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LAMBDA ALPHA’S ANTHROPOLOGY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT UNVEILING
Thursday, May 14th 4:30pm-7pm. A reception with light refreshments held at Cramer Hall 141

END OF THE YEAR PARTY
Join us, Thursday, May 28th, in Cramer 141 from 4:00 to 6:00

ANTHROPOLOGY ROADSHOW
Join us for this year’s theme, the Anthropology of Food! Saturday May 30th 10 am -3 pm on PSU Campus.

DEPARTMENT BAY: NEW REFRIGERATORS AND FURNITURE

We finally gave up the old 1937 Westinghouse refrigerator in the Conference Room and replaced with a modern version. For over 26 years, Connie Cash, pictured here, faithfully defrosted the Westinghouse using a small space heater and lots of big pans when the ice built up inside. We also replaced the mini-fridge in the copier room with a newer version. Neither of the new fridges requires manual defrosting, and both will conserve more energy than the old versions.

New furniture for the department lounge area will arrive before the end of June. We will say goodbye to the orange and blue chairs and couches and welcome some suave new modular pieces. We hope that the new furniture will prove as durable as the old furniture has; the newest piece of the old furniture dates to 1988.

Find out about lectures and other events!

Check the departmental blog on the News and Events webpage, www.anthropology.pdx.edu/news_events.php, the department’s Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/PSUAnthropologyDept, and department events listed at http://www.pdx.edu/anthropology/events.

Find out about Anthropology Colloquia, Archaeology First Thursdays, Notes from the Field, and events planned by the Anthropology Student Association (ASA) and Lambda Alpha. Besides learning about interesting topics, the presentations provide a great way for students and alums to connect with practicing anthropologists in the Portland area and beyond!

This year’s newsletter was edited by Yarrow Geggus
The Anthropology Department Advisory Council selected Justin Junge to receive the 2015 Thomas Newman Award for Graduate Students. Justin will use his award to conduct Master's Thesis research into settlement pattern models in Alaska.

Jonathan Duelks was selected for the 2015 Daniel Scheans Scholarship for Undergraduates. He will use his scholarship to continue his research into clay firing technologies and work toward the completion of his Bachelor's Degree.

The 2014-2015 school certainly proved tough for incoming Lambda Alpha Beta (LAB) officers. At the end of spring term 2014, LAB lost funding due to PSU budget cuts and many active members graduate. Fortunately, LAB’s dedicated officer team did not let this stop them from maintaining LAB’s status as an active student group. Instead of focusing on lost funding, they decided to focus on what they could achieve without funding. As a result, they changed their focus to include volunteer work in the community.

By the end of Spring term 2015, they will have helped plant over 2,500 trees in collaboration with Stream Team and the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge, served over 400 homeless people meals through Potluck in the Park, and manned booths at OMSI with children’s activities that demonstrated basic anthropological concepts to hundreds of children and their families. Furthermore, LAB raised almost $1,000 to update the department’s Anthropological Photography Exhibit. This was achieved through a successful crowdsourcing campaign in partnership with the PSU Foundation. The exhibit showcases research done by PSU faculty, students, and alumni, and will be inaugurated in the department on May 14th at 4:30pm. Overall, it has been a wonderful year and LAB officers are proud of what they’ve been able to accomplish and hope that their efforts have helped students in their future careers.
The Anthropology Student Association has had a great year! We continued showing a strong representation of PSU students at this year’s Northwest Anthropological Conference in Eugene. We sent twenty-five students this year, the largest group to date. Eight students papers or posters, and many others went as volunteer.

ASA has also been working hard to facilitate the Archaeology First Thursday and Notes From The Field lecture series. We have had a great variety of speakers and attendance continues to grow. Scheduling has already begun for the 2015/2016 academic year. Our post-lecture receptions allow students to engage with the speaker and members of the community in a casual setting.

