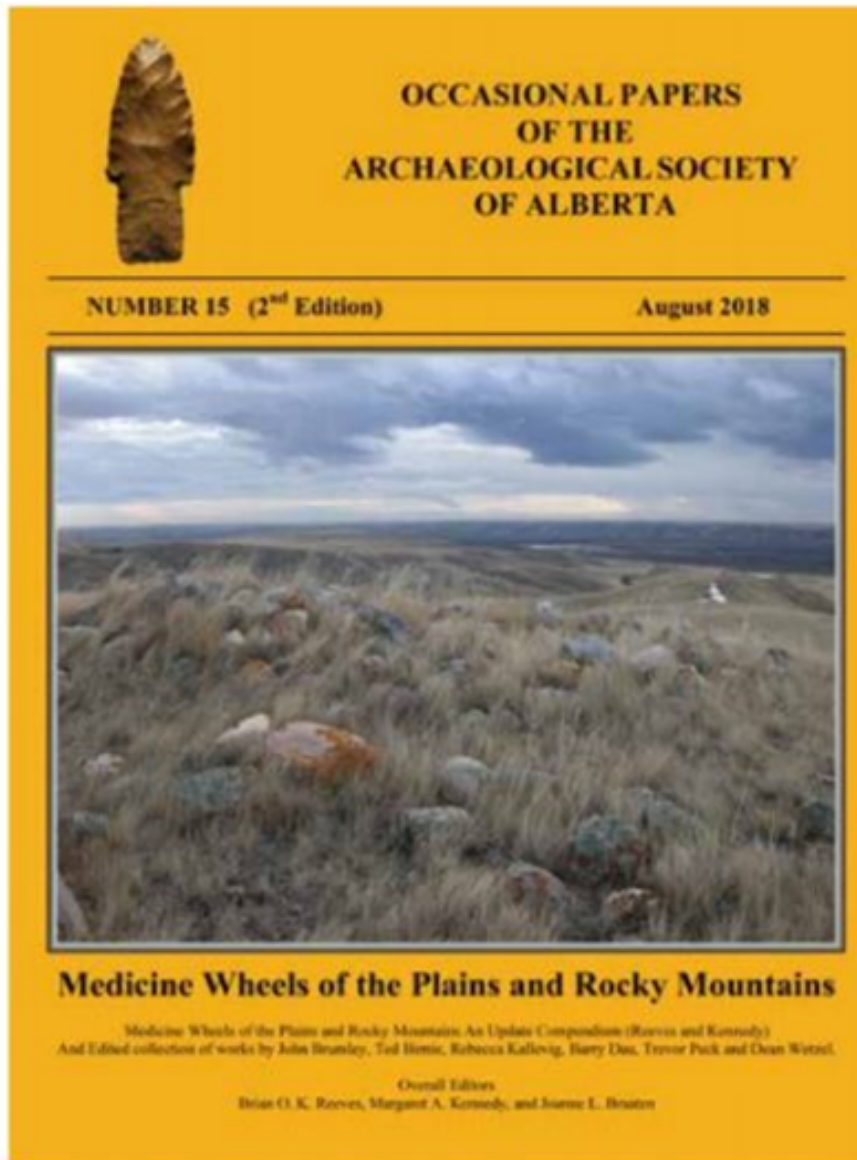
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WEB FINDS!

From Aid Magazine: Tableware for the Hanseatic City of Hamburg

In 1963/64, four pits were discovered while trucking out construction pits for an auditorium and a school building in Hamburg-Altona, which contained large quantities of dishes and oven tiles. Two more waste pits with oven tiles made of red-burnt clay could now be discovered recently. For more details see the [link](#).



From Sci-News: Indonesian Hunter-Gatherers Were Making Tiny Point Tools Thousands of Years Ago.

For more details see the [link](#).



The Archaeological Survey of Alberta is proud to kick-off Occasional Paper Series No. 40 with its first two articles!

