

## Department of Anthropology Newsletter

### Chair's Welcome



I am pleased to introduce this issue of the Anthropology Department newsletter. As with other departments in the College of Social Science and Public Affairs, the past several years have seen declining resources and adjustments in faculty workloads. A credit to our faculty, we have by continuously assessing and innovatively managing our workloads and resources continued to be active in all areas deemed critical to university functions. As always, the newsletter affords us an opportunity to highlight the many individual and collective accomplishments of the past year. In 2011 the faculty has been active in research, publication, and receipt of external funding. The faculty published 28 scholarly works that included a book, numerous book chapters, journal articles and monographs, and presented papers at 20 professional meetings while providing journal and grant proposal reviews. In addition to teaching and research, the faculty continued their contributions to the college and university, students, and community by their service on various committees, advisory boards, and working groups. This year the faculty had over 120 service commitments. Professionally the faculty served as officers in state, regional, and national organizations and as editors of major state, national, and international journals. Professional service included five editorships. Faculty research efforts were supported by their receipt of grants and contracts totaling more than \$300,000. Faculty conducted regional field research in Idaho, Oregon, and internationally in Canada and northern Guyana. Faculty have participated in conferences in Norway, Finland, Japan and Guyana. The department conducted the fifth annual Denis Williams Archaeological Field School (DAAF) with the University of Guyana and the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology at the Siriki Shell Mound in northwestern Guyana which provided training in archaeological methods to ten Guyanese university students as well as members of the staff of the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology. Locally, the department conducted its field

school at the Caven site near Glens Ferry, Idaho. The department continues its cooperative work with a number of agencies and private companies including the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Transportation Department, the Idaho Army National Guard, and the Idaho Power Company. Internally, the department continues its cooperation with faculty with the Department of Geosciences in administering the Geoarchaeology major. The department continues its collaborations with other academic units through the Desert Studies Institute. This year the department will welcome Dr. Matt Kohn, Department of Geosciences, as an Affiliate Faculty member. Dr. Kohn specializes in isotopic analyses and will work cooperatively with the department. The departments of biology, chemistry, and anthropology

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have been assigned space in the former Mathematics/Geosciences building for 2012. The department will have an Anthropology Teaching Laboratory and an Anthropology Research Laboratory. The new labs will enhance research opportunities for faculty and graduate students and serve the needs of upper division anthropolo-

gy students. During the fall term, the department hosted external reviewers from the University of Utah and California State University, Sacramento as part of its five year review. The department received highly complimentary reviews of its scholarly productivity, approach, focus and graduate programs.

The Department of Anthropology at Boise State University is a growing, research-oriented faculty with a thematic focus on human evolution and ecology. Our undergraduate program prepares students with a strong background in the discipline, hands-on research opportunities, and critical learning skills needed for today's workforce. Our graduate program is designed around the premises of an integrated causal model and mentoring students

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## DEPARTMENT of ANTHROPOLOGY

### FACULTY

Mark Plew, Professor and Chair  
Christopher Hill, Associate Professor  
Margaret Streeter, Associate Professor  
John Ziker, Professor  
Chris Willson, Lecturer  
Kendall House, Adj. Assistant Professor  
Cynthia Bradbury, Adjunct  
T. Virginia Cox, Associate Professor  
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## Chair's Welcome, continued.....

through original master's research and projects. During the past year the department served more than 3,300 university students—had 258 majors and minors in anthropology and an additional 11 geoarchaeology majors. The department offered 48 courses and 36 workshops while graduating 27 students. Of note, 56 students made Dean's List and seven students were awarded scholarships. The department graduated four Masters candidates and saw graduate students participate individually and with faculty in their attendance and presentations at a number of conferences including the Northwest Anthropological Conference, the meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, the Idaho Academy of Sciences meeting, and the Idaho Archaeological Conference. Both graduate and undergraduate students were award recipients during the past year. Reflecting the commitment

of the faculty to student learning, Dr. Christopher Hill received the College of Social Science and Public Affairs Provost's Award for Advising. Dr. Hill continues as Director of the Environmental Science program that now has 116 majors.

Beginning fall 2012, Dr. John Ziker will assume the department chairmanship. Dr. Ziker has served as associate chair and assumed a leadership role on a number of important department, college, and university committees and initiatives and presently serves as Vice-President of the Faculty Senate. John brings a record of outstanding scholarship and diverse administrative experience to the position. We look forward to working with him as the department continues to increase its research profile.

