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NOVEMBER LECTURE

Wednesday, November 21st, 2018

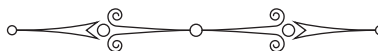
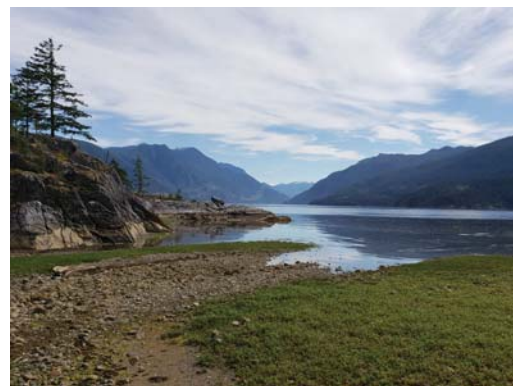
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Tom Oliver Room, ES 162, 7:30pm

T'i s-tsitsiy-im-ut-?e (They worked here): the shíshálh Archaeological Research Project (sARP)

Dr. Terence Clark, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology
University of Saskatchewan

ABSTRACT - This talk will discuss the results of the shíshálh Archaeological Research Project (sARP), a long-term collaborative project based in Sechelt, BC. SARP has uncovered the most elaborate pre-contact burials yet known in Canada, with one individual interred with over 350,000 ground stone beads. It will provide an overview of previous fieldwork activities and outline the future directions of the project. Topics will include coastal survey, shell midden excavation, public archaeology, museum exhibitions, landscapes of meaning, community-based research, and mortuary archaeology.



BIOGRAPHY - Dr. Terence Clark is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Saskatchewan. He completed his PhD at the University of Toronto on Northwest Coast Archaeology. After completing his PhD he worked as a Post Doctoral Research Associate at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London. He was working as the Curator of Western Canadian Archaeology at the Canadian Museum of History prior to his appointment at the University of Saskatchewan. Terence is the author of several books, articles, and book chapters. He has been interviewed by CBC's The National, CTV News Channel, National Geographic, among others. He has been involved in the development of mobile applications in archaeology and heritage, working with the Greek Ministry of Culture, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, and the Saskatchewan Archaeological Association. Terence is the Director of the shíshálh Archaeological Research Project (sARP), a community-based partnership with the shíshálh Nation.

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OCTOBER LECTURE REVIEWS

Ancient Beringians and the Colonization of the Americas

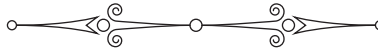
Dr. Ben Potter (University of Alaska - Fairbanks)

I had the pleasure of attending the ASA monthly lecture, where Dr. Ben Potter of the University of Alaska Fairbanks was delivering a lecture. Prior to the lecture, I was able to attend the dinner where he spoke to me and fellow undergrads, as well as some executive ASA members. The advice he provided to us as undergrads was invaluable, and insightful. I am very thankful for this opportunity to have spoken personally with Dr. Potter, to ask him about his research, how he got started in the field of archaeology, and what inspires him to keep working in the field.

Later, at the lecture, he was delivering research regarding the peopling of the Americas. He was providing new research regarding the genetic links between people living in Asia, those who inhabited Beringia, and those who were found in the new world. Their discovery of both cremated and interred human remains in Alaska marked an important discovery for the questions regarding the first peoples to migrate into North America. Their archaeological work was strengthened by the combination of genetic analysis, which further demonstrates the importance of taking a multidisciplinary approach. The result of their analysis demonstrated there was an entirely new group of people in the archaeological record which had not been described in the literature before. This is an exciting find, and it ensures that there will be many more questions to answer for the peopling of the Americas in the future.

I am thankful for the opportunity to have been able to attend this lecture and dinner, it was a meaningful experience as an archaeology undergraduate, and I look forward to attending many more lectures in the future.

-Samantha Kondor



Dr. Ben Potter and his team from the University of Alaska Fairbanks uncovered two buried infants in central Alaska revealing a previously unknown peopling group of the Americas, the Ancient Beringians. Dr. Potter discussed their potential habitation of Beringia before the peopling of the Americas and the offers an explanation connecting the archaeology of Siberia, Beringia, and North America on how the continent was colonized.

The two infants are the oldest human remains found on the North American side of the Beringian land bridge dating back to around 11,500 BP. The infants are genetically related to Siberians and East Asians closer than any other ancient human individual that has been found in North America. The Beringian infants also predate the splitting of North and South Native Americans and genetic data shows the Beringians do not cluster with either later population.

The two infants were situated at a site rich with salmon bone, representing the earliest evidence of salmon-eating by humans in North America, and lithic tools. Particularly the tools that were buried with the two infants. The infants were buried with decorated antler rods, unused lithic dart points, and a third bifaced stone tool.

Dr. Potter's talk was incredible and revealed so much that was unknown about the peopling of the Americas. I am excited to see what his team uncovers next at Upward Sun River and what new insights are discovered from this area in the future.

-David Orona



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Alberta Palaeontological Society

Using modern bird claws to investigate the lifestyles of extinct birds (main lecture)
Annie P. McIntosh, Ph.D. Student, University of Alberta
and

The Burgess Shale: A guide's perspective (10 minute presentation)
David Moore, Burgess Shale Guide, M.Sc., The University of Calgary
Friday, November 16th, 7:30pm
Mount Royal University, Room B108



PALEO 2019 - APS SYMPOSIUM 2019

Saturday, March 23 2019, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM - Alberta Palaeontological Society 23rd Annual Symposium
and workshops on Sunday March 24, 2019, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Please check their website for further information <http://www.albertapaleo.org/>

Chinook Country Historical Society

Little Moccasins: a Short Film and its Filmmaker
Laurie Sommerville, Filmmaker
Tuesday, November 27th 2016, 7:00pm
New Central Library, 802 3 St SE

Christmas Luncheon -
Was the 1918 - 19 Spanish Flu really "Spanish"?
Trudy Cowan, Historical Site Developer and Interpreter
Saturday, December 8th, starts at 11:00 am, TICKETS REQUIRED
contact sarpatharv@gmail.com or call 403-404-8717
Danish Canadian Club, 727, 11th Ave SW

The Life and Art of Nicholas de Grandmaison
Ryan Green, Owner and President of Masters Gallery
Tuesday January 29th 2017, 7:00pm
New Central Library, 802 3 St SE

please check their website for further information <http://www.chinookcountry.org/>

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Annual General Meeting & Conference of the Archaeological Society of Alberta

April 12-14, 2019, Lethbridge, AB

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