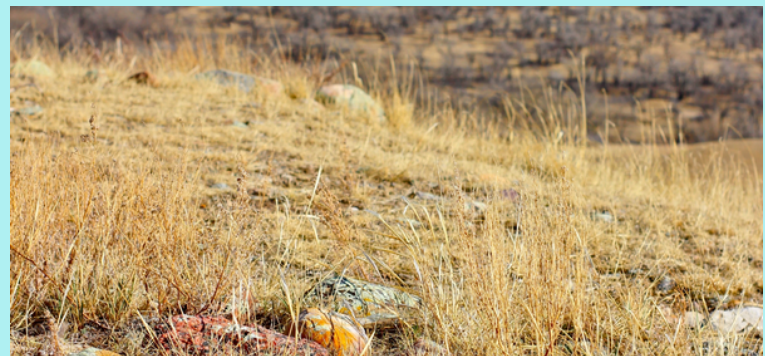
Free download [here](#).

From BBC News: Extremely rare prehistoric animal carvings found for first time in Scotland

For more details see the [link](#).

From Alberta Historic Places: Reciprocity and Renewal: The Blackfoot Seasonal Round

For more details see the [link](#).



ARCHAEOLOGICAL WEB FINDS CONTINUED!



From Sci-News: Humans Arrived in North America More Than 30,000 Years Ago, Study Suggests

For more details see the [link](#).

From Haaretz Newspaper: Excavating Hippos and the Last Roman Theater in the World

For more information see the [link](#).



From Gizmodo: Archaeologists Open Frozen Wooden Box Found on Viking Mountain Pass

For more details see the [link](#).

From National Post: ‘Shocked’: Scientists scan mummy in a priest’s coffin and find it was 28-weeks pregnant

Researchers were shocked to discover the mummy was a woman who was almost seven months pregnant, not a male priest

For more details see the [link](#).

From i News UK: Archaeology faces ‘perfect storm’ of shortages and closures as experts decry ‘nationwide attack’ on discipline

For more details see the [link](#).

From Heritage Daily: Archaeologists find southwest Germany’s oldest golden artefact

For more details see the [link](#).



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IT'S TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!



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Lecture Series - The View from Shore: New Perspectives on the Archaeology of the 1845 Franklin Expedition

Presented by: Dr. Douglas Stenton
October 20 at 7pm

** Registration this month is through the Centre directly please email info@arkycalgary.com **

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The Archaeological Society of Alberta advocates for the safeguarding of our non-renewable cultural heritage.

STATEMENT ON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

On behalf of the Archaeological Society of Alberta, we want to express our deepest thoughts and concern at the troubling discovery of the remains of 160 unmarked graves at the Kuper Island residential school in Southern Gulf Islands in the Penelakut Tribe First Nation. The discovery in Saskatchewan in the Cowessess First Nation at Marieval Indian Residential School found 751 unmarked graves.

Additionally, the grim discoveries at the Kamloops Residential School in finding 215 unmarked graves in the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and the Lower Kootenay Band said the remains of an additional 182 people had been found near the grounds of the former St Eugene's Mission School.

This sobering event should cause pause. It is important to remember the thousands of children and families directly impacted by Canada's residential school system. This discovery is a powerful reminder of how this dark and shameful time in Canada's history still resonates today. Indigenous communities still continue to face challenges as we walk the difficult path to reconciliation. Some of our archaeological colleagues, such as Eldon Yellowhorn, have been working for many years to bring the brutality that occurred at these schools to light and we want to reaffirm our commitment to seeking an end to the violence perpetrated through settler colonialism.

As part of the University of Lethbridge Archaeology program efforts, one of the field school readings this summer will be The Education of Augie Merasty: the memoir of a residential school survivor.

This reminds us of our responsibility and commitment to seek an end to all forms of settler colonial violence and ongoing racism. In addition to delivering on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It is important that the stories of those who suffered and continue to suffer from this violence are told and that our community remembers.

