Chair’s Notes...

Writing this in September, I find it almost shocking to think about all that happened during the 2013-2014 academic year. Drawing on Dr. Alan Hersker’s year-end annual report, here are a few of the highlights. First of all, the Anthropology Department has continued to grow, with the number of majors up by 10% (from 100 in summer 2013 to 110) and the number of minors up 20% (from 47 in summer 2013 to 67). Despite budgetary constraints, the department continues to offer outstanding training in both the practical and theoretical areas of the five fields of Anthropology. For example, Dr. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron worked with students excavating the Timbucto site in North Elba, NY, over the summer 2013 (see the photos in the 2013 newsletter!). In addition, a number of faculty were able to work one-on-one with students doing a variety of internships and research projects. Dr. Morgan Perkins supervised six museum studies internships. Dr. Kruczek-Aaron mentored three Presidential Scholars and four student internships, while Dr. Jennifer Campbell, Dr. Patricia Whelehan, and Dr. Alan Hersker sponsored two, three and seven internships, respectively. Dr. Karen Johnson-Weiner participated in two student independent studies. Overall, department faculty members worked with a total of twenty-seven students in 1:1 learning.

But this only hints at the range of activities in which students and faculty were involved. Two faculty members published books this semester: Dr. Susan Stebbins’s The Native Natives, was made available in the spring through SUNY Library Open Source. Dr. Morgan Perkins co-edited the volume Asia Through Art and Anthropology: Cultural Translations Across Borders as well as co-authoring a chapter in it. Others were involved in a variety of research projects. Dr. Karen Johnson-Weiner published articles in The Franklin Historical Review and The Mennonite Quarterly Review and Dr. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron published an article in the Journal of Historical Archaeology. Drs. Timothy Messner and Nasser Malit co-authored articles that appeared in Anthropocene and the American Journal of Physical Anthropology, respectively.

In March 2014, students and faculty worked together as SUNY Potsdam hosted the 2014 annual meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association (NEAA). Drs. Messner and Kruczek-Aaron organized a panel that included papers by Dr. Jennifer Campbell, as well as Drs. Perkins, Messner, and Kruczek-Aaron. Dr. Whelehan convened a student panel, Dr. Jaimin Weets presented a poster, and Dr. Hersker read a paper at the Presidential Plenary session and organized the Undergraduate Career workshop. Additionally, Dr. Messner hosted a well-attended flint knapping workshop. Our students not only presented a variety of papers and posters, but they also ran the registration table, organized student get-togethers, and generally served as ambassadors from the department to the larger anthropology community!
There were other notable events: Dr. Stebbins was voted the Favorite Anthropology Professor by students in the Emerging Leaders program, and Dr. Hersker received the Greek Advocate of the Year award. Two of our faculty were recognized by academic societies: Dr. Kruczek-Aaron was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, and Dr. Campbell was named to the Archaeological Institute of America endowed lecture tour and is currently a research fellow at both the Archaeology Centre (University of Toronto) and the Trent University Archaeological Research Centre. Two faculty also received grants to support their work. Ethnomusicologist Dr. Julie Hunter received a Crane School of Music Scholarship and Professional Development grant, and Dr. Malit received over $26,000 in grants, including a Drescher Leave Program award for the Fall of 2014.

We continue to have a vibrant and active Anthropology Club, with 15-30 students at each meeting. During the 2013-2014 academic year, the club sponsored several museum trips, movie nights (with faculty-led discussions), and social activities. Not only were members of the club instrumental in the success of the NEAA meetings in March, but they also continued to network with other nearby Anthropology Clubs. This networking has resulted in, among other things, the Atlatl Battle of fall 2014, which will be reported in our next Newsletter!

The Collegiate Anthropologist continues to be a significant outreach and recruitment tool for our department as well as a unique experiential learning opportunity for our advanced students. Under Dr. Kruczek-Aaron’s mentorship, the publication recently went to all-color format while continuing the high quality of the content. The publication continues to be time-consuming for faculty and students, though, and we are exploring ways to institutionalize its publication (currently one issue per year) by creating a corresponding Advanced Anthropological Writing course.

