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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA



## APRIL LECTURE & AGM

Wednesday, April 20th, 2016

University of Calgary

**\*\*ES 162\*\***, 7:30pm

### ***Border Warriors: Castrum Cumidava in the Context of the Roman Occupation of Dacia***

Dr. Álvaro Ibarra, Department of Art and Architectural History, College of Charleston

**Abstract** - The emperor Trajan completed his conquest of Dacia (present-day Transylvania) in 106 CE. However, the Dacians were neither pacified nor ever fully romanized. The latest research conducted by the lecturer (via Braşov Archaeological Projects) suggests the presence of an ongoing native insurgency, one fought more intensely on the eastern frontier of Dacia through the end of the Roman occupation, support open-field battles to those positioned at key choke points and

271 CE. Through remote-sensing methods, ArcGIS, and landscape analysis, project contributors discovered a significant change in Roman military operations in eastern Dacia, an approach we are confident in effectively calling a counter-insurgency. The Roman counter-insurgency is evidenced in a shift from forts designed to support open-field battles to those positioned at key choke points and manned by smaller, mixed, mobile units suited for guerrilla warfare. To compliment this overarching view of Roman strategy, BAP researchers also examined the material remains and data sets from the excavation of one specific frontier fort: Castrum Cumidava. In completing the narrative of the border experience in eastern Dacia, a more intimate picture of everyday life emerged from the common artifacts and personal effects utilized by the Roman auxiliary soldier stationed in a foreign and hostile environment. In this lecture, the speaker will relate how the everyday experiences of the inhabitants of a site like Castrum Cumidava are key to understanding the complex and violent interactions between Romans and Dacians, from the personal motivations of a career soldier to the political motivations of emperors.



**Biography** - Álvaro Ibarra is a native Texan. He received three degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, including a Ph.D. in Art History. Dr. Ibarra has twelve seasons of archaeological field experience in Rome, Pompeii, Tuscany, Provence, and Romania. His research concerns Roman provincial art and architecture and the cultural effects of Roman military interventions in the provincial landscape. Professor Ibarra is currently Assistant Professor in the Department of Art History at the College of Charleston. He is also the director of Brasov Archaeological Project, an ongoing study of the Roman occupation of Dacia, present-day Transylvania. His multi-national, multi-disciplinary team consists of archaeologists, classicists, geologists, art historians, and U.S. Army veterans.



## ASA MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

In March the ASA Calgary Centre honoured longstanding ASA members for their continued support of the ASA by presenting them with the ASA 15 Years Alberta Point Pin. Congratulations to all 15 year recipients! Thank you for your continued support of the ASA!



From left to right - John Visser, Sharon Gordon, Shari Peyerl, Pete Truch, David Gravells, Mandy Gravells & Dale Walde



From left to right - Jason Roe & Bill Spencer

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE/AGM APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2016

High River, Alberta

Hosted by the Calgary Centre

Program info is available at [www.arkycalgary.com](http://www.arkycalgary.com)  
and [www.arkyalberta.com](http://www.arkyalberta.com)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Early Bird Registration (before April 15; incl. sessions, lunch, coffee, banquet, speaker): \$65

☐ Full Registration (after April 15; incl. sessions, lunch, coffee, banquet, speaker): \$75

☐ Saturday sessions only (incl. lunch & coffee breaks): \$40

☐ Banquet/speaker only: \$40

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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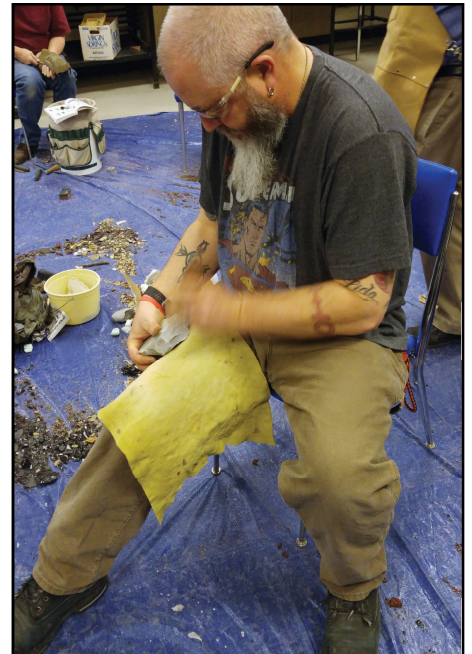


## LITHICS WORKSHOP 2016 REVIEW



In March 2016, nearly 25 attendees participated in the ASA Calgary Centre's annual, two day, Lithics Workshop. The workshop was led by local archaeologist Jason Roe (Lifeways of Canada Limited). The first day of the workshop focused on knapping principles, such as, hard and soft hammer percussion and pressure flaking. The second day was a Knapp-In style workshop, with a bring your own project focus. Local knapper Rick Rowell lead an advanced pressure flaking clinic for first time and seasoned flintknappers. Attendees came away with new or advanced skill-sets and personally crafted lithic tools.

**STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS  
FOR THE NEXT WORKSHOP!  
-SPRING 2017-**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND LECTURES

### *Alberta Palaeontological Society*

#### **Dental wear of late Pleistocene horses and bison from North America and its implication for the late Pleistocene extinction**

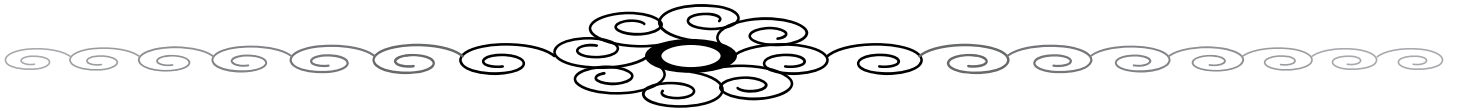
Christian Barron-Oritz, Assistant Curator of Quaternary Palaeontology, Royal Alberta Museum  
Room B108, Mt. Royal University at 7:30 PM in Calgary, Alberta April 15, 2016

### *Chinook Country Historical Society*

#### **125 Years of the Ranchman's Club (1891-2016)**

Jennifer Cook Bobrovitz

Ranchman's Club, 710-13th Avenue SW, 7:30 PM April 26, 2016.



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## **ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ALBERTA OCCASIONAL PAPER SERIES**

***New publicaiton to be released summer 2016***

***Featuring three articles from the Alberta Lithic Reference Project***

***Check the Archaeological Survey Website for details in the coming months:***

<http://culture.alberta.ca/heritage-and-museums/programs-and-services/archaeological-survey/publications/occasional-papers/>

#### **Tertiary Hills Clinker in Alberta: A partially fused vesicular toolstone from the Mackenzie Basin of Northwest Territories, Canada**

Todd J. Kristensen, Thomas D. Andrews, Glen MacKay, Sean C. Lynch, M. John M. Duke, Andrew J. Locock, and John W. Ives

#### **Pre-contact Jade in Alberta : the Geochemistry, Mineralogy, and Archaeological Significance of Nephrite Ground Stone Tools**

Todd J. Kristensen, Jesse Morin, M. John M. Duke, Andrew J. Locock, Philip Lypaczewski, Courtney Lakevold, Karen Giering, and John W. Ives

#### **Beaver River Sandstone: A silicified toolstone from Northeast Alberta, Canada**

Michael Turney, Robin Woywitka, Todd J. Kristensen, John W. Ives, Brian Tsang, Murray Gingras, Patrick Rennie, Elizabeth Robertson, Travis Jones, and Jeff Speakman