## Introducing Nikki Gorrell, CWI Program Head for Anthropology and Geography

Nikki Gorrell has recently been appointed the position of Program Head for Anthropology and Geography at the College of Western Idaho. Nikki attained her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Boise State in 2002 and was also the first graduate from the Masters Anthropology program at Boise State in 2008. Her research interests consist of indigenous populations and their adaptive strategies for autonomy and survival in various stages of acculturation. Her area of concentration is the Basques, the native Europeans that have thrived longer on the continent than any other group and speak an unrelated language that pre-dates all other European linguistic families. For five years she worked at Boise's own Basque Museum and Cultural Center; a museum dedicated to preserving the unique Basque culture that thrives in Boise as well as the Basque homeland in Spain and France. For her Master's project she developed a comprehensive long-range educational plan for the museum that has provided interactive programs that target the three largest segments of museum patrons.

Nikki has conducted several lectures for the Basque Studies Program at Boise State University with an emphasis on Basque nationalism, migration and the diaspora, and pre-Christian mythology and ritual. She will be conducting two weekend workshops for BSU's Anthropology program in Fall 2012; topics include an overview of Boise's culturally diverse and rapidly growing refugee population and a cross cultural comparison of the mythologies of the Basques and the Celts. Nikki has conducted classes at the

College of Western Idaho in both Cultural and Physical Anthropology as well as Native American studies since January 2010. She advises the Anthropology Club, mentors Anthropology Club majors, and also serves as an online course adviser for both Anthropology and Geography online instructors. Her past times include organic gardening, high desert camping, improving her Spanish, and international travel.



*Nikki Gorrell, CWI Program Head for Anthropology and Geography*

## 2012 Desert Studies Institute Workshops

The Desert Studies Institute (DSI) was established in 1997 as a cooperative program between the Department of Anthropology and Celebration Park, which is operated by Canyon County Parks, Recreation and Waterways. Each year the Desert Studies Institute provides a broad range of academic offerings of interest and value to students, teaching professionals, Idaho's citizens, and visitors.

The mission of the Institute is to provide educational programs and scholarly presentations concerning the prehistory, history, ecology, and politics of Idaho's desert environments and deserts worldwide. The programs are presented to enrich the understanding and appreciation of complex desert ecosystems in Idaho and to promote their perpetual preservation as educational resources for the future.

*The Desert Studies Institute workshops combine classroom instruction with field experiences appropriate to an integration of knowledge concerning desert environments.*

The summer DSI workshops are offered for pass/fail credit at the undergraduate (\$249/credit) or graduate (\$305/credit) level. See the Boise State University BroncoWeb for more information at <http://broncoweb.boisestate.edu/> or call Extended Studies at (208) 426-1709 or visit <http://boisestate.edu/summer>.

For descriptions of the workshops go to <http://sspa.boisestate.edu/anthropology/desert-studies-institute/>

**Desert Decisions: Politics, Science and the Public in the Great Basin**  
*May 31 & June 1, 2012 by John Freemuth, Boise State University*

**Great Basin Birds of Prey**  
*June 4-7, 2012 by Marc Bechard, Boise State University*

**Owls of the Snake River Plain**  
*June 11-14, 2012 by Marc Bechard, Boise State University*

**The Spirit of the Land**  
*June 13 & 14, 2012 by Lynn Webster, Professor Emerita, College of Idaho*

**Ethnobotany: An Introduction to Edible, Medicinal, and Useful Plants**  
*June 18 & 19, 2012 by Ray Vizgirdas, Boise State University*

**Field Botany Crash Course**  
*June 20 & 21, 2012 by Ray Vizgirdas, Boise State University*

**The Desert in American History and Culture**  
*June 22 & 23, 2012 by Lisa Brady, Boise State University*

**Exploring Desert Ecology**  
*June 27 & 28, 2012 by Mark Plew, Boise State University, and Tom Bicak, Canyon County Parks, Recreation and Waterways*