The past year saw other changes in the department that will affect our program for semesters to come. Dr. Hersker was re-elected chair of the department and granted a sabbatical for fall 2014. His research, participant-observation of a non-profit organization, Traditional Arts of Upstate NY, will enrich his study of organizational anthropology and contribute much to our applied offerings. Dr. Johnson-Weiner was elected acting chair of the department for fall 2014 and granted a sabbatical for spring and fall 2015. Part of her sabbatical will be spent as the Snowden Fellow at the Young Center for Anabaptist Studies in Elizabethtown, PA, where she will be working on an ethnography of the Swartzentruber Amish. As noted above, Dr. Malit was awarded a Drescher leave for fall 2014; as part of this leave he was able to travel to Kenya for research, and his findings will enrich his courses in biological anthropology.

Finally, the department said good-bye to Dr. Patricia Whoelahan, who retired this August after 35 years in the department. Dr. Whoelahan, an alumna of SUNY Potsdam, brought to our department a deep commitment to her students and her work. A noted researcher of human sexuality, Dr. Whoelahan taught a variety of courses in cultural and medical anthropology, including the Anthropology of AIDS, the Seminar in Women’s Sexuality, and Cross-Cultural Approaches to Mental Health. She was also a prolific scholar, with numerous publications in the area of medical anthropology, including Human Sexuality: Biological, Psychological, and Cultural Perspectives (2009; co-authored with Ann Bolin), The Anthropology of AIDS: A Global Perspective (2009; co-authored with T. Budd), and An Anthropological Perspective on Prostitution: The World’s Oldest Profession (2001). At SUNY Potsdam, she was instrumental in founding PAEG and was its faculty advisor, and she also served as the campus HIV/AIDS Education Coordinator. We will miss her greatly.

As we begin the new academic year, we expect 2014-2015 to be equally busy. Some of our goals include the recruiting and training of students for our new Anthropology Ambassadors program. Students in the program will represent the department at a variety of college functions, including open houses. We’ll also be completing revisions to the Archaeology major and will be opening a campaign to endow the field school so that students will continue to benefit from this unique, hands-on experience. Finally, the department has begun advertising for a new faculty member to contribute to our offerings in cultural and linguistic anthropology.

Stay tuned and stay in touch!

Best wishes,
Karen M. Johnson-Weiner, Acting Chair

The Anthropology Department has been very active, and a number of events have been highlighted in the Newsletter. For a detailed review of what’s been keeping folks busy, please see the Annual Report for 2013-14.
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FACULTY NEWS

Jennifer Campbell has now established a space for Digital Anthropology research and training. This space will be used for digital analysis and production of 3D models and digital media. In support of her ongoing research in India Jennifer has applied for a research grant from the American Institute of Indian Studies. She has a chapter coming out this fall in the edited volume "Identity and Heritage" entitled "World Heritage and Sites of Conflict: How the War on Terror Is Affecting Heritage in Peshawar, Pakistan". On September 10th, Jennifer delivered the endowed Laing Lecture for the Cleveland Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America. This lecture opened the Traveling the Silk Road exhibit at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Jennifer will be looking at heritage on the local scale this fall with her students in The Anthropology of Architecture. These students will have access to the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, built in 1886, and will work to document this important local heritage site. She will be exploring the architectural history of Potsdam through a course of the same name offered through SOAR in mid-September.

Karen Johnson-Weiner gave several talks (Potsdam Historical Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, Plattsburgh Rotary) on the Amish in New York. She also submitted a review of Thrill of the Chaste. The Allure of Amish Romance Novels (Valerie Weaver-Zercher) to The Yearbook of the Society for German-American Studies, reviewed two manuscripts for The Johns Hopkins University Press, and provided jacket blurbs for Chasing the Amish Dream: My Life as a Young Bachelor (Loren Beachy, Herald Press) and Renegade Amish: Beard Cutting, Hate Crimes, and the Trial of the Bergholz Barbers (D. B. Kraybill, JHUP). In August, she was a review panelist for the NEH.