In addition to continuing this work into next year we are excited for our Portland State of Mind event on October 22nd which will feature a screening of the film Vessel which will feature a panel discussion with members of the reproductive health, legal and anthropology communities. We also hope to plan more social events to allow new and continuing students even more opportunities to become involved within our department!
This last year my research activities primarily revolved around lab work, with limited fieldwork in northern Alaska. I spent a few weeks in northern Alaska last summer assessing climate change impacts to National Historic Landmarks and meeting with communities in the same region to discuss climate change and other impacts to heritage sites. This work is part of a collaboration with the National Park Service to develop methods for assessing climate change impacts to sites that other archaeologists can use. The goal is to aid in prioritizing threatened areas of remote Alaska for archaeological investigation and to aid communities in protecting their National Historic Landmark sites.

This summer I will visit several additional sites and communities as part of the same project. Fieldwork at Port Clarence, on the coast of the Bering Strait, will continue as well. Graduate students Katie Braymer, Patrick Reed, and Justin Junge will be involved in several weeks of survey and testing along with Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service research partners. We are studying late Holocene economic and social change in the Bering Strait region through artifact sourcing, faunal analysis, geoarchaeology, and more. Many sites in the region are threatened by illegal digging activities. Addressing these issues in collaboration with community and agency partners is another aspect of this on-going project that I plan to further this summer and next year.

We made considerable progress on various lab analyses related to the Point Clarence project this year. Katie Braymer led undergraduates in analysis of organic tools and ceramic materials. Undergraduate lab interns also learned the nuts and bolts of post-field lab work (e.g. cataloging, photography, and processing of many bulk soil samples.)
Project collaborator Stephanie Jolivette (Statistical Research Inc.) visited to continue her zooarchaeological analysis of materials collected at Port Clarence in summer 2013. The project geoarchaeologist, Owen Mason (GeoArch Alaska), is working to reconstruct the local landscape history and interpret the complicated stratigraphy of the disturbed site we tested in 2013. I am working on synthesizing these data sets with the local and regional chronology in an evaluation of regional settlement patterns. Justin Junge led other lab work this year, organizing undergraduate interns in cataloging and analysis activities as part of my Climate Change and Archaeology in Northwest Alaska project. We are working on wrapping up a four year collaborative project with the National Park Service that involved two years of fieldwork in northern Alaska. The final report will be done by June along with various community and public outreach materials. I published a paper this fall in the Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology with my colleague Adam Freeburg (NPS/University of Washington). The paper, “High Latitude Coastal Settlement Patterns: Cape Krusenstern, Alaska” details the results of our test of the regional settlement model and is one of a series of publications planned as part of our long-term research at the Cape Krusenstern site complex. I was invited to give a talk on climate change as part of the National Park Service Archeology Webinar Program. I also gave a talk on climate change and archaeology, presented a poster on the archaeological aspects of my climate change research project, and was a co-author on a paper with several colleagues titled “Exploring Differences in Radiocarbon Ages of Seals and Caribou: A Case Study from Kotzebue Sound” at the Alaska Anthropological Association meetings in March. This co-authored paper is the result of several years of research that will help establish a regional radiocarbon reservoir correction for marine mammal bones found in sites. In April I participated in a climate change forum at the Society for American Archaeology Meetings and presented a paper on “Maritime Adaptations and Arctic Ceramic Technology: Results of Residue Analysis” with colleagues Shannon Tushingham (WSU), Tammy Buonasera (U of Arizona), and Christopher Yarnes (UC-Davis). This is an on-going project that we plan to expand to additional samples and study sites in the near future.

Other highlights from the 2014-2015 academic year including Martin Plumer’s presentation of his Sauvie Island thesis research, “Exploring Public-Professional Relationships in Archaeology: Case Study from Sauvie Island, OR.” at the Northwest Anthropological Conference in Eugene and Justin Junge receiving the Newman Award. I began a new research project on Sauvie Island and took my Anth 453/553 Field Methods students out to the Island to survey and document new sites in May. I also worked with senior undergraduate Jonathan Duelks on a study of ceramic firing temperatures in northern Alaska as a part of Duelks’ honors thesis research. Last but not least, I joined the Association of Alaska Anthropology Board in March and am looking forward to serving the association over the next couple of years.
Virginia Butler has been continuing her research project on the Tse-whit-zen project, working with PSU students and co-PIs at PSU (Sarah Sterling) and elsewhere (University of Rhode Island, Western Washington University). The team is 3 years into their 3-yr NSF funded project that is studying community response to environmental changes such as “mega earthquakes” that periodically shook the Pacific Northwest and may have profoundly affected life-ways in our area.

