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Letter From the Chair

We have had an exciting and challenging year since the last newsletter. Dr. Robert Marshall retired officially this past spring, but came back to teach a graduate class for us in the fall. He has been awarded Emeritus

status, so continues to work on projects in my old office. Meanwhile I moved across the cul-de-sac into his old space. Dr. Daniel Boxberger is shifting into part time teaching as a prelude to eventual full retirement.

Through many people's efforts the State was able to increase University funding across the board this budget cycle, this allowed an actual tuition reduction for students (and parents) this year, and much needed

raises for classified staff, as well as new faculty hiring. We were able to argue successfully for a new tenure line position and are in the midst of hiring decisions. Dr. Mosher is chairing the search committee, who are conducting Skype interviews with a short list of candidates, focusing on finding someone with a Pacific Rim (preferably China) geographic focus, working in the medical/political economy theoretical area with applied expertise. This is an expansion of the direction our department took with Dr. Bruna's hiring, and we hope to strengthen our program in these areas. In the next month we should be able to start inviting candi-

> dates to campus, always a hectic and interesting process. We hope to have a newly hired person in place to begin the fall quarter.

Dr. Joyce Hammond returned from a productive leave in the South Pacific, having gone back to collect new data from her original dissertation fieldwork sites, and returns to a full time schedule after overcoming some health challenges this past fall. Dr. Judy Pine is enjoying the first of 2 quarters of leave to continue work on the Lahu and cultural identity. Dr. Sarah Campbell con-

tinues her grant based collaboration with colleagues at Portland State and work with the Lummi on cataloging and organizing the Cherry Point collection. We also continue, under her guidance, to work towards meeting State mandated standards for artifact curation. We should hear about Dr. Mosher's tenure shortly as well.

- Todd Koetje

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Faculty News

James Loucky

Amid my ever-growing collection of "frig-philosophy" is an observation attributed to Mark Twain: "History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme." From inane politicians, to rises and falls of purported "civilizations," there is much need for anthropological response to not anthropology can be mobilized in ways that foster the shift in institutions and ethos required by the unprecedented anthropogenic forces humanity has unleashed.

Climate change, ecocultural understandings, synergies of intercultural and intergenerational education, and rights of youth and dispos-



James Loucky with Maya friends, and colleague Alan LeBaron, in Greenville SC, Oct 2015

only set the record straight, but also to offer examples of peoples whose principles and practices have been grounded in respect for their surroundings as well as neighbors. More and more of my time is devoted to trying to understand how human beings – notably in privileged places like the United States, but also across our species – do things that are antithetical to long-term balance and fairness. Equally important, I seek ways through which the resources and perspectives of sessed peoples are the focus of my teaching and research. I do this through working with students and colleagues on and off campus, being active in the Society for Applied Anthropology, collaborating with the social and environmental justice community in Bellingham, developing options for field research in Mesoamerica and Asia, and staying involved with life-long Maya colleagues and friends.



The Anthropology Club

The Anthropology Club welcomes anyone who is interested to join them at their weekly meetings, special events, or field trips held throughout the year.

Meetings: Mondays @ 5pm in AH319

Website:

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Sean Bruna

I'm now in my second year in Bellingham and as an owner of three rain jackets and my first pair of rain boots, I'm starting to feel like I belong. My first year at Western was wonderful (if not wet) and a whirlwind where I met new staff, faculty and students. After a summer conducting preliminary research, consulting with research partners and sailing, I'm charging into the 2015-2016 year.

Fall of 2015 I formed the WWU Medical Anthropology Lab where students and faculty work as a team to better understand the intersection of culture and biology. The lab is currently staffed by Ms. Stephenson (Lab Manager and MA Candidate in Cultural Anthropology), five bio/cultural anthropology undergrads, and an alumna of the college. Though we have only recently started working on projects, we expect to submit two manuscripts, an evaluation of culturally appropriate care curricula for primary care physicians and an editorial on the use of indigenous languages in biological research, this December. Next quarter we will double our efforts and submit additional publications and grants while embarking on collaborative research with faculty at WWU and elsewhere, to examine western yoga practices, the health and safety of field biologists and anthropologists, mobile applications for field research, and conflicting patient-doctor experiences in clinical care encounters. Also exciting, this year I'll work with Drs. Mosher and Stevenson on a plan to expand the "Medanthro Lab" (literally



and figuratively) so that the anthropology department can better utilize and foster the expertise of our faculty and students. Be sure to keep up to date with our news via Twitter @SeanBruna and at SeanBruna.com.