Hadley Kruczek-Aaron has submitted her book manuscript (tentatively titled Everyday Religion: An Archaeology of Lived Protestantism in the Nineteenth Century) to the University Press of Florida. It is slated for an August 2015 publication date. She has been invited to be a keynote speaker at the Local Sites/Global Intersections: Historical Archaeology in Southern Africa conference in Pretoria, South Africa, this fall.

Tim Messner had a successful summer field season. For four weeks the Archaeological Studies Field School students explored an ancient Native American site located on SUNY Potsdam’s campus. During the study the students encountered numerous chipped stone tools, ceramics and burnt animal bone fragments. These data promise to shed new light on the deep history of Potsdam and its early inhabitants. The local news networks, including NCPR and WNNY TV 7, reported on the excavation. It will also be featured on the cover of the Alumni magazine. In addition, Tim also attended a week-long wood charcoal identification workshop at Boston University. This course provided him with the knowledge needed to determine the genus of wood specimens recovered from archaeological sites. His research team also had an article appear in the August issue of Quaternary International.

Morgan Perkins has been asked to contribute an article for an edited volume for Duke University Press to accompany a retrospective exhibition at the Queens Museum for the artist Zhang Hongtu. He is co-authoring the introductory essay for another edited volume entitled, China on Display to be published by Brill Press. In addition, he has been commissioned by Wiley Blackwell to write several entries on art and material culture for the International Encyclopedia of Anthropology, and has had a paper accepted for a panel organized by the Smithsonian Institution for the 2014 American Anthropological Association meeting. During the summer he also reviewed a manuscript for Leuven University Press as well as a grant application for the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation. His summer community service includes a recent appointment to the Board of the Northern Lights Waldorf School and preparation of a grant to relocate the school in a new facility.

Jaimin Weets presented a talk at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan on the genetic origins of medieval Irish populations. He also reviewed an article for the American Journal of Physical Anthropology (AJPA). Jaimin is presently serving as an external reader for a dissertation by a Pakistani Ph.D. candidate whose research combines analyses of mitochondrial DNA and dental morphology to determine the genetic origins of several ethnic groups in Pakistan.

Susan Stebbins was in Texas to attend the Native American and Indigenous Studies Conference, where she gave a presentation entitled “Cowboys and Aliens: The New Searchers, Really?” as part of a panel on Misappropriations and Reverse Appropriations of Indianness Inside and Outside America, which she organized. She was also nominated to the Chancellor’s SUNY Task Force for Diversity.

Dr. Patricia Whelehan was nominated for this year’s Distinguished Service Award for the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group.
Presidential Scholars

Nicole Cline

*The Aftermath of Irene: Long-term Effects of a Natural Disaster on Community Relationships*

During the summer of 2011, Hurricane Irene swept through the Adirondack Park causing severe flooding which destroyed roads, bridges, and homes in many towns including Keene, NY. To cope with the aftermath of such an immense disaster, aid was offered from every facet of the community. To explore the social effects of the hurricane further, I have conducted research on the aftermath of Irene and its effects on the communities of Keene and Keene Valley, NY using local media coverage, newspaper articles, and interviews. This research project focuses on documenting community involvement during post-disaster reconstruction of local homes and businesses as well as analyzing how that involvement shaped the social relationships between the several social spheres that exist within the communities. Most notably, my data suggests that not only was there a high rate of volunteer participation, but that participation also has potentially led to an increase in tourism revenue for the community.

*Advisors: Drs. Alan Hersker & Hadley Kruczek-Aaron, Anthropology & Dr. Deborah Conrad, Curriculum & Instruction*

Amy Hudson

*Reconstructing an ancient environment from an Alaskan core sample*

The goal of this project is to determine the exact age and paleoenvironment of the ancient sea floor, which was mineralized with silver, from rock core samples recovered from the Greens Creek deposit. Determining the environment includes establishing the depth of the ocean water at the time of sediment deposition, water current direction and geochemical composition, the possible presence of a hydrothermal vent, sediment characteristics, and temperature. Micro- and macrofossils will be identified and stable isotope analysis, transmitted and reflected light microscopy, and various mineralogical and geochemical methods will be used to gather, interpret, and synthesize the data. I will use an electron microprobe to determine the elemental composition of the minerals and fossils, and stable isotope analysis to determine the temperature of mineral deposition and the source(s) of the minerals’ constituent elements. The end result will be a presentation and paper detailing my findings, which will be presented to the Greens Creek Silver Mine, to aid in locating future silver deposits.

*Adviser: Dr. Christopher Kelson, Geology*

Sarah Skinner

*Determination of Early Archaic-age stone tool sources and migration routes via O-isotopes, Little Rock Pond, Mt. Tabor, VT*

The manufacturing of stone tools by prehistoric Native Americans has produced thousands of flakes, essentially “leftovers” trapped within the archaeological record. This study will determine, via stable oxygen isotope analysis, the source(s) of these “leftovers,” found at the Little Rock Pond archaeological site located in Mount Tabor, Vermont. Through the O-isotope analysis of the sample flakes and the surrounding outcrops, I will determine potential migration and trade routes of the ancient Native Americans that lived here.

*Advisors: Dr. Christopher Kelson, Geology, Dr. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron, Anthropology*
Frederick B. Kilmer
Undergraduate Research Grant Award Recipients

Kilmer research apprenticeships encourage and support student/faculty collaborative, independent, research projects. The goal of the program is to increase undergraduate research across the campus in all fields of academic study.

Requirements for the Apprenticeship: 2.5 GPA or above; be enrolled in a research or independent study course; submit a progress report each semester; present the results of findings or the culmination of creative/scholarly projects in an academic forum or venue appropriate to the discipline within six months of completion of the project; meet as a cohort to discuss and share their work.

Spring 2014
Kristara Bly, Archaeological Studies, Mentor: Dr. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron
Stephanie Petty, Archaeological Studies, Mentor: Dr. Hadley Kruczek-Aaron

Summer 2014
Charlotte Klatt, Anthropology, Mentor: Dr. Karen Johnson-Weiner

Collegiate Anthropologist
Editors and students authors alike have been busy publishing the annual edition of the Collegiate Anthropologist. Visit this link to view the current and prior editions of the Collegiate Anthropologist and our prior newsletters http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/AAS/Anthro/collegiateanthro/index.cfm.
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Anthropology Club
Events and Activities

Club Activities:
- Attend the annual Northeastern Anthropological Association conference as well as the American Anthropological Association
- Museum trips
- Cultural events
- Fall and Spring faculty mixers
- Archaeology field school social
- Guest speakers
- And many more

Sarah Skinner’s article in the news:

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Emeritus, Dr. John Omohundro is still participating in the Anthropology Club activities. Members join him in raking at Bayside Cemetery.
Northeastern Anthropology Association Conference

The 54th annual meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association was hosted by SUNY Potsdam from April 11-12th. There were 180+ attendees, 15 sessions, and over 60 papers and posters. It was a busy and rewarding two days.

In addition to the research presentations, there were several opportunities for networking and socializing with colleagues and friends. These included a flint knapping workshop, the welcome reception, the undergraduate meet-and-greet sponsored by the SUNY Potsdam Anthropology Club, a panel giving career advice to undergraduates, a networking breakfast for faculty, professional, and practicing anthropologists, a presidential plenary session, and the Town Hall meeting. The weekend culminated in the conference banquet where Dr. John Omohundro (R), Professor Emeritus & Distinguished Teaching Professor at SUNY Potsdam, gave the key note address reflecting on “Tradition and Uncertainty” in his long and impactful career in anthropology.

Student Volunteers from Potsdam include:

Julia Andryuk  
Brooke Becker  
Aianee Biggs  
Olivia Broersma  
Kaitlyn Burrows  
Kate Clauss  
Maureen Folk  
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Rebecca Belton  
Anthropology Club Secretary  
Archaeological Studies-Senior

Sarah Skinner  
Anthropology Club President  
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Faculty and students alike presented their research:

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Alumni News

Neal Tepper (1972) - Retired from the North Dakota Teacher Retirement System. Retirement didn't last as I took a job as financial conservator for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in Prior Lake Minnesota 55372.