Sarah, Virginia, our database/GIS manager, Kristina Dick, and three of our graduate students (who are developing Master’s thesis projects from Tse-whit-zen) hosted a poster session to present our current results at the recent meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (April 15-19), in San Francisco.

Butler was second author of the 2015 journal article by her former student, Danny Gilmour, “Chronology and ecology of late Pleistocene megafauna of the northern Willamette Valley.” Quaternary Research 83:127-136. She was also second author of the 2015 article authored by retired PSU Geology faculty Curt Peterson, “Geologic Records of Net Littoral Drift, Foredune Development, and Paleotsunami Runup in a Very –Small Pocket Beach, North Sand Point, Olympic Peninsula, Washington, USA.” Northwest Science. 88(4):314-328. This paper emerged from a geoarchaeology field-trip Butler helped lead in spring 2011.

Finally, Butler contributed to the article “Stable isotope and aDNA analysis of dog remains from Cathlapotle (45CL1), a contact-era site on the Lower Columbia River. Journal of Archaeological Science, In press, by lead author Kenneth Ames. The research focuses on dog and other animal remains from the Cathlapotle site, of long-interest to Ames and other PSU faculty (Cameron Smith, Bill Cornett, Virginia Butler) and many PSU alumni who attended the Cathlapotle field school in the 1990s or focused their master’s research on this important Lower Columbia River site.
Butler has also been working with a 20-person planning committee (representing PSU faculty, like Shelby Anderson, students, federal agencies, private companies) since last fall on the 4th annual Archaeology Roadshow, set for Saturday, May 30, 10-3. We’re hosting this on PSU Campus at Hoffman Hall, adjacent to the Portland Farmers Market. Capitalizing on this location, we’ve developed the theme, “The Archaeology of Food” and will be supporting over 30 exhibits and hands-on activities for folks of all ages. Two of our local breweries are donating beer (think pre-Prohibition!) and other beverages. The Cowlitz and Yakama Tribes are providing samples of fish (including some prepared by Eric Wynkoop, PSU Faculty and chef). Members of the Umatilla Tribe and Grand Ronde (which has been a strong supporter since 2012) will also be sharing their traditional knowledge about local foods in their broader social context. Come learn more about the real Paleodiet (supported by PSU Faculty Melanie Chang and Amiee Potter). And much, much more.

We see the Roadshow as an exceptional opportunity to build community support for heritage, and at the same time, forge stronger links among all our community partners. But having fun is a key part of the enterprise, too. We’d love to see our Alums at the Roadshow. Or consider volunteering. For more info please see: http://www.pdx.edu/anthropology/archaeology-roadshow And Follow us on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/ArchaeologyRoadshowPDX
**Sharon Carstens** returned this fall from her sabbatical research in Malaysia last year that focused on language identities and ideologies among multilingual Malaysian Chinese. Back in Portland, she resumed her positions as half time Director for the Institute for Asian Studies (IAS), and half time Anthropology instructor, teaching classes this year on China, Southeast Asia, and Culture Theory. Serving again as Curriculum Coordinator for Asian Studies in International Studies and on the PSU Faculty Senate has also kept her very busy.

This past summer she revised an article for *Human Organization* titled “Bilingual Education for Global Citizenship: Creating an Integrated Language/Culture Curriculum for Mandarin/English Students” that was published this spring. In April, she presented a paper on her Malaysian language research at a Global Asias conference at Pennsylvania State University titled “The Global Dimensions of Linguistic Choice: Chinese Malaysian Perspectives”. She is looking forward to spending the summer continuing to analyze her new research data in collaboration with Malaysian colleagues and working on the joint publication of papers with them in the near future.

**Melanie Lee Chang**

Melanie Lee Chang, PhD joined the anthropology department at PSU this year, teaching courses in archaeology and paleoanthropology. She writes, "I published an article, "Science, the Media, and Interpretations of Upper Paleolithic Figurines" in American Anthropologist 116(3):562-577 (2014) with April Nowell of the University of Victoria. This research was featured on NPR's Cosmos blog, in Slate magazine, in Culturs, and in a number of other places. I gave a talk at TEDxVictoria, November 2014, titled "The evolving story of human evolution" that was featured on the TEDx blog here. So far this talk has over 14,000 views. Click here to view the direct link on YouTube.

I was invited to participate in an executive session ("In Search of Women in the Paleolithic") at the 2015 AAAs. The session was accepted. My paper will be titled "A Census of Women in the Paleolithic."

**William Cornett**

William Cornett survived an uneventful year. He continues to teach at PSU and Clark College and spends quality time with his dog, Clemens, who is older than you in dog years. *Right: Clemens the canine*

**Michele Gamburd**

Michele Gamburd recently completed training with the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management’s Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) program. She can now do basic search and rescue, use a fire extinguisher, and clear a blocked airway. She hopes to begin a Portland-based applied anthropological project to think through what a social scientist can offer to a discussion of disaster preparedness and the prospects for immediate, intermediate, and long-term relief and recovery in the aftermath of a large catastrophe such as an earthquake.

*Emergency-ready Anthropologist, coming soon to a neighborhood near you!*
Michele is looking forward to going to Sri Lanka this summer to do some research on labor migration and population aging. As Sri Lanka’s population ages, migrant women face a difficult choice: should they work abroad to remit money to provision their families, or should they stay at home to look after elderly kin? Rapid aging is transforming the country’s population structure from a pyramid with many youth and few elders into a column with equal numbers of young people, middle-aged people, and elders. Using qualitative ethnographic methods to gather data in a labor-sending village in southern Sri Lanka, Michele’s 6-week anthropological project will explore social priorities around remittances and intergenerational family obligations for care work. The work has significance for understanding long-term patterns in global migration and future availability of migrant care workers from developing nations.

CHARLES KLEIN

Charles Klein writes, “Last summer I spent two months in São Paulo, Brazil’s largest city. Not only was I able to fulfill a lifelong dream of being at a World Cup, but I also conducted ethnographic research on three inter-related themes: (1) urban food systems, (2) the everyday ways which Brazilians conceive of and experience public space and constructed landscapes, and (3) urban planning, class subjectivities, and community/political movements in the city’s sprawling, lower income periphery neighborhoods. My first publication based on this research will be “Community Responses to Food and Nutritional Security in Brazil” in the upcoming edited volume, The Applied Anthropology of Obesity: Prevention, Intervention and Identity.”
CHARLES KLEIN, CONTINUED

In the United States, my National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities funded Real Talk project is beginning an outcome study to test the preliminary efficacy of our new computer-delivered sexual health promotion program for Black gay men. We will enroll 240 men through five sites – Orlando and Palm Beach County, Florida, Newark, NJ, Oakland, CA and Atlanta, GA. And I am currently working on two food-related projects in Portland. This spring students in my Medical Anthropology course are working with Zenger Farms to help evaluate their Healthy Rewards SNAP program. This community-based learning experience is supported through the Institute of Sustainable Solutions and its Sustainable Neighborhood Initiative. And I continue to work with a team of students to examine race/ethnicity and class diversity in the City of Portland Community Garden Program. For the second consecutive year I have helped the city analyze its annual gardener survey data, and this spring we will begin interviews in Northeast and Outer Southeast gardeners. We are especially excited to begin a PhotoVoice project this summer in gardeners will take pictures to tell their stories of how participating in community gardening affects their lives, networks and communities.

CAMERON SMITH

Cameron Smith writes, “I am currently completing my Atlas of Human Prehistory (Cognella, Fall 2015), having completed nearly 100 Figures and accompanying essays describing the gist of hominin evolution and global dispersal with fossil, DNA and archaeological evidence (sample figure attached). I’m also completing analyses of the Meier and Cathlapotle excavation data with Prof. Emeritus K.M. Ames, some early results of which will be published in Antiquity this June. In a rather different field I have recently presented papers on the anthropology of space exploration at the NASA / U. Texas-Austin Future in Space Working Group and Canada’s Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, accompanied by a technical review of the genetics of space settlement in Acta Astronautica, the peer-reviewed journal of the International Academy of Astronautics.”

JEREMY SPOON

Jeremy Spoon continued his applied research that reconnects Native American peoples with their ancestral lands currently governed by U.S. federal agencies in the southern Great Basin. Spoon also forwarded his long-term engagement with the Sherpa and Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) National Park and Buffer Zone, Nepal. During the past year, Spoon and his graduate student team planned and implemented the fourth annual Gathering For Our Mountains resource stewardship event, which included more than 150 multi-generational Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute) in addition to Forest and Fish and Wildlife Service and PSU post-bachelorette and graduate student volunteers.
This two-day camping event included pine nut harvesting, pinyon-juniper habitat management, indigenous knowledge transmission opportunities and cooperative meals. Spoon also forwarded several participatory interpretive planning projects in southern Nevada; completed activities included the development of an Interpretive and Public Use Site Plan for the Black Canyon Archaeological District in the Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge, Nevada. In spring 2015, three completed visitors centers opened that share multi-vocal content developed through collaborative ethnographic research and planning. Spoon also started organizing a return to Nepal in 2016 to assess changes in Sherpa ecological knowledge and practice over a 10-year period (2006 and 2016). His publications included a co-authored article in the Journal of Ethnobiology on Nuwuvi fire management and shifting fire regimes in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Nevada. The co-authors included Richard Arnold (Pahrump Paiute Tribe), Brian Lefler (PSU MS-2014) and Christopher Milton (PSU BS 2013). Lastly, Spoon co-hosted five undergraduate and graduate students at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Graduate students in his Culture and Ecology class also co-facilitated a garden work party at PSU’s Native American Student and Community Center.

Sarah Sterling continues her work identifying the effects of seismic events at the Lower Elwha Klallam village of Tse-whit-zen. This past year, she and her colleague Ian Hutchinson have determined some deposits at the site are the direct result of tsunami inundation, particularly a large earthquake and tsunami that took place around 1300 BP. The Tse-whit-zen project is an NSF funded study of faunal remains from the site, conducted in collaboration with PSU colleagues Virginia Butler and Mike Et nier. As the project geoarchaeologist, she has also been overseeing and finalizing the digitization of field maps from the 2004 excavation of the village into a GIS model that connects to the project’s faunal database. This virtual rendering of the excavation has exciting analytic implications.
Sarah continues to publish and lecture about her beloved Egyptian Old Kingdom ceramics. Her book chapter “The Economic Implications of Patterns of Ceramic Vessel Similarity in Ancient Egypt,” is included in an edited volume entitled *Plain Pottery Traditions of the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East: Production, Use, and Social Significance*, which will be published in late May 2015 by the Left Coast Press. In addition, Sarah serves as a board member of the American Research Center in Egypt’s Oregon Chapter, bringing prominent Egyptologists to PSU for free lecture programs.

**Natalie Vasey**

Professor Natalie Vasey and her students had many successes this past year. In August 2014 after months of joint planning, Monica Mogilewsky (Ph.D. student in the School of the Environment) left for Madagascar to lead Vasey’s local Malagasy team in the second year of a 10-year demographic census of red variegated lemurs on the Masoala Peninsula (Grant sponsor: Lemur Conservation Foundation). It was Monica’s first time working solo in Madagascar, after training with Natalie in September of 2013. Monica did a great job leading the census and also completed a pilot study on forest gap ecology. The coastal forests of Masoala experience high levels of natural disturbance and Monica’s study has helped define the direction she will take for her Ph.D. project.

In March 2015 Vasey, Mogilewsky, and Emily Hopkins (M.S. student in Anthropology) all went to St. Louis for the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. At the meeting Emily networked in search of a skeletal population on which she will work to complete a masters study of weaning stress in juveniles using dental indicators. April 2015 brought Natalie to the Lemur Conservation Foundation campus in western Florida, in her capacity as a member of the Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Council.

Right around the bend, in June 2015, Natalie, Monica, and several Portland State undergraduates head to Bend, Oregon for the annual meeting of the American Association of Primatologists. Monica and Natalie will present a poster detailing Monica’s 2013 pilot project on remote collection of tissues from canopy dwelling Malagasy lemurs. In exchange for volunteering at the meeting, several motivated undergraduates (C’aira Cassavant, Aaron Harshey, and Gene Estrada) will receive complimentary registration for the meeting and get to rub shoulders and network with practicing professionals. Biological anthropology is hopping at PSU!
Ridhi D’Cruz, soon to graduate, writes,

“I am an international Master’s Candidate from India and intercontinental cross-pollinator, so the holistic discipline of anthropology is a natural fit for my own approach to life and meaning-making.

I have had the tremendous honor of supporting an inspiring group of urban Native community members in planning, designing and soon implementing the state's first Inter-Tribal Gathering Garden (ITGG) designed by and for Native American urban community members to both “gather” together for community events as well as “gather” culturally significant plants for cultural, medicinal and ceremonial use. Both interpretations of gathering go beyond the conventional participation within the urban park system in Portland and we are negotiating a unique urban Native community-led design and co-management plan to ensure this innovative project's long-term success. My research helps synthesize our experiences at Cully Park that we can then apply to other gathering gardens in the region to build momentum for increasing Indigenous cultural access to public land. My longer-term vision is to carry this work forward into India while maintaining close ties to my lifelong collaborators here in Portland. I will always consider Portland my home and the people I've connected with both personally and professionally, my beloved Portland family.
Joaquin Dollar  “After graduating last spring I took a job with AmeriCorps teaching music at a small school in rural Oregon. I wanted to use my site for some kind of research, but I struggled to align my interests with something applicable to a school. I had read some compelling papers about youth participatory action research, and as I was digesting these the opportunity arose to teach an elective course to the high school students. This culminated in me designing an introductory anthropology course in which I am mentoring my students through ethnographic projects to identify and address issues relevant to the small community surrounding the school. I wanted a way to give something back to the community and empower my students as anthropologists. I envisioned something like the Foxfire project. However, the poignantly contemporary issues that my students have identified have been invigorating in contrast to what I had imagined. I have a student researching communities of practice in online homesteading forums; a student analyzing local programs for Latinx community outreach; and a student researching nationalistic discourses within the Cascadia independence movement. In many ways I think I have learned more from my students than they have learned from me!

MICHAEL KILMAN

Michael Kilman has been teaching at the University of Colorado at Denver and Metro State University. Currently he is creating a senior methods course in visual anthropology which will help students to examine urban poverty issues facing the city of Denver and create digital stories to share with the community. Michael also started an ethnographic consultation firm with a Historian/Archaeologist named Nathan Allison. The firm is called WholeCulture Consultants and they have worked with several archaeological projects crafting educational media. WholeCulture Consultants is currently writing grants for other projects.
Rachel Lahoff has been working as a research assistant in the department under Dr. Doug Deur since graduating from the applied track in December 2013. Some of the most recent projects she has contributed to include documenting the tribes traditionally occupying and/or using the resources within in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (CA), Devils Postpile National Monument (CA) and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve (AK). She has enjoyed traveling up to Seattle to bury her head in Bureau of Indian Affairs documents in the National Archives & Records Administration building. Rachel is excited that her background in cultural applied anthropology is lending itself to her work, which – in part – aims to bring to light tribal connections to lands within federally protected areas such as national parks.

Brye Lefler For the last year and a half, Brye has worked as a Cultural Anthropologist at Yosemite National Park. Much of this applied anthropology work involves supporting the park’s American Indian Liaison Program, including communications with seven traditionally associated tribes and groups, coordination and facilitation of consultation meetings and site visits regarding park projects, and drafting documents and following regulations and policies related to congressional acts such as NAGPRA, NEPA, and NHPA. Brye also develops Task Agreements with local tribal governments to provide cultural monitors during construction and archaeological projects.

Brye currently serves on a working group of park staff and tribal representatives to collaboratively develop interpretive content from an American Indian perspective for the world-famous Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Brye leads an ethnoecological research project aimed at examining and identifying the significance and traditional use and management of Soda Springs and the Tuolumne Meadows landscape by traditionally associated tribes and groups. The resulting report will guide planned ecological restoration actions and land management decisions in Yosemite’s high country.