**Volcanoes of the Western Snake River Plain**  
*June 29 & 30, 2012 by Craig White, Boise State University*

**Fish of the Snake and Columbia Rivers**  
*July 14 & 15, 2012 by Philip Groves, Idaho Power Company*

**Indians of Idaho**  
*July 21 & 22, 2012 by Chris Willson, Boise State University*

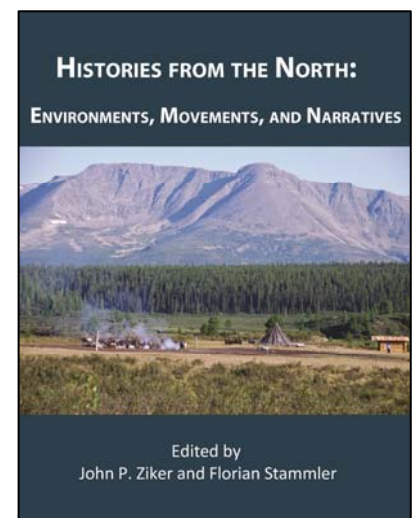
## Book Resulting from Final BOREAS Conference

*Histories from the North: Environments, Movements, and Narratives* (2011) by John P. Ziker and Florian Stammler (eds).

The Circumpolar North is widely seen as an observatory for changing relations between human societies and the environments. This region, which includes the Arctic and the sub-Arctic, has also moved to the center of global debates on new post-cold-war partnerships and issues of post-colonial governance, strategy, and regional sovereignty. For political and other reasons, the circumpolar region has only recently reemerged as a "region," revealing past connections and current common problems and pointing to future challenges, such as the relationships between communities and the modern state (whether Soviet, post-Soviet or Welfare), NGOs, climate change, and the global economy.

Both within and outside the science community, the diversity of research coming out of social sciences and humanities in the North is still often subsumed under the common umbrella of the "human dimension," which tends to iron out the richness of our research, as noted recently by a number of prominent scholars. *Histories from the North: Environments, Movements, and Narratives* turns this situation upside down and puts humans at the center of the attention in an explicit attempt to bring results from Northern social sciences and humanities out to the broader academic community. Through its core focus on time, space, change and movement, the research presented in this volume brings common themes to the time scales of geophysics, archeology, and lived human experience.

Dr. Ziker has two chapters in *Histories from the North*: a co-authored "Introduction" to the volume; and a chapter titled "Toward an Integrated Theory of Social Norms" that looks specifically at the definition of social norms for sharing in a northern Siberian community.



Front cover photo: Summer reindeer herding camp at the headwaters of the Namama River, Republic of Buriatia, Russia, 2010. Photo by John Ziker.



## Anthropology Faculty Research Highlights

- ◆ **Margaret Streeter** continues her collaboration with colleagues at the University of Montreal, Canada. Her attendance at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Physical Anthropology in October was an opportunity to present research, consult with other researchers and identify future projects. Cooperative studies have provided graduate research opportunities in bone histology for graduate students at both BSU and UM. Consultation with the Ada County Coroner's Office, the Idaho State Historical Preservation Office, and the Canyon County Sheriffs' Department have given graduate and undergraduate students opportunities for research projects in skeletal analysis and human versus nonhuman determination. Margaret had a book chapter entitled, "Histological Age-at-Death Estimation," published in the book *Bone Histology: An Anthropological Perspective*, edited by Christian Crowded and Sam Stout and published by CRC Press.



- ◆ **Christopher Hill**, Associate Professor and Director of the BSU Environmental Studies Program, presented a paper entitled "Environmental Change in the Rocky Mountains of North America: Landscape Evolution and Historical Ecology" on September 21, 2012 at Trondheim, Norway. The paper was part of the People and Nature in Mountains: Changing Land Use and Landscape Dynamics Conference organized by the Museum of Natural History and Archaeology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Hill's paper examined how people have influenced mountain landscapes for several thousand years and the ways land use has affected habitats and biodiversity. The conference addressed how archaeology can be integrated with long-term and contemporary ecology to understand landscape dynamics and underpin sustainable management and conservation of both cultural heritage and biodiversity in mountain environments. Dr. Hill is also conducting research integrating historical ecology, conservation paleobiology, and geoarchaeology to evaluate landscape dynamics and patterns of biodiversity in the Northern Rockies, the Great Lakes region, southeastern Turkey, the eastern Sahara Desert, and westcentral Norway.



- ◆ **Mark Plew** conducted archaeological research in southern Idaho and in Guyana. He and Chris Willson supervised the

Boise State University Archaeological Field school which conducted excavations at the Caven site, a Late Archaic period site near Glens Ferry, Idaho. In addition, he and Willson supervised the Fifth Denis Williams Summer Archaeology Field School at the Siriki shell mound in northwestern Guyana. Excavations of what is the largest of the Guyana shell mounds recovered evidence of Alaka Phase materials within a time frame dating to c. 4100 BP. The well preserved remains of nine individuals are of note and are being analyzed by Dr. Margaret Streeter and colleagues.