Tish Bresee (1972) - It was nice hearing from you- I have fond memories of Potsdam and especially Archeology digs during the summer. After 20 + years as a Middle School Science/ Math teacher, I was looking for a creative new direction and found work in our local planetarium here in Binghamton, NY. Then, even better, found my current job as science education coordinator at Kopernik Observatory & Science Center in Vestal, NY. Seeing space through a telescope is the "real thing" and so exciting to see people say "Wow" when they see what I see. I have a blast teaching kids and other teachers physics, astronomy, earth sciences and technology. In addition, I was recently accepted into NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab as a Solar System Ambassador teaching the masses about NASA's missions in space.

Glenn McRae, (1977) – PhD, is the Associate Director of the Transportation Research Center at the University of Vermont and a lecturer in the public administration masters program. His first action research project was in 1976 with Professor John T. Omohundro conducting a social impact study on communities affected by the NEPCO barge oil spill on the St. Lawrence River (the largest inland oil spill up to that time). Thirty-five years letter he finds himself facilitating a research enterprise looking at issues of sustainability and resilience in meeting mobility and access issues of people and communities in northern rural areas. Some recent projects have included leading a strategic planning process for the Eastern Border Transportation Coalition of provinces and states; guiding work related to promoting alternative (non-petroleum) fuels to power transportation, identifying needs and opportunities for New Americans in meeting their transportation needs, and designing programs to recruit, retain and strengthen the current transportation workforce on a state and national level. Over his career he has held a number of different positions but each has built on the basic training and principles of anthropological methods and perspectives. He has worked with groups throughout the world to conduct participatory action research efforts to address local and global environmental problems, and has worked with multiple organizations to examine problems and opportunities in organizational culture to build stronger, more resilient and better networked institutions prepared to carry out long term work to benefit communities and institutions.

John Dixon, (1978) - I retired from Gouverneur Central Schools in 2012 after serving as High School Principal for 18 years and ended a 34 year career in public education. My education career as a social studies and music teacher accounted for my first 12 years in public education, and yes, I got to teach the old New York State Anthropology curriculum during my first three years in teaching.

Most recently, I have been an instructor for a sub-contractor who works with the US Department of Labor teaching transition skills to members of the Armed Services as they prepare to leave the military and enter the civilian world of work. I primarily teach at Fort Drum, but occasionally get to travel for the company I work for, Inverness Technologies.

I was elected Town and Village Justice for the Town of Gouverneur in the November, 2013 general election. This part time position has turned me into a nearly full time student again, and I am quite enjoying that aspect of the position. I always enjoy hearing about the activities of the Anthropology Department and wish everyone at Potsdam my best.
Kim Carrier (1979) - BA in Anthropology and a BA in History. I spent the summer of ’79 with Dr. Marqusee and other SUNY Potsdam and Albany students in Guatemala on a dig of Quiche Mayan sites. My first career was spent as a HS History teacher for 19 years and I’ve been a Labor Relations Specialist for NYSUT the last 14 years. I haven’t been back in four years but I hope to return soon.

Bill Bauerband (1981) What a great request to receive; I often think of the College and Anthropology department, especially as my daughter Mary Bauerband also graduated from Potsdam!

Since I graduated, I have been in sales and marketing in various industries, most recently and for the last 11 years in the Retirement Community business. I’ve worked for Brookdale Senior Living, Assisted Living Concepts, A Place for Mom and most recently and currently Newcastle Place in Mequon Wisconsin. We are the areas premiere Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) owned and operated by Life Care Services.

Over the years, folks have asked me how my degree with a major in Anthropology has helped me. I can most definitely say, it greatly effects the way I view other people and cultures. Rather than be ethnocentric, understanding anthropology has helped me to always have a broader and more outward focus toward others. Trying to imagine from their perspective rather than immediately judging them on my on beliefs and values.

I enjoy continuing to receive the *Collegiate Anthropologist*. It was a proud moment when Sally Dewar, Dr. Omohundro and myself founded that magazine what is now many years ago.

Mary Beth Collier (1981) - Hello. I am long out of the anthropology field (although I now get to encourage students to take anthropology courses, having never left higher ed!), so I don’t know that an update would be of interest for your newsletter. But I did notice that Pat Whelehan retired this year. I knew her fairly well and would like to send her a note of well-wishes.

