Welcome Back!

A Message from Dr. Michael Blake:

“I am honoured, as Anthropology’s incoming Department Head, to be able to welcome you to the start of the new academic year. This year marks the beginning of our second decade as a stand-alone department since our amiable split from Sociology in 2006. We all owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Drs. Sue Rowley and Patrick Moore, the out-going co-Heads who have worked tirelessly during the past three years to continue building our great programs and fostering our wonderful community spirit. From our first year students who are just beginning their university careers to seasoned fourth year students who may be anticipating graduation, to our exceptional Master’s and Doctoral students and Postdoctoral...
Fellows who are building national and international reputations for research excellence—the sense of excitement and optimism is palpable. Without such great students, there would be no reason for the rest of us to be here. It is because of the commitment and hard work of UBC students that the rest of us—including our dedicated and creative staff members and diverse faculty of sessional instructors and professors—have cause to engage in teaching and research that rivals the best institutions in the world. And this isn’t just an idle boast (though it is a boast nonetheless): UBC Anthropology ranks second in Canada and 24th in the world—according to this year’s QS World University Rankings.

This promises to be an exciting year—with many opportunities for academic and social events that will draw us together, stimulate our curiosity, and motivate our inquisitive natures. Be prepared for a barrage of invitations to hear guest speakers in our departmental colloquium series, to participate in workshops, and to partake in many social events organized by our undergraduate and graduate student associations. And keep an eye out for speaker series hosted by other departments and programs in which our faculty members participate and often help to organize. Best wishes for an enjoyable and productive year!

-Michael Blake, Department Head

Welcome 2016-2017 Academic Year

Welcome back Faculty Members, Sessional Instructors, Post Docs, Associates, Visiting Professors, Students and Staff.

Please welcome:
- Spencer Garvey, our new Undergraduate Student Association (ASA) President for 2016 - 2017.
- Heather Robertson and Michelle Hak Hepburn, our new Graduate Student Association (AGSA) Co-Presidents for 2016 - 2017.
- Laura Kim, Bridget Chase, and Jiwoo Kim, our new Student Assistants.
- Our Sessional Instructors: Caitlin Gordon-Walker, Jessica Metcalfe, Tal Nitsan, David Ryniker, Sitara Thobani, Dan Small, Adam Solomanian, Heidi Swierenga, Rafael Wainer, Suzanne Gessner, Heather Robertson, Chris Arnett, Nicholas Waber, Sarah Fessenden, Ana Vivaldi and Ernest Bumann

Department Events

**Departmental Student Orientations and Imagine UBC Day: 6th September, Tuesday**

9:30-11AM: Departmental Orientation for New Graduate Students (Mandatory Attendance), ANSO 2107

11:00-1:00 PM: Department Orientation Session for TA’s & Instructors (Mandatory Attendance), ANSO 134

11:30-12:30 PM: Imagine UBC Day: Undergraduate Anthropology Fair, ANSO 207

1:00-2:30 PM: Anth BBQ Lunch, ANSO Community Garden

2:30 PM: Grad to Grad Informal Session (by AGSA Co-Presidents, Heather Robertson and Michelle Hak Hepburn), ANSO lounge

5:00 PM: Post-orientation “Pub Meet and Greet”, Wolf and Hound, 3617 West Broadway (B/w Dunbar & Alma)
Upcoming Colloquium:

**People of the Saltwater**

October 6, 11:30-1pm (ANSO 134)

Dr. Charles Menzies

People of the Saltwater is a combination of personal narrative and ethnographic monograph. This talk explores the complication, advantage, disappointment and enjoyment involved in writing home: both in the sense of writing home to an audience familiar with the subject matter and writing about home to an audience unfamiliar with the place, people, and history.

More info on Charles’ book can be found here:


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Announcements & Recognition

Graduate Program: Competition Announcements

**Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship**

All applicants MUST apply online using ResearchNet by **Monday, September 12, 2016**. Details are available here: [https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/vanier-scholarship](https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/vanier-scholarship)

**SSHRC Graduate Scholarships (PhD level) & Affiliated Scholarships (PhD level)**

I. [SSHRC Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGSD)]

All applicants MUST use the [web-based](http://anth.ubc.ca) application system to apply. Applicants must then [print off](http://anth.ubc.ca), [sign](http://anth.ubc.ca), and [submit](http://anth.ubc.ca) to the Anth Graduate Office the completed final version of the application, including transcripts and other attachments.