Dr. Plew published one monograph and several articles and abstracts including with Corrina Smith and Cynthia Bradbury, "The Use of Contemporary Harvest Data as Means of Thinking About Prehistoric Resource Depression" in the *North American Archaeologist*. Other publications appeared in the *Journal of the Idaho Academy of Sciences*, the *Idaho Archaeologist* and *Archaeology and Anthropology*. He chaired the annual Idaho Archaeological Society meeting and presented a paper at the meeting of the American Rock Art Association. Dr. Plew was also invited to present the Guyana United Nations Indigenous Peoples Day lecture. In honor of Guyana's indigenous peoples he presented, "Prehistory of the Indigenous Peoples of Guyana." Dr. Frank Anthony, Minister of Culture, used the opportunity to highlight Boise State University's long-standing support of the Guyana National Heritage programs. Dr. Plew is also serving as an SSPA representative on the BSU Road Map project and continues his supervision of the processing of the Hatwai and Danksin archaeological collections supported by the Idaho Department of Transportation and the Boise National Forest.

- ◆ **John Ziker** published several book chapters in two books as a result of his research with the 1926/27 Polar Census materials with which he has been working as part of his NSF grant Home, Hearth, and Household in Siberia and Northern Canada since 2006. Two chapters appeared in *Indigenous Populations and Demography. The Complex Relation between Identity and Statistics* published by Berghahn Books: 1) "Ethnodemographics and Identity of Indigenous People in the Central Taimyr Lowlands," and 2) "Epilogue: From Indigenous Demographics to an Indigenous Demography?" Two chapters also appeared in *The 1926/27 Soviet Polar Census Expedition*, also published by Berghahn Books in 2011: 1)



## Anthropology Faculty Research Highlights

“Subsistence and Residence in the Putoran Uplands and Taimyr Lowlands in the 1920s,” and 2) “The Spatial Demography of the ‘Outer Taiga’ of the Zhuia River Valley, Eastern Siberia.” Dr. Ziker also presented a co-authored paper with Artur Kharinsky at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal on November 17, 2011. The paper was entitled, “Mobility and Revival of Reindeer Herding Among Evenk Hunters in Eastern Siberia, Russia,” and summarized research conducted on a joint expedition to the village Kholodnaia (and its reindeer herders/hunters in the mountains) during the summer of 2010. Dr. Ziker also presented a paper at the 26<sup>th</sup> International Abashiri Symposium, Abashiri City, Hokkaido, Japan on October 1, 2011. That paper was entitled, “Environmental Change and the Sustainability of Subsistence Practices among Northern Indigenous Peoples” in which the continuities and changes in the lives of indigenous peoples across the circumpolar north were summarized.

### BSU Master’s Program in Anthropology featured in *Anthropology News*

- ◆ In his final column in *Anthropology News*, published on January 1, 2012, **John Ziker** wrote about BSU’s master’s program in Anthropology, including a description of the focus, the structure of the core courses, and application information. In addition, he published seven other columns in *Anthropology News* in 2011, including a co-authored column with Anthropology student Mason Ireland entitled, “Advocacy in Evolutionary Anthropology: The Aché of Paraguay.” Dr. Ziker also served as an Executive Board member of the Evolutionary Anthropology Society along with being *Anthropology News*’ Contributing Editor from 2007-2011.

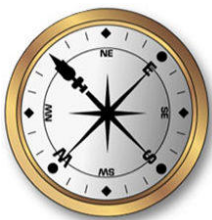
### Interdisciplinary Research on Collaborative Governance: Public Good Experiments

- ◆ **John Ziker** participated in a research project with Drs. Brian Wampler, John McClellan, and Susan Mason during 2011, sponsored by the office of the Dean of Social Sciences and Public Affairs. The purpose of the project was to understand how, when, where, and why public officials and citizens collaborate with each other in order to develop a better understanding

of how citizens choose to participate in public life. Participation of citizens in public life is often considered to be a vital element of a healthy democracy and strong society. A random sample of adults from two populations in Southwest Idaho contributed to the research: 1) participants in COM-PASS (Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho), and 2) randomly selected adults across the Treasure Valley. Research participants played a Public Goods Game organized by Dr. Ziker and his research assistants, took a survey, and participated in focus group sessions. A former BSU undergraduate student, Joe Hackman, who is now in graduate school at Arizona State University, completed his Senior Thesis on the basis of BSU student trials completed before the valley-wide research began. Dr. Ziker and Dr. Wampler gave a presentation of the results of the project for the SSPA faculty on October 19, 2011. A copy of the final report and presentation is available at <http://sspa.boisestate.edu/communityandregionalplanning/presentations-and-publications/>