Kim (Vollmer) Angus (1995) & Andy Angus (1996) - Andy and I have been very busy this past year. We have recently moved so our 10-year-old son, William, could be closer to his friends. We are still living in Guilderland, NY, and enjoy being involved with Guilderland Pop Warner Football and watching our son start playing for Guilderland Youth Lacrosse.

When we are not volunteering for youth sports, we are both working hard. Andy is the owner of Clark Moving and Storage of Albany. He is an agent for Mayflower Transit. I am an ESL teacher for the Cohoes City School District. During the summer when I am enjoying my time off, he is very busy. We often reminisce about our time at Potsdam and the classes we took in the Anthropology Department. We share stories with our son about my archaeology dig in Virginia and Andy's forensic class.

Chris Morine (2004) - In June I finished up the coursework required for my master's degree in anthropology at the University of Denver. At DU I studied historical archaeology with Dr. Bonnie Clark and ground-penetrating radar with Dr. Larry Conyers. My thesis research focuses on the daily life of internment at the Southern Colorado World War II German POW camp, Camp Trinidad. I am presenting a paper on my thesis research at the Society for Historical Archaeology conference in January. Presently, I am writing my thesis and have recently moved back to upstate NY after accepting a field supervisor position for Louis Berger in their Albany, NY office.

Sarah Seeley (2004) PhD candidate in Anthropology at SUNY Binghamton is currently working on her thesis.

She writes that, "My dissertation is an ethnography of the first-year writing program at Binghamton. I'm looking at how university institutionalization, from above and within, has created certain limitations on
and possibilities for pedagogic effectiveness within our first-year writing program. In doing so, I’ve been exploring how a language of effectiveness is produced and maintained across multiple registers of administrators, faculty, instructors, and students. It was definitely a long and windy road to get to this point, but I’m happy to be here!"

**Amy Wilson (2004)** I have been living in Egypt since the time of the Revolution, and am now completing a (second) MA in Egyptology (specializing in Philology) at the American University in Cairo. My thesis concerns the priestly title of wˁb, or "pure one," from the Archaic Period until the end of the Middle Kingdom. In addition to my studies, I am also affiliated with the Kom Ahmer & Kom Wasit Archaeological Project, which was recently featured in the following news article: [http://english.ahram.org.eg/News/105138.aspx](http://english.ahram.org.eg/News/105138.aspx).

**Kaitlyn Beachner (2008)** History & Anthropology - In September, 2013, I started as Program Manager for the Office of Presidents & Leadership Initiatives at SUNY System Administration, in Albany. I work on presidential recruitment and presidential searches for SUNY’s 64 campuses. Once a search is complete, I also work directly with the on boarding, training, and leadership development of our new presidents. This means that I had the distinct pleasure of working with the SUNY Potsdam Presidential Search Committee to help find our new president, Dr. Kristin Esterberg. It was wonderful to be on campus and to work closely with the committee, June O’Neil, the chair of the search committee and college council, and with the Chancellor’s Liaison to the search. It was an honor to be able to support the search for my beloved alma mater’s newest president and I am thrilled that I get to continue to support her in her growth and development as our President.

I am also excited to share with you that at this year’s alumni weekend, I begin my term on the Potsdam Alumni Association’s board. I was thrilled to be nominated and graciously accepted the position. I am excited to be able to continue my involvement with Potsdam. I hope to be able to give back to the College as an alumni as much as I have received from it as a student.

**Amber Raye Gentry-Zeno (2010)** - Since graduation I have gotten married, bought a house, and had a son, Jacob, who is now a year and a half old. I live in Hartford NY and work at the Hartford Post Office. I am also an active member of the Hartford Historical Society and help run the Hartford Museum and Civil War Enlistment Center (we have the last Civil War Enlistment Center still standing in NYS). I sell Lia Sophia Jewelry as well (if interested let me know).

**Amy Stark (2012)** - I graduated from SUNY Potsdam with a minor in Medical Anthropology (now Bio-medical Anthropology). Since then, I have done a short internship in Mlolongo, Kenya. I worked with women who were HIV positive. We offered counseling, helped to run schools, and worked to find patterns in HIV transmission. Our goal was to provide the women with support and to try to reduce the HIV transmission rate. I spoke about this experience to a group at SUNY Potsdam on February 26, 2014.