I also recently returned from the 114th annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver

where, among other tasks, I attended to board duties with the Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA). In an ongoing effort to make medical anthropology more accessible to the general project, I participate with four SMA committees, including, the Future of Publishing, where we discussed association-wide questions about open publications, Media Relations and Digital Communications, where we work to enhance scholarly engagement with the public, the Global Directory, a listing of medical anthropologists and professionals, and paper reviews for the SMA sponsored sessions at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) meetings in Vancouver, BC, Canada this March. The SfAA meetings are shaping up to be one of the best yet, with

several presentations from WWU students and faculty, alike. Check the SfAA website for the conference schedule, including my presentation regarding policy recommendations for obesity prevention in indigenous communities.

The coming year looks like an exciting one and I'm looking forward to the new collaborative research partnerships that are taking place. If you are interested in medical anthropology, stop in and enjoy a cup of coffee while we talk about what's new in the field and in the department.



"MedAnthro Lab Selfie" (Pictured, from left to right) Alex Donavan, Galen Herz, Brita Eisert, Megan Stephenson, Giselle Kiraly, Sean Bruna

Joyce Hammond

This past summer was one of medical interventions. I spent almost two weeks face down 24/7 with a gas bubble placed in my eye during surgery. An unexpected retinal surgery and laser treatments for both eyes delayed but didn't eliminate my planned hip replacement. Now that I'm all put together again, I am looking forward to attending the Association of Social Anthropologists of Oceania (ASAO) conference in February where I'll be co-chairing a session called "Authenticity and Authoring in Pacific Cultures." A group of us in ASAO interested in the processes of mimesis in the Pacific have just put our papers together for an anthology. My contribution is about destination "traditional Tahitian weddings" that are popular with some tourists. This past

year also saw the publication of two more articles about tīfaifai (quiltlike textiles) that came out of my 2013 professional leave in French Polynesia. Over spring break, I'll head out to Aotearoa/New Zealand for the Pacific Arts Association conference. I'm looking forward to going back to A/N.Z. after nearly 40 years. I spent almost a year there taking classes at the University of Auckland and doing my first stint of fieldwork among Maori women who were making traditional crafts to fund a community center and Maori meeting house.



A tīfaifai is wrapped around a couple marrying on the island of Bora Bora in the Society Islands. Photo courtesy of Giulia Manzoni di Chiosca.

Robert Marshall

Now that I'm retired, I have time to try some projects that never managed to get to the top of the to-do list over the years. While I was in Japan in 2003 I surfed into the Doraemon 25th Anniversary Special and ended up watching 16 fifteen minute episodes, four straight hours, of this long-running anime. And so I treated it a structural analysis of the sort that works so well with myths, a la the late Claude Levi-Strauss, whose seminal work, "The structural study of myth," has its 60th anniversary in 2015. Doraemon is a blue earless cat robot from the 21st century sent back to the 20th century by a dissatisfied descendant to get his ancestor, a then-ten-year-old boy, on track to a better future. But since my research project at that time was on eldercare in Japan, I've combined these two worlds in one article: how would Doraemon work as a caregiver to the elderly in Japan rather than to a child? Well, why not? In any event, the future of socially assistive robotics caregiving is in Japan, which has such a low birthrate and no immigration to speak of.





Dominique Coulet du Gard

Dominique Coulet du Gard peer reviewed an article in November with the African Studies Review (Cambridge University Press) relating to Kenyan rural women

M.J. Mosher

Best part of this year - The little man visited in October. Alexander - 2, Listeria - 0. After his rocky start from food poisoning, he is growing up bilingual – mixing English and Gaelic. His mother, my daughter Megan, spoke in two of our Anthropology classes about her new language and life in Scotland. Her husband Alan is a piper in Scotland and I will be certain to begin each term with a piper's call.

