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Congratulations

Bryn Letham who has successfully completed his comprehensive examinations and has been admitted to candidacy.

Leslie Robertson and the Kwagu'ł Gixsam, Finalist (1 of 5), François-Xavier Garneau Medal, Canadian Historical Association. For, Standing Up with Ga'axsta'las.

Congratulations to all of our **Anthropology graduates!**

The Degree of DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY:

Komarnisky, Sara, B.Com., M.A., Edmonton, AB,
Shepard, Michael, B.A., M.A., Bellingham, United States,

The Degree of MASTER OF ARTS:

Daniel, Stephen, B.A., Marpole-Steveston, BC
Ogden, Melinda Anne, B.A., B.Ed., New Westminster, BC



The Degree of BACHELOR OF ARTS (Anthropology)

HONOURS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Adams, Mariko
Ewald, Jacqueline, Waterloo, ON
McClarty, Chenise, Charlie Lake, BC
Tougas, Jessie, Vancouver, BC

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Bushnell-Boates, Charlotte, Vancouver, BC
Cohn, Eliza, Seattle, United States
Dodds, Evelyn
Filippopoulos, Georgia, Pickering, ON
Huynh, Johnny, Vancouver, BC
Jahraus, Carla, Victoria, BC
Lublow, Emily, Vancouver, BC
McCartney, Kelsey
Montgomery, Jenica, Calgary, AB
Newton, Reid
O'Neal, Melony
Parry, Candace
Pelech, Keefer, Richmond, BC
Pollock, Jaime, Victoria, BC
Qu, Qian
Ross, Megan
Sham, Vanessa, Richmond, BC
Shoker, Harkeerit, Richmond, BC
Smith, Jeremy, Richmond, BC
Swinton, Marisa
Switzer, Samuel, Nakusp, BC
Tang, Brianna, Richmond, BC
Vandepol, Ashley
Von Hockauf, Rachel
Whyte, Joshua George, Calgary, AB
Zuliniak, Rachel

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR IN MODERN EUROPEAN STUDIES

Koga, Claire, Richmond, BC

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORY OF GREECE, ROME & NEAR EAST

Malda, Lindsey, Tacoma, United States

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR MYTH & LITERATURE, GREECE, ROME & NEAR EAST

Lai, Vicky, Richmond, BC

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Wilson, Sarah, Anchorage, United States

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN ART HISTORY

Brown, Eliza, Vancouver, BC

MAJOR IN CLASSICAL STUDIES MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Campbell, Kara, Surrey, BC

MAJOR IN CLASSICAL, NEAR EASTERN & RELIGIOUS STUDIES EMPHASIS EGYPTOLOGY MINOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Bradshaw, Janeen Calinda, Ucluelet, BC

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN ASIAN AREA STUDIES

Rendleman, Eleanore, Carbondale,
United States
Zollars, John, Carlsbad, United States

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN ASIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Chow, Anita, Honolulu, United States

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN BIOLOGY

Aleong, Nicole, Brampton, ON

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN CLASSICAL, NEAR EASTERN & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Ray, Christine Theresa, Burnaby, BC,
Flying Post First Nation

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN HISTORY

Hails, Emily, Coldstream, BC

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Marx, Alan, Venezuela
Shier, Rowen, Vancouver, BC

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Bianco, Giuliana, Smithers, BC
Lorenzo, Kristine, Vancouver, BC
Simpson, Stephanie

MAJOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR IN SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES

Patychuk, Brett, Calgary, AB

Congratulations to **Krista Zawadski** and **Ezra Greene** for having a new born baby girl! Her name is **Mitiarjuk Janis Greene**, born May 26th, 8lbs and 12oz, 21 inches long. Mitiarjuk is happy and healthy.