The deadline by which applications for **Doctoral-level funding** must be submitted to the Anth Graduate Office (ANSO 2113) **September 28th Wednesday, before 3 pm**

The deadline by which applications for **Master's-level funding** must be submitted to the Anth Graduate Office (ANSO 2113) **December 1st, Thursday**
For more details, please check: https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/sshrc-graduate-scholarships


II. UBC Doctoral AFFILIATED FELLOWSHIPS

All students regardless of citizenship are eligible to apply. Canadian citizens and permanent residents are required to apply for graduate scholarship funding from CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC, if they are eligible to do so.

Applicants submit their application materials to the Anth Graduate Office. Please note that students who submit a Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC) award application to the Anth Graduate Office are also automatically considered for Affiliated Fellowship funding, and do not need to submit a separate Affiliated Fellowship application.

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2016-2017 Anthropology Committee Assignments

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| Graduate Studies (AGSC)    | Chair: Bruce Miller  
                           | Members: Shaylih Muehlmann, John Barker (T1), Patrick Moore (T2) and Gaston Gordillo |
| Undergraduate Studies      | Members: David Pokotylo, Sara Schneiderman, Zhichun Jing (T1) and Vinay Kamat |
| Website and Communications | Mark Turin                                   |
| Equity                     | Alexia Bloch (T2) and Millie Creighton       |
| Museum Liaison             | Leslie Robertson and Daisy Rosenblum         |
| Special Events             | Jennifer Kramer and Carole Blackburn         |
| Peer Teaching Review       | Bill McKellin                                |
| Safety                     | Charles Menzies                              |
| LOA Director               | Andrew Martindale                            |
| Awards                     | Nicky Levell, Pat Shaw, Sue Rowley           |
Graduate Student Stories

The Department of Anthropology is delighted to announce a new series, Graduate Student Stories. Our graduate students are deeply committed to their research programs and excited to have the chance to reflect on their work and their participation in UBC’s Anthropology Graduate Program.

Through this series, you’ll learn about the motivations and aspirations of graduate students in Anthropology at UBC, hear about their current research interests, and some more personal insights into academic life. Whether you are a prospective graduate student, or simply interested to know more about the UBC Anthropology Graduate Program, we hope you enjoy these graduate student stories.

Check out PhD Student, Clayton Whitt’s story (photo featured above) and others in the new series here: http://anth.ubc.ca/graduate/graduate-student-stories/

Presentations

Bill McKellin


Publications

Jorge Emilio Rosés Labrada


Andrew Martindale


**Charles R Menzies**

- 2016 *People of the Saltwater: An Ethnography of Git lax m’oon*. Lincoln: Nebraska University Press.

**Bruce Granville Miller**


**Daniel Small**

- 2016. "Ian Whitaker (1928-2016)." *Polar Record*.

**Grants**

**Jorge Emilio Rosés Labrada**

- (Socio)Linguistic Documentation of Arutani (Uruak), an almost extinct language of Venezuela and Brazil. Jacobs Research Fund. Co-applicant: Thiago Chacon (University of Brasilia). Amount: $ 5,960.00 USD
- (Socio)Linguistic Documentation of Sapé, an almost extinct language of Venezuela. Endangered Languages Fund. Collaborator: Francia Medina (Universidad Central de Venezuela). Amount: $ 3,000.00 USD
- Collaborative documentation of Piaroa, a language of the Venezuelan Amazon. Endangered Language Documentation Program Small Grant. Amount: £9,686.00 GBP

**Mark Turin**

- Added as Co-Investigator on SSHRC Partnership Grant: 'First Nations Languages in the Twenty-first Century: Looking Back, Looking Forward' #895-2012-1029. Amount awarded $2,495,000. PI: Marianne Ignace, SFU.

**Nicola Levell**

- SSHRC Insight Development Grant for $54,881 for the following research project: Postcolonial Aspirations: Anthropology Museums and Contemporary Art as Cultural Critique

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following PhD students receiving the UBC Four Year Doctoral Fellowship.

- Thomas Brown
- Yujie Ji
- Sultan Ahmed

Congratulations to **Kendra Jewell** for receiving the PhD level 2016-2017 Affiliated Fellowship
Congratulations also to Sungsook Lim who received a Korea Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship which she will hold at the University of Toronto beginning September 1, 2016.

Media and Special Events

On behalf of the staff and faculty at the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, we want to extend a well-deserved thank you to our hard working student assistants!

Thanks also to Patricia Ormerod, Manager of the Laboratory of Archaeology, who organized the appreciation BBQ for Anthropology staff and students.

Anthropology Summer BBQ with Faculty, Students, and Staff (July, 2016)
We’ll miss you Yvonne and Allison!

Many thanks to both Yvonne Diamond and Allison Lau for their dedicated work and congeniality as Administrator and Communications Assistant with Anthropology/Sociology. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

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