Second best part of this year getting a grant to finish the epigenetic studies on DNA from both and their economic marginalization in the 1980s. This relates directly to Dominique's interests in Africa gender, and social entrepreneurship.

Buryat and Mennonite populations. Those data are currently being analyzed and will be mixed with Mennonite GWAS results from NIH in January.

Third best part of the year is the acquisition of new nutritional software in our lab. We will be busy redoing the Mennonite dietary data to evaluate methyl donor intake. And, we are always looking for ideas and colleagues who would enjoy joining us in nutritional research.

Fourth best part of the year - no more crutches.



M.J.'s daughter; Megan, grandson; Alexander, and son-in-law; Alan

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Kathleen Zuanich Young

My latest research focuses on bullying in higher education. I began the research by reviewing the literature on bullying in academia and found that the rates of bullying at universities appear high compared to the general population. Recent literature describes campus incivility as systemic, incessant, seriously harmful, and hardwired into the organizational structure of higher education. Why do students, faculty, and staff misread, ignore, or become inadvertently complicit in bullying? It was my hope that understanding could lead to possible solutions and found that there are practical remedies to offset toxic academic environments from gaining a foothold. I look forward to presenting my research at the annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology this coming spring in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Daniel Boxberger

This past year has been busy. I am beginning to see the completion of several projects that have been brewing for years now. The book I am working on with two colleagues, Politics, Poetics and Identities in the British-USA Borderlands: Hegemonic Transformation and the Imposition of the State in the Pacific Northwest (1805-1872), is nearing completion. We hope to have it off to the publisher by Spring.

The Quinault and Quileute ocean fishing rights case was decided in our favor last July and is now under appeal. I was honored at ceremonies at Quinault last July and Quileute in November. The photos are the Quinault and Quileute honoring ceremonies. I received the blanket from the Quinault. That is the Quinault tribal council encircling us while an honor dance was performed. At Quileute they held a celebratory paddle dance. In the photo I am receiving my paddle, then I participated in the dance.

Cheryl and I did not do an actual trek this summer but we did a series of short walks as we traveled by train from Beijing to Mongolia then to Lake Baikal and across Siberia, stopping at various locations on the way to Moscow. Then we tacked on a few days in Iceland on the way home. Around the world in 21 days!

By the time you are reading this I will be sunning myself in Tucson and working on the other two projects that have been in the works for a while, both in British Columbia.



Quileute Ceremony November 21, 2015



Quinault Ceremony July 19, 2015

Alumna



I am now working as Consulting Anthropologist on a feature documentary being produced in L.A. I am providing research and analysis on the American Counterculture Movement of the 60s and 70s, a time period relating directly to my master's thesis about hippies. Research outcomes are helping define the antagonist.

I'm also doing extensive research through archives for visual media. A highlight has been ghost-writing Freedom of Information Act request letters to the FBI and DEA on behalf of the film's two protagonists. My thesis topic has proven to be a good choice as I continue to refer to it professionally.

Due to confidentiality clause, until the film is released, I am unable to share the title or other identifiers--but here's a hint: even if you don't remember the Sixties, you may remember this comedian who is the documentary's subject.



Nooksack Tribal members host canoe landing 2015 at Birch Bay. Grad James Hundley was also representing (cedar hat)! With Paul James' Summer qtr. Anth 361

Paul James

In 2015 I concluded a six year project with the Nooksack Tribe on a grant from the Centers for Disease Control, Native Diabetes Wellness Program Division of Diabetes Translation. Nooksack, along with 17 other tribes across the country, aimed to revitalize elements of traditional foods and traditional physical activities to halt the endemic rates of diabetes and pre-diabetes in these communities. Over the years this project has provided an opportunity for several classes of Western students and a few archaeology grads to develop a variety of

educational materials. Overall the project was effective at amplifying the wake of regional canoe culture and strengthening the connection between war canoe teachings, canoe journey and the abundance of traditional plant, sea and game resources we are blessed with in the Northwest.