Anthropology in the News

Professor Bruce Miller provided key testimony in a case before the BC Supreme Court concerning how discrimination is determined under the BC Human Rights Code. In her *Reasons for Judgment*, of May 10, 2015, in the case of *Vancouver Area Drug Users v. British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal*, an appeal of an earlier decision, Madame Justice Sharma ruled that the Downtown “Ambassadors” program, which operated in the Downtown Eastside, differentially discriminated against homeless Aboriginal people. She rejected the judgment in the Human Rights Tribunal that there was “insufficient evidence to prove a *prima facie* case of discrimination because there was no evidence of a nexus between any adverse impact on homeless people and the race, colour, ancestry, mental or physical condition of anyone.” Instead, she relied on Miller’s testimony showing this nexus through stereotyping by the “Ambassadors” in the absence of statistical evidence, testimony by Aboriginal people, or the intention to discriminate. Miller, in his expert report and direct testimony, analyzed the instructions given the Ambassadors and their reports of interactions with homeless people. Justice Sharma wrote, paragraph 104, “The bottom line of Dr. Miller’s evidence is that the behaviours on which the Program focussed are behaviours that co-exist with members of the Class.” She referred the Tribunal back to the approach to determining discrimination taken by Miller in *Radek v Henderson*, an earlier Human Rights Tribunal decision.



Mark Turin was interviewed about the humanitarian response and rebuilding following Nepal's earthquakes in April and May on CBC Radio (Cross Country Checkup, On the Coast and All Points West), and for the Chilean broadsheet *La Segunda* and the Dutch daily *Trouw*.

Presentations

Alexia Bloch

2015 'Sovremennost', mobilnost', i blizkie otnoshenii ("Modernity, Mobility, Intimacy"). Paper presented in the seminar series "Folklore and Postfolklore" at the Center for Typological and Semiotic Folklore Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow. May 18.

Vinay Kamat

2015 The micropolitics of marine conservation and natural gas extraction in southeastern Tanzania. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Pittsburgh, March 27.

Lauren Harding

2015 "Balancing Balancing Mental Illness, Ethnographic Research and a Backpack: Hiking and Healing with Tourists on the West Coast Trail" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Anthropological Society, Quebec, May 14.

Bruce Granville Miller

2015 Invited Talk: Indigenous Peoples of Canada in the Contemporary World. Colloquium 6, Tourism in Traditional and Indigenous Communities. State University of the Amazonas, Brazil. May 8.

Bruce Granville Miller

2015 Invited Speaker: Canadian Indians at the US-Canada Borderlands. Studies in Interethnic Relations Symposium (Lageri), Department of Anthropology, University of Brazilia. April 24.

Bruce Granville Miller

2015 Invited Talk: An Ethnographic Perspective on Coast Salish on the International Border. Department of Anthropology, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. April 27.

Kimberly Plomp, Una Strand Vidarsdottir, Darlene Weston, Mark Collard

2015 3D Vertebral morphology, locomotion, and human spinal health. Paper presented at the American Association of Physical Anthropology Conference, St Louis, Missouri, Mar 25-29.

David Pokotylo

2015 Public Perceptions of Archaeology and its Impact on Archaeological Resource Preservation: A Case Study from Western Canada. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, April 17.

Mark Turin

2015. 'Digital Himalaya: Longevity, Mobility and Endurance in Online Anthropology', invited presentation for the Digital Practices in History and Ethnography Interest Group in the Research Data Alliance, 12 May.

Darlene Weston

2015 Indigenous health in the Caribbean: a comparison of pre- and post-European contact skeletal populations. Invited paper presented at the Nexus 1492 seminar, Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University, The Netherlands. March 31.

Marina Elliot, Helen Kurki, Darlene Weston, Mark Collard

2015 Estimating body mass from post-cranial remains: an evaluation using a large known-mass sample of modern humans. Invited poster presented at the symposium "Body Mass Estimation in Biological Anthropology", American Association of Physical Anthropology Conference, St Louis, Missouri, Mar 25-29.

Clayton Whitt

2015 Fluid Terrain: Climate Change and the Textured Materiality of Daily Life in the Bolivian Highlands. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, April 22.

Clayton Whitt

2015 "Everything is Mixed Up": Experiencing the Elements of Climate Change in the Bolivian Andes. Paper presented at Thinking Mountains 2015, Jasper, AB, May 6.

Publications

Kimberly Plomp, Una Strand Vidarsdottir, Darlene Weston, Keith Dobney, Mark Collard

2015 The Ancestral Shape Hypothesis: An Evolutionary Explanation for the Occurrence of Intervertebral Disc Herniation in Humans. *BMC Evolutionary Biology* 15:68.

Grants

Darlene Weston

Awarded a UBC Hampton Grant of \$24,066 for the project: Ancient identities: body modification among the Stz'uminus ancestors from the Salish Sea. The funds will be supporting research being undertaken by MA student, Colleen Parsley.