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## January Lecture

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

University of Calgary

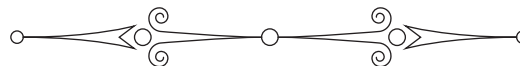
ICT Building Room 121, 7:30pm

**The Archaeological Evidence for Painted Feather's Pound**

**Dr. Caroline Hudecek-Cuffe and Dr. Trevor Peck**

**Archaeological Survey of the Alberta**

Abstract: On December 20, 1809, North West Company fur trader Alexander Henry the Younger made a trip on horseback from the post at Fort Vermilion/Paint Creek House, which was located on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River, to a Blackfoot camp and buffalo pound. Where was this Blackfoot camp and pound? Based on information from Henry's journal we have developed a model to delimit where the meeting between Painted Feather and Henry could have taken place. New physical evidence concerning the possible location of Painted Feather's camp and pound is presented to support our re-examination of the journal information and its relation to the topography of the area. This research, which proposes the meeting location of two historically significant people, is an example of how valuable cooperation between avocational archaeologists and Archaeological Survey staff can be for exploring and furthering our knowledge of Alberta's past.



Bio: Dr. Caroline Hudecek-Cuffe is the Parklands Archaeologist with the Archaeological Survey of the Historic Resources Management Branch, Alberta Culture and Tourism, in Edmonton. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Lethbridge and obtained her graduate degrees from the University of Alberta, where she also worked for several years teaching the Department of Anthropology's archaeology field school in Jasper. She has been involved with archaeological excavations and studies across the southern Alberta plains and for the past five years, she has been a Regional Archaeologist with the Archaeological Survey, being responsible for archaeological regulation in the parklands region of the province.

Bio: Dr. Trevor Peck is the Northern Plains archaeologist at the Archaeological Survey of the Historic Resources Management Branch, Alberta Culture and Tourism, in Edmonton. He received his MA from the University of Alberta and his PhD from the University of Calgary. The author of numerous articles and monographs, including *Light from Ancient Campfires: Archaeological Evidence for Native Lifeways on the Northern Plains*, Dr. Peck's research interests include the prehistory of the northern plains, public archaeology, and archaeological theory.

## *November Lecture Review:*

In her role as the Underwater Archaeologist for the State of Maryland Dr. Susan Langley presented a most engaging discussion of a project she has been undertaking along the Potomac River. She summarized the history of the WWI-era wooden steamboats found here and how this fleet ended up scuttled along the banks of the Potomac River. Langley went on to discuss how these wrecks are now recognized as an invaluable historic resource and the steps being taken to have the area preserved as a National Marine Sanctuary. Overall, the lecture was most interesting and provided an opportunity for us to hear about a topic that we rarely get to hear or think about.



## *ASA Volunteer Opportunities and Student Awards:*

The Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) is recruiting for the position of Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary works with the other officers of the ASA and coordinates with the regional branches to run the provincial level of the Archaeological Society of Alberta. The Executive Secretary attends to administrative matters including mail and email correspondence, filing annual reports, and attending about three meetings per year in various parts of Alberta.

*To express interest or for more information, please contact the Provincial Coordinator (Robyn Crook) at:*

[arkysocietyalberta@gmail.com](mailto:arkysocietyalberta@gmail.com)

### Student Awards:

At this past November lecture, the ASA Calgary Centre handed out its annual student Awards, the Humphrey's Award and the Johnston Award. The 2017 winner of the Humphrey's Award is Claire Thorimbert from MRU and for the Johnston Award is Joelle Sevigny from U of C. Congratulations!!



# Lab Volunteer Opportunity:

## Public Laboratory Analysis Program

*Public Archaeology Program, Winter 2018*



The Winter 2018 Laboratory Analysis Program will run Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, from January to April.

The University of Calgary is offering a volunteer laboratory analysis program to work primarily with material from a bison bone bed in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Participants will analyze artifacts in an archaeology laboratory on the University of Calgary campus. Laboratory activities will include analyzing archaeological materials and cataloging them using Excel.

Participants will be supervised by University of Calgary graduate students. Training in archaeological laboratory techniques will be provided as well as detailed information about artifact identification and analysis.

Beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> and ending April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Volunteer Laboratory hours are Mondays from 11:30am to 2:30pm, Tuesdays from 2:00 to 5:00pm, and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:30pm in Science Theaters 018. (Please note that there will be *no* lab hours between February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

Please register in advance by sending your name, date(s), desired start time of participation, and contact information to [pubarky@ucalgary.ca](mailto:pubarky@ucalgary.ca). Volunteers are not required to participate for the entire time slot.

There is no cost to participate. Participants must provide their own transportation to and from the University of Calgary campus. Participants must also provide their own computer with a working copy of Excel.

Participants are welcome from the university community and from the general public. The minimum age of participation is 15. A responsible adult must accompany participants under the age of 18 at all times. All participants will be required to complete a Volunteer Liability Waiver Form and a Photography Waiver Form. Participants under the age of 18 must also complete an Informed Consent Form.

Please visit <https://antharky.ucalgary.ca/public-archaeology/> and see the Volunteer Information tab for more information on the program and the location of the laboratory on the University of Calgary campus.



Counterclockwise from the top: bone and stone tools, a projectile point, and a pottery fragment found during the 2014 excavations at the Cluny Fortified Village site.

## *ASA Annual General Meeting:*

# 2018 Archaeological Society of Alberta Annual General Meeting

Hosted by the Archaeological Society of Alberta: Edmonton Centre

April 26-29, 2018

The Lodge Snow Valley, Edmonton, Alberta

Preliminary Conference Schedule:

Thursday:

Afternoon: Tour of Royal Alberta Museum Acheson warehouse

Evening: Meet and Greet and registration (location TBA)

Friday:

Day of talks (open call) at The Lodge Snow Valley; poster sessions

Public Lecture at Edmonton Public Library Whitemud: Todd Kristensen

Saturday:

Invited speakers: Edmonton from Time Immemorial; poster sessions

Banquet at The Lodge Snow Valley

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Sunday:

Field Trips: walking tour of  
Downtown Edmonton, more TBA



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and go to [sites.google.com/view/2018asaconference](https://sites.google.com/view/2018asaconference) for more information!

## *Upcoming Events, Lectures and Conferences:*

### **CCHS Lecture**

#### **Booze, Broads & Brothels: A Spicy, Sex-Positive History of Calgary's (Almost) Oldest Profession**

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 7:00 PM (Free Program)

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY, Central Library John Dutton Theatre, 616 Macleod Trail SE

Kimberley Williams

Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, Mount Royal University

Notoriously known as the booze, brothel, and gambling capital of the Canadian West, early Calgary was home to dozens of entrepreneurial sex workers. This talk will introduce you to a few of these dynamic women, whose clients were the miners, ranchers, NWMP officers, and CPR railmen considered the "mavericks" of Alberta's pioneering past. A walking tour based on this talk is also offered during summer months.

For more info, go to <http://yycsexworkwalkingtour.weebly.com>.

### **Alberta Palaeontological Society 22nd Annual Symposium**

**Saturday, March 17 2018, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM**

**and workshops on Sunday March 18, 2018, 9:00AM - 4:00PM**

**(in conjunction with the Mount Royal University Earth and Environmental Sciences and CSPG Palaeontological Division)**

This symposium will contain presentations from a mix of amateur and professional palaeontologists. The aim is to showcase palaeontology to the general public and to provide an opportunity for contact between the Alberta Palaeontological Society, industry, government and educational facilities. The event is free and all are welcome to attend. Families are encouraged to bring fossils to our identification booth where APS members will do their best to provide you with information.

We are calling for Posters for this event. Deadline for submission of abstracts for publication is February 15, 2018

For more information please visit: <http://www.albertapaleo.org/>

### **51st Annual Meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association: Winnipeg, Manitoba May 2–6, 2018**

The theme for the 2018 CAA annual meeting is "**Where the Spirit Resides**", an English expression of the Anishinaabe word "Manitoba." This theme reflects the collaborative spirit of archaeology as well as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The theme can be taken in many directions, such as, the Indigenous perspective for objects and places having spirits, the broader picture of the past by applying Indigenous ways of knowing to archaeological interpretations (and vice-versa), and the inter-cultural connections between Indigenous and migrant populations. This theme also highlights the diversity that exists within our discipline and celebrates community partnerships and projects.

While the 2018 Conference Committee encourages participants to think about the theme when planning their sessions and papers, we welcome all abstracts related to archaeology in Canada or by Canadian archaeologists abroad, regardless of the theme.

For more information please visit: <https://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting>