Congratulations Professor Davis!

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, presiding over an Order of Canada investiture ceremony at Rideau Hall, on Friday, September 23, 2016. The Governor General, who is chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order, presents the Member of the Order of Canada insignia to Professor Wade Davis, C.M.
Professor Wade Davis was recognized last week for his life-long contributions to conservation alongside his writing and scholarly achievements. Congratulations, Wade!

Department Events

Upcoming Colloquium:

People of the Saltwater

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

Professor 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: http://anth.ubc.ca/2016/08/19/charles-menzies-publishes-new-book/
Announcements & Recognition

Congratulations to Shaylih Muehlmann who has been elected into the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada, as featured on the UBC Research & International webpage:

“As Canada Research Chair in Language, Culture and the Environment and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Shaylih Muehlmann is renowned for her courageous fieldwork and gripping ethnographic analyses of one of the most fraught geographies in the world: the narco-corridor of northern Mexico, where the Sonora desert, the dried out delta of the Colorado River and the fenced US-Mexico border intersect to create a particularly rugged social geography.”

-UBC Research & International
Associate Professor Leslie Robertson has been appointed as the new Editor of BC Studies: The British Columbian Quarterly! The announcement on the BC Studies website reads:

“Leslie has a critical interest in community-generated and collaborative methodologies. Her applied and ethnographic research includes projects about: intergenerational biography; aboriginal activism and historical colonial processes; street drug use, violence and homelessness; place-making and memory. She is the author of Standing Up with Ga’axsta’las: Jane Constance Cook and the Politics of Memory, Church and Custom (with the Kwagul Gixsam); Imagining Difference: Legend, Curse and Spectacle in a Canadian Mining Town; and, co-editor of In Plain Sight: Reflections on Life in Downtown Eastside Vancouver. Current work focuses on the afterlife of historical colonialism, how people from diverse cultural and social locations inhabit their histories, the imaginative resources they draw upon to speak about them, and the role of scholarship in translating and interpreting them.”

Department of Anthropology graduate student, Ms. Jessica DeChamplain was one of the award winners feted at this year’s annual Awards Ceremony event to recognize scholarship awardees held September 10, 2016 by The Vancouver Korean-Canadian Scholarship Foundation. This Foundation annually awards scholarships to students of Korean descent and to students whose academic work is focused on Korea (Ms. DeChamplain is in the latter category). Ms. DeChamplain's submission was supported by her supervisor Dr. Millie Creighton. In winning the award, Ms. DeChamplain was also awarded the Haerum School Scholarship and the Eunice Oh (Oh Pharmacy) Scholarship. Pictured left to right: Mr. Montgomery (Monty) Young, friend of Ms. DeChamplain, Ms. Jessica DeChamplain, scholarship award winner, Dr. Millie Creighton, Ms. DeChamplain's supervisor, Ambassador Kie Chon Lee, Consul General of the Republic of Korea to Vancouver, Canada, Chair of the Board of Directors Eunice Oh, Director and Chair of the VKCSF.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor Sara Shneiderman who joins the UBC-based journal Pacific Affairs as Associate Editor for South Asia and the Himalayan Region as of September 1, 2016.

Congratulations to Eric Guiry on a successful Doctoral Examination!
We’re Hiring!

The Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver campus invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position in archaeological sciences/bioarchaeology. This position will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, commencing July 1, 2017. A Ph.D. in anthropology/archaeology as well as a strong record of research and demonstrated potential for excellence are required. While a Ph.D. is preferred, applicants who will have successfully defended the Ph.D. dissertation by the position start date may be considered. We welcome applicants whose primary expertise is in the domains of archaeological sciences and bioarchaeology and whose research interests intersect both the natural and social sciences in understanding past human societies. More specifically, we seek candidates with expertise in one or more of the following: archaeochemistry, archaeological-anthropological genetics, zooarchaeology, archaeobotany, and related sub-disciplines. Also desirable is experience in the application and teaching of quantitative methods. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an active program of research, service, graduate supervision, and undergraduate and graduate teaching. S/He will have access to the Laboratory of Archaeology facilities including specialized labs for isotope analysis and scanning electron microscopy. For information about the Department, visit: [http://anth.ubc.ca](http://anth.ubc.ca). Applicants should apply by December 1, 2016 through the UBC Faculty Careers website [http://www.hr.ubc.ca/careers/faculty-careers/](http://www.hr.ubc.ca/careers/faculty-careers/) Job ID: 24449.

Graduate Student Stories

We are delighted to continue our new series, Graduate Student Stories. Take a moment to read about two of our inspiring students below. Enjoy!

Meet Michelle Hak Hepburn, the first student showcased in our Graduate Student Stories series! Michelle, a current Master’s student continuing on her PhD in September with a focus on socio-cultural anthropology, was born and raised in the Ottawa area. Michelle opted to stay in Ottawa to double major in Linguistics and Anthropology as an undergraduate, and has since travelled to and lived in different countries. Having worked in Peru, Michelle decided to return to Canada to enroll in an MA program.
When she needs a break from her academic work, you can find Michelle playing soccer in the Metro Vancouver Women’s League or making crafts.

Meet Heather Robertson, the second student showcased in our Graduate Student Stories series. Heather, a current PhD student specializing in Anthropological Archaeology, was born in Montreal but was raised in Ontario. She completed her BA at Simon Fraser University in Archaeology, specializing in human osteology, with a minor in Criminology. She has worked as a Lab Technician at SFU for 4 years maintaining Archaeological equipment and documenting ancestral remains for repatriation and at a research facility conducting longitudinal studies on the influence of activity on children’s bone growth for 3 more years before pursuing her Master’s degree at the University of Victoria. Outside of her academic interests, she is passionate about acting (she has performed in a number of musical theatre performances!) and is active in the Anglican Church, particularly with the Diocesan Youth Movement focusing on promoting inclusive and gender neutral worship environments and encouraging youth to apply the scientific method to their faith journey.

Other inspiring Graduate Student Stories can be found online here: http://anth.ubc.ca/graduate/graduate-student-stories/

Presentations

Millie Creighton

- 2016 WAHS (World Association of Hallyu--Korean Transnational Popular Culture--Studies). Student Video Contest session Chair, International Congress, Oxford University, September 27.

Ezra Anton Greene


Anthony Shelton


Mark Turin

- 2016 ‘Expanding the Idea of Indigeneity at UBC’, Member of Round Table on African Indigenous Knowledge, Liu Institute at UBC, 9 September, 2016.
2016 ‘Digital Himalaya Project: Research, Partnership & Community’, Invited Public Lecture, Center for Tibetan Studies, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, 30 August 2016.

2016 ‘The Case for Collaborative Language Documentation’, Invited Public Lecture, Center for Tibetan Studies, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, 2 September 2016.


Publications

John Barker and Anna-Karina Hermkens


Kirsten Bell


Millie Creighton


Leslie Robertson


Anthony Shelton


Grants

Sara Shneiderman

Co-investigator on the SSHRC Insight Grant “Infrastructures of Democracy: Post-conflict transition and state building in Nepal’s agrarian districts”; PI Katharine Rankin, University of Toronto (Geography).

Martina Volfova

UBC Language Sciences Initiative Funding for the following community based project: "Kaska Language Immersion Parent Group" in Watson Lake, Yukon. Amount awarded $1,200.
Media and Special Events

The Vancouver Writers Fest

Oct 17-23, 2016

Granville Island

Featuring our own Professor Wade Davis, as well as dozens of other inspiring writers. Check out the Writers Fest website for more information: http://writersfest.bc.ca/