- ◆ **Kendall House** continues to work on two distinct projects. The first project is an effort to conceptualize exploitative social relations in human societies using the basic principles of Darwinian theories of cooperation. The theoretical challenge is to explain why exploitation is not simply the default setting of social life that makes cooperation problematic, but itself a problem, especially once we ask how it is institutionalized and sustained over time. Empirically, he is exploring the rich body of ethnographic materials on small-scale kinship centered societies produced during the 20th century, finding evidence in the margins for how exploitation emerged and was sustained even in small, intimate communities. The second project is a social and intellectual history, emphasizing the Central European roots of Boas’s cultural anthropology and Malinowski’s social anthropology, two traditions which between them shaped the majority of ethnographic work by American and British ethnologists between 1920 and 1945, and which are the source of many strengths, weaknesses, shared assumptions, and deep conflicts in anthropology today.

## The Center for Applied Archaeological Science (CAAS)



The Center for Applied Archaeological Science (CAAS) is a research and contract archaeology program. Established in 1986 CAAS conducts cultural resource surveys and excavations, develops research designs and data recovery/management protocols, Section 106 compliance coordination, National Register nominations and archival research. CAAS publishes technical papers and monographs (*Cultural Resource Reports* series). During the past year, CAAS completed projects for Boise National Forest, the Idaho Department of Transportation, Idaho Army National Guard and the Idaho Power Company.

## Alumni In Action

**Tayana Arakchaa** (M.A. '09) was recently admitted to the PhD program in Anthropology at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

**Alex Blake** (B.A. '09) was recently admitted to the Masters of Global Human Development program at Georgetown University.

**Jason Bogstie** (B.A. '10) is a masters student at the University of Wyoming. He received a George Frison scholarship in 2011.

**Tamara Cox** (B.A. '11) has entered the graduate program at Central Washington University.

**Shelby Day** (B.A. '05) is the new Cultural Resources Specialist and Project Manager for the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Oregon. Shelby has also been named the Regional Chair for the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) which covers Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

**Jessica Dougherty** (B.A. '09) has been admitted to the masters program at Utah State University where she is working on her thesis examining southern Idaho pottery.

**Paige Fetzer** (B.A. '10) is a lecturer at the University of Duhok, Diyaha, Iraq.

**Joseph Hackman** (B.A. '11) completed his B.A. Senior Thesis, "Social Preference in a Public Goods Game." Joseph has also been accepted into the PhD School of Human Evolution and Social Change program at Arizona State University.

**Kersti Harter** (B.A. '07) is completing her J.D. at the University of Washington.

**Joshua Hood** (B.A. '11) is working with the Idaho State Historical Society in the Office of the State Archaeologist.

**Michael Novotny** (B.A. '05) was recently admitted to the law school at Southern Methodist University.

**Maria Venegas** (B.A. '07) has a co-authored paper entitled, "Is Meat Flavor a Factor in Hunters' Prey Choice Decisions" published in *Human Nature* 21(3):219-242.

**Brian Wallace** (M.A. '11) is Lead Archaeologist with URS, Inc. in Boise.

## 2011 Anthropology Lecture Series in Review

### DEPARTMENT LECTURE SERIES:

- ◆ Sayzana Tovuu, Fulbright International Education Administrator Fellow from Tuva, Russia, gave a lecture on "The Ethnic World View of the Tuvan People in Historical Context."
- ◆ Harvard Ayers, Professor Emeritus from Appalachian State University, gave a lecture on "Arctic Gardens: Voices from an Abundant Land."
- ◆ James Woods, from the College of Southern Idaho, gave a lecture on "A Century of Stone Tools Experimentation: The Contributions of Don Crabtree and Gene Titmus."

### "FRIENDS OF ANTHROPOLOGY" LECTURE SERIES

- ◆ Sam Matson, Lecturer from the Boise State Geosciences Department, gave a lecture on "Carbon Isotopic Record of the Relative Roles of Biotic and Abiotic Factors in the Late Miocene Extinction of *Oreopithecus bambolii*, Baccinello Basin, Tuscany."

## 2012 Anthropology Lectures

### DEPARTMENT LECTURE SERIES

Dr. David Peterson, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Idaho State University, is invited to speak on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 3:00 PM in the Bishop Barnwell Room in the Boise State University Student Union Building. His lecture is entitled, "Before the Argonauts: Metal Making and Interactions in Bronze Age Eurasia."



### "FRIENDS OF ANTHROPOLOGY" LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Katherine Huntley, Assistant Professor of Ancient and Medieval History at Boise State University, is invited to speak on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 3:00 PM in the Farnsworth Room of the Boise State University Student Union Building. Her lecture is entitled, "Structuring Ancient Childhood: the Evidence from Child Burials in Roman Germany."





## Boise State University Archaeological Field School



During May and June, 2011, Boise State University conducted its annual archaeological field school at site 10-EL-215. The site, which was recorded in 1981, is located some four miles upstream from the Clover Creek site near King Hill, Idaho. The site extends over a large open terrace that rises steeply from the south side of the Snake River Canyon. Bonneville gravels lie diagonally under the cultural deposit and are partially exposed across the surface of the site. Un-stratified silty-sand deposits contain late Archaic materials and extensive lithic debris to a depth of approximately 60 cm. The deposit,

however, contains a number of unusual artifacts that include large projectile-like items and thick bi-convex basalt bifaces. Though the upper 30 cm of the deposit contains extensive lithic debris, the lower strata contain faunal remains and numerous ground-stone mortars.

The field school participants included Chris Arenz, Kayla Bartling, Katharine Dunlevy, James Eschenbrenner, Martin Hall, Joshua Hood, Jeremy Johnson, Chris Lundgren, Katharine McBeth, Jessica Vogel, and Cheryl Wonder. Niki Nickoloff served as graduate field school assistant.

## Denis Williams Archaeological Field School, Guyana

The Fifth Denis Williams Summer Archaeology Field School was conducted August 3-8, 2011. Archaeological test excavations were undertaken at the Siriki Shell Mound located off the Pomeroon River in northwestern Guyana in cooperation with the University of Guyana and the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology. Siriki appears to be the largest of the regional shell mounds. It provides evidence of four major occupational episodes. Though invertebrate faunal remains—including the striped snail, crabs, and clams—constitute the majority of faunal remains, large fish and significant quantities of large mammalian remains were recovered. Material culture consisted primarily of flake tools produced from quartz, though lacking in the range of Alaka Phase materials common in Archaic shell mounds.

Excavations below the original surface of the mound suggests that the original natural surface upon which the mound accumulated was somewhat elevated to the surrounding environment.



### OTHER NEWS

- Christopher Hill is a recipient of the first SSPA Research Fellows Program Award. Dr. Hill's proposal is entitled, "Environmentally Variability and Landscape Dynamics in Saharan North Africa and the Northern Rocky Mountains."
- The department co-hosted the Idaho Archaeological Society Conference on Saturday, October 8, 2011.
- Christopher Hill is 1 of 8 BSU faculty members selected as the 1.0 Cohort 2011-2012 mLearning Scholars. This is part of the university Mobile Learning Initiative that is integrating mobile learning in teaching.
- Three students, Stacey Guinn from Boise State University, Samuel Smith from Boise State University, and Louisa Daggers from the University of Guyana have been accepted into the Fall 2011 graduate program cohort.
- Christopher Hill received the Provost's Excellence in Advising Award.

## Master's in Anthropology Graduates



**Corrina Smith (M.A.A. 2011)** received her BS in Secondary Education from the University of Idaho. She completed the Boise State Master of Applied Anthropology project "Anthropology As Science: Rationale for Teaching Biological Anthropology as a High School Science Elective and Pilot Semester Curriculum." Committee members included John Ziker and Mark Plew.



**Brian Wallace (M.A.A. 2011)** received his BA In History from the University of Idaho. He completed the Boise State Masters of Applied Anthropology program with his thesis entitled, "Geographic Information Systems Correlation Modeling as a Management Tool in the Study Effects of Environmental Variables' Effects on Cultural Resources." Committee members included Mark Plew, Margaret Streeter and John Ziker.



**Meghan Eastman (M.A. 2011)** received her BA in Anthropology from Minnesota State University. She completed the Boise State Masters of Arts in Anthropology program with her thesis entitled, "Recent Excavations at Three Island Crossing." Committee members included Mark Plew, Margaret Streeter and Chris Willson.



**Cynthia Bradbury (M.A. 2011)** received her BS and MS in Physics from Wilkes University/Old Dominion. She completed the Boise State Masters of Arts in Anthropology program with her thesis entitled, "Middle Paleolithic Hominin Lake Environments in Saharan North Africa." Committee members included Christopher Hill, Matthew Kohn, Mark Plew and Margaret Streeter.

## Anthropology Graduate Student Research Activities

**Samuel Smith**, MA in Anthropology, is interested in prehistoric site formation and changes in site integrity over time in relation to the effects of cultural and environmental forces. He presented a paper at the 2011 Idaho Archaeological Society Conference entitled, "Site Integrity within the Orchard Training Area."

**Louisa Dagers**, MAA in Anthropology, is working on developing a workable archaeological infrastructure for developing countries, with an emphasis on Guyana. The project will identify a frame work of policies and research procedures that should be undertaken in order for such countries to monitor and document sites, publications, and research undertaken by scholars.

**Karl Mertens**, MA in Anthropology, presented a brown bag lecture on November 3, 2011 entitled, "Mobility and Natural Resource Use of Katanga Evenki Sable Trappers." Karl discussed the Evenki mobility patterns in relation to hunting, trapping, fishing, and other subsistence activities as well as the social and political issues surrounding contemporary subsistence activity. Karl is presently conducting additional research in Irkutsk, Russian Federation and will return in May 2012 to complete his MA thesis.

**Jillian Roberts**, MAA in Anthropology, received her B.A. in Anthropology from Boise State University in 2004. Her research focus is in the archaeology of the Western Snake River Plain, with a specific focus on the archaeological context of the Lower Boise River between Lucky Peak and the Snake River.

**Cynthia Bradbury**, MA in Anthropology, was awarded the Claude C. Albritton, Jr. Award by the Archaeological Geology Division of the Geological Society of America.

**Cynthia Bradbury**, **Joseph Purcell**, and **Niki Nickoloff** each presented papers at the 2011 Idaho Archaeological Society Conference.



## Donations Needed for Scholarships

If you are interested in making a donation to the department but have some questions, please make your inquiries to:

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Boise State University  
Boise, ID 83725-1950

You may designate your gift to the general Anthropology Department Scholarship fund (#SR026), the Cultural Learning Project (#SR035), the Wesley Hurt Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Archaeology (#SR044), the Native American Scholarship (#SR050), or the Canyon County Crossroads Museum Project (SR081). Your donation is tax deductible and will be used to build principal in scholarship accounts so that the interest may be used for student awards. In this way your gift will form the basis of financial aid for many years. No amount is too small; please do not hesitate to participate.

You can also make your donation online at the Boise State University Advancement website:

<https://giving.universityadvancement.org/>

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## SSPA Announces \$20.12 Campaign

The College of Social Science and Public Affairs is proud to announce the beginning of a new scholarship campaign – Campaign \$20.12. The premise is simple. If each and every student graduating from SSPA this year were to make a gift of \$20.12 to the SSPA \$20.12 Endowed Scholarship Fund we could potentially raise well over \$15,000. This would be enough to provide one new scholarship to a deserving SSPA student in perpetuity. But we are taking this a little further. We are also asking the SSPA Advisory Board to support this endeavor with matching gifts as well as family, friends, faculty, and staff to step up and support this project. When this campaign is completed at the end of June 2012 we are hoping to have raised \$25,000. Then we will start all over again on July 2012 with campaign \$20.13.

We in the Department of Anthropology hope that you will consider making your gift in support of campaign \$20.12. We realize that many of you struggled to make this dream of a college education a reality. We are asking that you leave behind a permanent legacy that will ensure students following in your footsteps will have it just a little easier. Your gift of \$20.12 will do that.

For more information please contact Rick Jung at [rickjung@boisestate.edu](mailto:rickjung@boisestate.edu).

## We Want to Hear From You!

What have you done since graduation? Do you have any news or an event you would like to contribute to the Department of Anthropology newsletter? Please fill in the information coupon and attach it to your news story. Send it to: Department of Anthropology, 1910 University Drive, Boise State University, Boise, ID 83725-1950 or email your news to [fbrigha@boisestate.edu](mailto:fbrigha@boisestate.edu).

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## Anthropology Club

The officers for 2011-2012 are:  
*President—Shane Scaggs*  
*Vice-President—Rachel Cook*  
*Treasurer—Mason Ireland*  
*Secretary—Keri Urbanski*

## Archaeological Student Association (ASA) Club

The officers for 2011-2012 are:  
*Director—Mathew Douraghi*  
*Events Coord—India Southern*  
*Secretary—Kayla Bartling*  
*Treasurer—Cheryl Wonder*

### 2011 FAST FACTS:

- Anthropology Majors: 172  
Freshmen: 27  
Sophomores: 36  
Juniors: 55  
Seniors: 54  
Geoarchaeology Majors: 11
- Anthropology & Native American Studies Minors: 86
- Internships: 3
- Independent Studies: 2
- Cultural Awareness Training (CAT) workshop certificates: 26
- Students served by department: 3,741

## Student News

### Dean's List Spring 2011

**Highest Honors:** Julia Edwards, Kelli Freeman, Mckenzie Shier.

**High Honors:** Mitchell Brinton, Emily Dubie, Keitha Gamble, Sarada Issuree, Jeremy Johnson, Noel Moore-Hughes, Jessica Porter, Cristen Walker, David Christensen, Sondra Colvin.

**Honors:** Katharine Dunlevy, Lynette Dunn, Alicia Fairbrother, Joseph Hackman, Sarah Kehne, Matthew Koob, Riley Nelson, Darren Peters, Lindsey Walters, Coral Wonenberg.

### Dean's List Fall 2011

**Highest Honors:** Cassandra Green, RyAnn Stafford, Cristen Iris, Jessica Wright.

**High Honors:** Mitchell Brinton, David Christensen, Julia Edwards, Tina Grove, Jeremy Johnson, Sarah Kehne, Angela McBride, Darren Peters, Jessica Porter, Emma Records, Mckenzie Shier, Lonnie Smith.

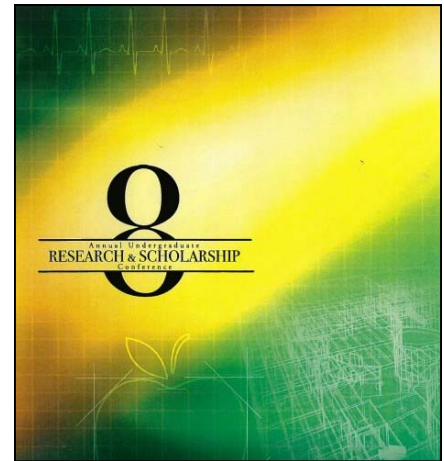
**Honors:** Marissa Appleton, Kayla Bartling, Michael Bishop, James Eschenbrenner, Hope Explain, Keitha Gamble, Valerie Hayes, Misty Madison-Dixon, Michelle Mercier, Noel Moore-Hughes, Kristen Nau, Dalene Scheloske, Sydney Vonkienast, Elizabeth Welk, Cheryl Wonder, Caitlin Yares.

### 2011 Scholarship Recipients

**Keitha Gamble, Noel Moore-Hughes, Kelli Freeman, Jeremy Johnson and RyAnn Stafford** received Anthropology Department scholarships. **Jeremy Buzzard** received the Native American Student Scholarship. **Louisa Dagers** received the John and Florence Schaertl Archaeology Scholarship.

### Anthropology Graduates

Daniel Allen, Tyler Andrew, Chris Arenz, Dianna Bentley, Cynthia Bradbury, Stephanie Carlson, Tamara Cox, Blair Devlin, Reid Donovan, Katharine Dunlevy, Meghan Eastman, Stacey Guinn, Brady Guthrie, Joseph Hackman, Joshua Hood, Jade Jesser, Alisha Lane, Katie Moore, Ashley Neubrand, Sydney Reed, Mckenzie Shier, Corrina Smith, Hannah Smith, Jennifer Svancara, Daniel Viguera, Brian Wallace, Kat Zeck.



### BSU Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Conference

The BSU Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Conference provides undergraduate students at Boise State University a forum to share their research projects and be recognized for their exceptional work. Several students from the department presented papers at the 8th Annual BSU Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Conference on April 11, 2011.

**Reid Donovan and Michael Bishop** presented a paper entitled, "Applications of GIS to Archaeological and Paleontological Studies." Christopher Hill was the faculty sponsor.

**Tami Cox** presented a poster entitled, "An Ice Age Fossil from Idaho: The Bellows-Fruitland Mammoth." Christopher Hill was the faculty sponsor.