I have also been accepted to University College in London to do graduate studies in Medical Anthropology.
Summer 2014 Field School
Lehman Park, Potsdam

Participants: Grant Barnhart, Brooke Becker, Travis Hanson, Stanley Merritt, Maurine Folk, Heather Little, Dr. Timothy Messner, Emmaline Voss, Corinne Gabriele, Faith Jacobson, Lisa Barbieri, Julia Andryuk, Cooper Sheldon. Missing from photo, Taylor Grant.

This last summer twelve students from the Archaeological Studies program participated in SUNY Potsdam’s field school. This project involved exploring the Lehman Park site – a multi-component archaeological deposit situated on Potsdam’s campus. This four-week intensive course offered students the rare opportunity to explore the past beneath their feet. As a result of their efforts, we have ascertained that for at least 5,000 to 6,000 years people have lived along the Raquette River utilizing the rich resources of this watershed. The most significant portion of the site likely dates to 2,000 years ago. Students encountered an intact food-processing feature along with numerous pieces of ancient Native American ceramics, chipped stone and burnt animal bones. This spring (2015) students will examine the artifacts in greater detail. These data promise to shed new light on Potsdam’s ancient past and its early inhabitants.
Dr. Timothy Messner (a Lambda Alpha inductee in 2013) was the 2014 Induction Ceremony speaker. His talk was titled, “Unearthing the Anthropocene: the Future of ‘Wildlife’ in the Human Epoch”.

This National Honors Society is open to Anthropology and/or Archaeological Studies majors who are majors in these fields, have completed a minimum of 12 credits in anthropology, and have also achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 or minimum GPA in their major of 3.50.

Chapter Advisor:
Dr. Jennifer Campbell

Student Induction Officers:

Nicole Cline
Amy Hudson

2014 Inductees: Courtney Aldridge, Rebecca Belton, Kaitlyn Burrows, David Freundschuh, Corrine Gabriele, Travis Hanson, Joanna Holden, Cynthia Humphrey, Faith Jacobson, Jemma Kaczanowicz, Heather Little, Erin Mackey, Christopher Meagher, Stephanie Petty, Cooper Sheldon, Cora-Beth Shott, Jordan Tabolt
Scholarships and Awards

Department Scholars
Presented to the Anthropology & Archaeology majors who have the highest overall grade point average with senior status and who are demonstrating academic excellence in this department.

Anthropology 2014 Recipients: Kristara Bly & Nicole Cline

(2013: Kristara Bly, Jared Muehlbauer & Lauren Dodaro - 2012: Esther Kim, Jacob Orcutt, & Joseph Friedel)

Archaeology 2014 Recipients: Kristy Allen & Julia Andryuk

(2013: Amy Hudson, Hannah Flemming & Kara Chapin - 2012: Jesse Millek, Jared Muehlbauer, & Chelsea Richard)
Lambda Alpha Award

Named for the national honor society for anthropology, the Lambda Alpha Award is offered by the Anthropology Department’s Alpha Chapter to the graduating senior who shows the most promise in the pursuit of graduate studies. A subscription to an appropriate professional journal accompanies the award.

2014 Recipients

Kristara Bly
Nicole Cline


I. Thomas Stone Award

This award is presented to the anthropology major who has produced the most professional example of anthropological original research and/or writing. A certificate and gift constitute the award which is given by the Anthropology Department faculty.

2014 Recipient: Nicole Cline

Nicole’s interests in Anthropology include environmental, applied and community planning. She plans to continue to be involved with local planning organizations in the Adirondacks and attend graduate school.

(2013: Jennifer Dawson – 2012: Jesse Millek)
Archaeological Studies Award
This award is presented to the senior archaeological studies major who has produced the most professional example of Archaeological original research and/or writing. A certificate and gift constitute the award, which is given by the Archaeological Studies faculty. (2013: Hannah Flemming – 2012: Chelsea Richard)

Canfield Scholar
Scholarship presented annually to a Junior Anthropology major with the highest grade point average.

2014 Recipient: Mark Daby

(2013: Nicole Cline
2012: Joseph Newman)

Donald Armagost Award
Founded in 1979, the Donald Armagost (formerly Margaret Mead) Award is given annually to the student or students demonstrating outstanding participation in activities in support of anthropology on the campus. A certificate and gift constitute the award, which is given by the Anthropology Department faculty.

2014 Recipients: Rebecca Belton, Nicole Cline & Sarah Skinner

(2013: Kara Chapin Samuel Bourcy – 2012: Andrea Wendel)
Cheryl McMartin Award
This award is named in honor of one of our brightest anthropology/education certification students, who died tragically in March 1995. The award, which carries a small cash prize, honors the most promising anthropology/education certification student as judged by the Anthropology Department faculty.

2014 Recipient: Adam Rumpf

(2013: Mariah Bowers & Kristara Bly – 2012: Kara Chapin)

Thomas and Elizabeth Omohundro Anthropology Scholarship
This award, made possible through the generosity of John and Susan Omohundro in commemoration of his parents, honors an Anthropology major. Students are chosen through an application process on the basis of academic merit and financial need, with preference given to rising juniors.

2014 Recipient: Courtney Aldridge

(2012/2013: Nicole Cline)
Certificate of Excellence for Minors

2014 Recipients

Anthropology: William Canning, Kirsten Garner, Abigail Honsky, Sam Landesberg & Danielle Munding

Archaeology: Jessica Manley & Nicholas Tarricone

Bio-Medical Anthropology: Lisa Bates & Jessica Decker

First Year Scholars

In recognition of outstanding performance in introductory courses by students early in their college careers, regardless of major


Certificate in Applied Anthropology

2014 Recipients: Chelsea Furbish, John Bresett & Adam Rumpf who worked on the project:

“Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Orientation & Program Evaluation”
2014 Graduates

Anthropology and Archaeology Majors

Lisa Bates
Christopher Beebe
Rebecca Belton
Kristara Bly
William Canning
Nicole Cline
Jillian Cullen
Jessica Decker
Joel Ehrlich
David Freundschuh
Chelsea Furbish

Amy Hudson
Sam Landesberg
Daniel Lewis
Adam Miller
Adam Rumpf
Sarah Skinner
Alexandros Straftis
Daniel Swart
Amanda Tarbell
Nicholas Tarricone
Recently published authors: Drs. Morgan Perkins, Susan Stebbins & Karen Johnson-Weiner

Dr. Karen M. Johnson-Weiner—*The Amish*, co-authored with Drs. Donald B. Kraybill and Steven M. Nolt, serves as the companion to the PBS American Experience documentary of the same name, explores the roots, culture, social organization, external ties, and future of the 40 distinctive Amish groups spread across North America. Over 10 years in preparation, this work argues that the intensely private and insular Amish have devised creative ways to negotiate with modernity that have enabled them to thrive, even as they separate themselves culturally, socially, and religiously from mainstream society.

Dr. Morgan Perkins—*Asia Through Art and Anthropology: Cultural Translation Across Borders*, co-edited with Fuyubi Nakamura and Olivier Krischer. Bloomsbury, 2013. How has Asia been imagined, represented and transferred literally and visually across linguistic and cultural boundaries? This book explores the shifting roles of those who produce, critique and translate creative forms and practices, for which distinctions of geography, ethnicity, tradition and modernity have become fluid. Drawing on accounts of visual art, film, literature, fashion and performance, it challenges established assumptions of the cultural products of Asia. Special attention is given to the role of cultural translators or ‘long-distance cultural specialists’ whose works bridge or traverse different worlds, with the significant inclusion of essays by three artists who share personal accounts of their experiences creating and showing artworks that negotiate diverse cultural contexts.

Dr. Susan Stebbins - *Native Peoples of North America* is intended to be an introductory text about the Native peoples of the United States and Canada presented from an anthropological perspective. As such, the text is organized around anthropological concepts such as language, kinship, marriage and family life, political and economic organization, food getting, spiritual and religious practices and the arts. Prehistoric, historic and contemporary information is presented. Each chapter begins with an example from the oral tradition that reflects the theme of the chapter. The text includes suggested readings, videos and classroom activities.
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