In 2016 I proposed a new study abroad course to look at water ecology in Bali, with the possibility of eventually extending the course to include Timor Leste where my family has worked for some time. These islands face saltwater infiltration problems in their aquifers in light



Nooksack canoe families pulling war canoe during Canoe Journey 2015 at Birch Bay with Paul James' Summer qtr. Anth 361

New Anth Dept Program Assistant!

Some of you may have already met me. Yep, I'm the one (wo)manning a desk in the Anthro office now. I am here to help students and faculty in any way I can and assist in keeping the Anth office running smoothly. My office hours are M-F 9-3.

When not on campus, I enjoy cycling, traveling, reading, cooking, hiking and cuddling with my two



Giulio (grandson), Angelina (grandaughter), and Oma (me), biking on the Tommy Thompson Trail Bridge crossing Fidalgo Bay

German Shepherd Dogs.

I'm married and together we have five kids and five grandchildren. We love being grandparents. We just bought an Airstream and are planning a trip to Banff and Jasper National Parks this summer.

I'm thrilled to be working in the Anthropology Dept. While a Junior at Oregon State University I needed two electives, so I enrolled in anthropology courses for the summer. I loved them so much I would have switched majors had I not been so close to completing my art major. So it's ironic that I end up here... in Anthropology in some small way after all!



Pura Tanah Lot, a landsea temple significant in the introduction of Hinduism to Bali, Indonesia. You are supposed to express gratitude for the beauty there, sometimes religion comes naturally

of climate change and changes in traditional land use which are well suited to anthropological approaches. The course will be a partnership with the Institute for Village Studies which has for several years worked with WWU and James Loucky to offer travel courses. This year I am participating in the Internationalizing the Curriculum workshops at Western to further develop departmental support for travel courses through Center for International Studies and Office of Global Learning Programs at WWU. This spring I plan to travel back to Bali to arrange agreements with the partner organizations there.

This year I have also been working with Eric Leonhardt of the Vehicle Research Institute at Western to design the Lyn Okse (Norwegian for "lightning ox") campus electric utility vehicle, a project funded by Western's Green Energy Fee Grant Program. In this project, students in my Introduction to Cultural Anthropology courses use the anthropological methods of a focal follow to gather user interface/user experience with the current gas and electric vehicles used by campus Facility Management staff. The engineering vehicle design students and faculty were excited by the level of detail offered by these targeted



Macaca fascicularis gives a lesson in water conservation at Pura Dalem Agung Padangtegal in the Sacred Monkey Forest near Ubud, Bali, Indonesia. As climate change and development threaten the historically sustainable uses of surface and ground water, Paul aims to partner students with local NGOs in service learning interventions

observation videos and how they address specific design problems. This quarter they have asked us to understand the 'front seat as mobile office' and 'visibility issues when backing'. In any case, this project continues to challenge my ideas of what anthropology is as we deploy anthropological methods to understand, and ultimately solve, human problems.



Paul James snaps selfie with terraced rice fields and niece Elysian in Bali, Indonesia



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Judy Pine

A highpoint of 2015 for Judy was presenting at the 60th annual conference of the International Linguistic Association, at Teachers College, Columbia University. It was marvelous to wander the Columbia University campus, thinking about walking the same paths that Franz Boas, Ruth Benedict, Edward Sapir and other anthropology luminaries walked. Living linguistic luminary William Labov was a keynote speaker for the 2015 ILA meetings, and Judy had a chance to chat with him during the conference. Turns out



he is familiar with the work of linguist James Matisoff, whose work on Lahu language is invaluable to Judy in her own work. Papers presented at this conference

Sarah Campbell WWU Students and Alumni Provide Overwhelming Support to the Northwest Region AWA Archaeology Month Events

A number of WWU students, alumni, and faculty participated in several events related to Washington State Archaeology Month, sponsored by the Association for Washington Archaeology (AWA). These events included an information table at the Bellingham Farmer's Market, an outreach session at Mount Vernon community library, and an Archaeology Fair hosted by Whatcom Community College. The following submissions were authored by individuals associated with WWU. They outline these events in detail, this is followed by a list of all WWU affiliated participants.