In his free time, Brye enjoys discovering uncharted swimming holes, clambering over expanses of Sierran granite, searching for obsidian in extinct volcanoes, and foraging wild edible and medicinal plants and mushrooms.
Amanda Lubit MS, MPH, writes, “After graduating in 2013, I spent a year working at a non-profit organization that provides psychosocial services to women living with HIV/AIDS in the Portland metro area. In this position I had the opportunity to get to know some amazing women with truly inspirational stories, and I was able to help them and others by both improving existing services and developing new services that better met their needs. Then in September of 2014, I transitioned to my current position as a Quality Improvement Specialist for Central City Concern. This local non-profit agency works with individuals and families in the Portland metro area who are impacted by homelessness, poverty, mental illness and addictions. Through primary care, mental health, addictions, housing and employment services, we work to provide access to self-sufficiency as a way to alleviate poverty and homelessness. My role in supporting this mission is to manage complex projects including the development of new programs as well as monitor and evaluate existing programs to identify areas in need of improvement. This work allows me to do meaningful work every day with a marginalized population that I am passionate about supporting.”

Michael Myers After receiving his bachelor’s degree in 2012 Michael went on to receive a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at Portland State. He has since gained work experience interning at various organizations in Portland such as the Nature Conservancy, the Asia Institute, the Institute for Culture and Ecology, and the Society for Applied Anthropology. Michael has remained connected to the anthropology department through his internship with Dr. Spoon and the Mountain Institute, where he has assisted in four projects working with Southern Paiute (Nuwuvi) tribes and federal agencies to incorporate indigenous knowledge into protected area management and interpretation.

This year Michael received a Fulbright Research Grant to perform independent research in East Kalimantan (Borneo), Indonesia. For his research, he plans to examine factors that motivate forest-dependent people’s participation in or rejection of global conservation projects represented by the Berau Forest Carbon Program, a district scale Reducing Emissions due to Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) project. He will begin his research in Indonesia in the fall of 2015. Upon his return in the summer of 2016, Michael looks forward to pursuing a graduate degree in environmental anthropology or sustainable forest management.
**ANGELA PERRI**

Angela Perri graduated from Portland State University with a B.A. in Anthropology in 2008. In 2010 she began a doctoral program in the Department of Archaeology at Durham University in Durham, England with a focus on zooarchaeology. In 2012 she won the Society for American Archaeology’s Dienje Kenyon Fellowship, which was presented to her by PSU Anthropology’s Emeritus Professor Ken Ames. She received her Ph.D. from Durham University in 2013 for a thesis entitled *Global Hunting Adaptations to Early Holocene Temperate Forests: Intentional Dog Burials as Evidence of Hunting Strategies*. This research topic began as a final paper written for Professor Virginia Butler’s North American Prehistory class at PSU and benefitted from further conversation with Professor Ames. In 2013, Angela became a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Human Evolution at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, where she is currently an environmental archaeologist. Her work at Max Planck examines human-animal-environmental interactions, with primary research focuses on dog domestication/human-carnivore interactions and paleoparasites from early prehistoric archaeological contexts.

**KENDRA WENDEL**

Kendra Wendel is in her third year working as a Social Science Research Assistant in the Goods, Services, and Values Program at the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station in Portland. The GSV program aims to advance understanding of relationships among people and forest and rangeland ecosystems. Kendra is working with Dr. Susan Charnley on several research projects in Oregon, Washington, and California including the ongoing Forests People Fire project, which is investigating complexities of the social and ecological systems of the fire-prone forest landscapes of central Oregon. She also recently became a member of the Mountain Socioecological Observatory Network (MtnSEON)'s working group on Socioecological Patterns and Processes in the Blue Mountains Ecoregion of the Pacific Northwest. She is currently engaged in two projects in the Blue Mountains: one looking at livestock grazing on the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur National Forests and one examining fuels reduction and restoration projects taking an “all lands management” approach, a strategy that promotes working across ownership boundaries to manage large-scale ecosystem processes.
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