We encourage you to have an open discussion about this tragic discovery and the impacts residential schools had on Indigenous peoples. Let us all actively listen to their needs and offer support in whatever way we can.

September 30 marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The new statutory holiday, honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Creating a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was one of the 94 calls to action by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) back in 2015.

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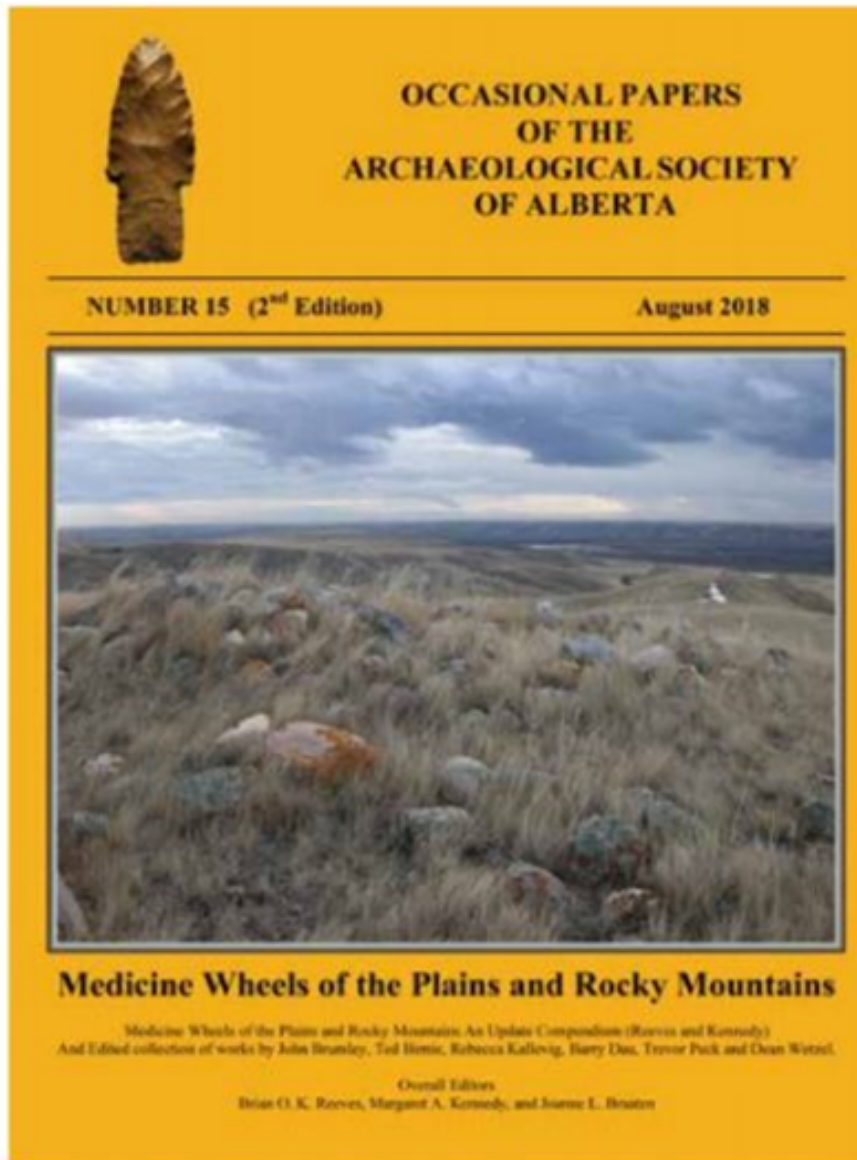
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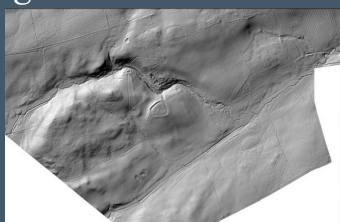
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