Special thanks to the following institutions and individuals whose efforts made these events possible. Thanks to AWA for covering expenses; Mary Rossi and Eppard Vision for their contributions in event planning; Jennifer Zovar for coordinating with Whatcom Community College for facilities for the Archaeology Fair; Julia Rowland for coordinating the Farmer's were wide ranging, and have informed recent lectures, especially about Revering Language Shift.

No selfies from the conference, but evenings were free during the conference, and Broadway was right there, so it was possible to connect with other lesser luminaries, including John Cameron Mitchell reprising Hedwig and Renée Fleming in playing a diva in Living on Love. Lots of interesting material for semiotic analysis, and a wonderful opportunity to think about the amazing complexity of performed identities!

Judy is looking forward to sabbatical

leave for Winter and Spring quarter, and the opportunity to dig down into her data and get a lot of serious writing done!

Market booth; Ian Lewis and ERCI for coordinating the Mount Vernon Library STEAM event, and Rachael Kannegaard for designing event graphics, and Jackie Ferry for photo documentation of the Fair.

Bellingham Farmers Market Information Table Contributed by Julia Rowland

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, members of AWA's Northwest Regional Group were at the Bellingham Farmer's Market engaging the public, answering questions about archaeology, and advertising for upcoming Archaeology Month Outreach Events. Participants put together an interesting and attractive booth with artifacts, faunal material, and interpretive information on display. People of all ages were interested in and enjoyed the booth. We had a lot of foot traffic through the booth, and while numbers are hard to estimate, we estimate we had upwards of 40 people stop by. It was a fun day and an archaeology outreach success!

Julia Rowland completed her MA from WWU in 2014 and former staff member of Equinox Research and Consulting International Inc. (ERCI). She is currently an active member of the AWA, and expecting mother.

Mount Vernon Library STEAM Workshop

Contributed by Ian Lewis

The Mount Vernon Library regularly hosts STEAM workshops, or hands on events for school-aged children with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. Coinciding with Archaeology Month, this past fall's October STEAM Workshop featured a show and tell of archaeology related tools, artifact replicas, stories, and games provided by local cultural resource managers from ERCI. Children and parents alike gathered for a fun and informative evening.

ERCI representatives also provided similar displays, in addition to multiple posters, for the inaugural AWA Archaeology Fair, which brought to a close the Archaeology Month activities in Whatcom County. We look forward to contributing again next year.

Ian Lewis completed his MA from WWU in 2013. He currently works as an Archaeologist for ERCI, and is an avid game fowl hunter in the autumn months.

Discussion Panel for Students of Western Washington University in Bellingham

Contributed by Mary Rossi

On October 14, Eppard Vision's Applied Preservation Technologies (APT) Program organized a panel discussion for students and entering professionals about careers in Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management (CRM). The panel was held at the Western Washington University (WWU) Anthropology Department lounge, and the Samish Indian Nation graciously provided pizza as an extra lunchtime incentive for students and panelists alike. The panel consisted of current practitioners from for-profit and non-profit CRM (Kelly Bush of ERCI and Mary Rossi of APT), academia (Dr. Sarah Campbell and Dr. Todd Koetje of WWU Anthropology), and tribal government (Jackie Ferry who is the Samish Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, or THPO).

After brief introductions focusing on how the panelists ended up in their positions and careers, panelists shared general advice about the realities of landing and retaining rewarding jobs and building lasting careers and then entertained students' questions. Over 20 students attended, and based on feedback afterwards and at the Archaeology Fair a couple weeks later, the conversation was interesting and beneficial.

Mary Rossi completed her MA from WWU in 1998. She is currently a member of the AWA Board of Directors and the head of the Applied Preservation Technologies (APT) arm of the local non-profit organization Eppard Vision.



Archaeology Fair, October 28, 2015 Whatcom Community College

Archaeology Fair for All (Whatcom Community College in Bellingham)

Contributed by Julia Rowland

The Association for Washington Archaeology Northwest Region held its first annual Archaeology Fair at the Syre Auditorium at Whatcom Community College on October 28, 2015, from 5 to 7 pm. The Fair was an unqualified success. Whatcom Community College (WCC) and ERCI provided light refreshments. Over 30 individuals, including professors, students, and other professionals from WCC, Western Washington University, local CRM companies, and local tribes, volunteered their time for the event. Volunteers displayed research posters on a variety of archaeology topics, as well as past Archaeology Month posters. A total of 10 tables were set up with informative, interesting, and interactive displays including:

- North Cascades National Park set up a table for the National Park Service with park-specific information and a beautiful lithics display;
- APT had an informative table with CRM and regulatory information;
- ERCI displayed a variety of fauna, historics, and lithic artifacts. Their interactive antler shaving activity was reportedly a little smelly, but very fun!;
- WCC students from Jennifer Zovar's introductory archaeology class displayed posters discussing two garbology projects, which including the titillating headline, Toddlers and Cigarettes;
- Allan Richardson, WCC emeritus professor, set up a powerful display on Nooksack place names;
- Alfred Reid of WCC had an interesting shell midden and stratigraphy table with some lithics displayed for good measure;



Archaeology Fair, October 28, 2015 WWU Alumna Allyson Rollins (left) interacting with a young visitor

- Tamela Smart and Alyson Rollins brought their faunal collection and had candy as the prize for people who could guess what animal the mystery skull belonged to; and
- Sarah Campbell and students from WWU students had several tables including:
 - . What it is Like to Go to Field School table with slideshow sponsored by WWU Anthropology Club;

- an artifacts table with ceramics, antler, and lithic materials and interpretive signage;
- historic archaeology, including display on dating glass bottles focusing on color and different finish types and another on the Nims Homestead site (45WH004); and
- an Experimenting with lithics table with hands-on activities.



Bellingham Farmer's Market, Information Table. WWU Alumni Ian Lewis (left) and Professor Sarah Campbell (Right) interacting with an attendee

Over 60 people came to the Fair to learn about archaeology! They were of all ages and consisted of WWU and WCC students and faculty, their friends and family, and members of the general public; at least one mother and daughter duo came to the Fair because they had so much fun at our archaeology table at the Bellingham Farmer's Market on September 26! A lot of good feedback was received from our guests. It is worth noting that people tended to stay a while, circulating to see all the tables and posters before coming back again to favorite tables to ask more questions. Five of the tables included "kid friendly" information or activities.

See you next year!

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

ΝΑΜΕ	STANDING	CONTRIBUTION
Erin Benson	Undergraduate Student	Anthropology Club Secretary, contributed field school slides
Mikelynn Coffin	Undergraduate Student	Facilitated Archaeology Fair WWU Table
Kaitlin Dempsy	Undergraduate Student	Contributed field school slides, and facilitated the Archeology Fair WWU table
Derek Denenny	Undergraduate Student	Anthropology Club Budget Coordinator, facilitated Archaeology Fair WWU table
Ryan Desrosiers	Undergraduate Student	Former Anthropology Club President, Contributed field school slides, and facilitated the Archaeology Fair WWU table
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Nolan Heidenreich	Undergraduate Student	Contributed field school slides
Dessa Meehan	Undergraduate Student	Contributed field school slides, and facilitated the Archaeology fair WWU table
Hayley Nichols	Undergraduate Student	Contributed field school slides, and facilitated the Archaeology fair WWU table
Kasandra Seda	Undergraduate Student	Anthropology Club Events Coordinator, contributed field school slides, and facilitated the Archaeology fair WWU table
Carl Sholin	Masters Degree Canditate	Event Planning and facilitation
Kevin Sippel	Undergraduate Student	Anthropology Club Member, contributed field school slides, and facilitated the Archaeology fair WWU table
Joey Sparaga	Masters Degree Canditate	Contributed field school slides and event facilitation
Laura Williams	Undergraduate Student	Anthropology Club Member, Developed a display on historic archaeology of the Nims homestead

FACULTY PARTICIPANTS

NAME	Position	CONTRIBUTION
Sarah Campbell	Professor of Anthropology	Event planning, and coordinated student tables for the Anthropology fair
Jerry Ek	Adjunct Professor	Facilitated Archaeology Fair WWU table
Alyson Rollins	Adjunct Professor	Organized faunal analysis table for the Archaeology fair, and donated personal resources

ALUMNI PARTICIPANTS					
NAME	DEGREE AND YEAR GRADUATED	CURRENT AFFILIATION	CONTRIBUTION		
Jackie Ferry	BA 2003from WWU, and MA from University of Sheffield	Samish Nation	Event planning, and photography		
Luke Jones	BA 2014	AWA	Event planning, and Farmer's Market facilitation		
Rachael Kannegaard	MA 2015	NPS	Event planning, tabling for NPS, and graphic design		
Kim Kwarsick	BA 2002 from WWU, and MA from WSU 2010	NPS	Tabling for NPS		
lan Lewis	MA 2013	ERCI	Coordinating STEAM event, and tabling for ERCI		
Alfred Reid	MA 1987	WCC, ARAC	Coordinated WCC table		
Alyson Rollins	MA 1998	WWU, WCC, Lummi Nation, ERCI	Coordinated faunal analysis table		
Mary Rossi	MA 1998	APT, AWA	Coordination of all events, and facilitation of APT table		
Julia Rowland	MA 2014	AWA	Event planning, and collection of vital statistics		
Tamela Smart	MA 2009	Lummi Nation	Coordinated faunal analysis table		



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Outstanding Graduating Senior Award

Sara Crowell

Gradutating Senior in Anthropology

My name is Sara Crowell and I am majoring in Anthropology with a bio-cultural concentration. For my first three years of school I focused on being a full time student athlete as a varsity member of the Women's Crew Team. This past year I had the incredible opportunity to study abroad in India for fall quarter as part of a faculty-led trip in which I focused on public health in rural communities. While working at a school in rural India, I participated in several public health projects identified by the community, including designing and teaching nutrition classes, as well as conducting a nutrition assessment in order to assess deficiencies. When I returned I knew that I wanted to combine my anthropology degree with my passion for nutrition, food security and health education to pursue a master's degree in global health. For my honors senior project I am presenting the nutrition assessment and analysis for the school where I visited and worked in India, as well as the ongoing fundraising efforts to raise money to support the community.

-Sara Crowell





Taylor-Anastasio Awards

The Taylor-Anastasio Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award is in honor of retired professors Herbert Taylor and Angelo Anastasio in recognition of excellent undergraduate research. Faculty nominated papers, poster presentations, or other scholarly endeavors completed the prior spring quarter through the winter quarter of the current year are eligible. Three awardees present their research results during Scholars Week spring quarter of each year. We are proud to announce this year's recipients:

Amandeep Khattra

"Health Implications of Challenges for Small Farm Business in Punjab, India"

The purpose of this study was to determine the health implication and potential correlation with the rise of diabetes for farm owners in Punjab, India. A typical Punjab diet includes heavy consumption of dairy products and saturated fats. A decline in activity levels and poor diet contributed to increasing levels of diabetes. The linkages between behavioral choices and health outcomes are context-specific and thus, the objective here is to understand those linkages. During this five week field study 25 interviews were held with the head of each household.

Each interview was conducted using the snowball method (contacts of family or friends.) -Amandeep Khattra

Brook Jespersen

"The Waterfront: an Ethnography of a Home-away-from-home"

For three months I joined a darts league at the Waterfront Seafood Restaurant and Bar and used the method of participant observation to understand what draws participants to the league and what steps one can take to become a "regular" and belong. To interpret the data gathered from observations and interviews, I employed taxonomic and componential analyses. It was found that a mutual exchange of ownership, an ability to gain status, and humorous conversation gave the darts league its status as a "home-away-from-home," drawing participants to the league. One can belong by observing the rules of the league and by participating in the community.

- Brook Jespersen

Hana Paros

"Does Celiac Disease Present an Evolutionary Paradox in China's Wheat-Cultivating Populations?"