

News and events 2016

Congratulations to Distinguished Professor Patricia Crown

November 21, 2015

Congratulations to Distinguished Professor Patricia Crown, who has been awarded the UNM Presidential Award of Distinction. The award was created by President Frank, who established the honor to recognize outstanding career achievement, scholarly excellence, leadership in a profession, noteworthy public service or humanitarian endeavor.

Congratulations to Erin Hegberg, archaeology graduate student

November 11, 2015

Congratulations to Erin Hegberg, archaeology graduate student, who has been awarded an NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for her study "Consumer relationships in 19th century Territorial New Mexico: Regional Identity".

Congratulations to archaeology grad student Leigh Cominiello

October 21, 2015

Congratulations to archaeology grad student Leigh Cominiello who just received a National Park Service Star Award! Leigh was honored for her work overseeing undergraduate volunteers cataloging material from Chaco Culture National Historical Park-- the UNM undergraduates contributed 325 volunteer hours and Leigh supervised their work and taught them how to identify historical artifacts.

Department Professors Review New Works on Race

September 14, 2015

In the September 2015 issue of American Anthropologist Professors Heather Edgar (Evolutionary Anthropology) and Cristobal Valencia (Ethnology) separately review two new works on the subject of race. Read together you can see similar concerns and critiques made by each author regarding "how" race remains salient for XXI century anthropology across subfields. [click here to read more](#)

1840s: Hunger For Gold And Galapagos Tortoises

September 11, 2015

The legendary Gold Rush of the late 1840s was a game changer in American history. The promise of overnight wealth — and the industries that rose up around the wealth-seekers — lured legions of people from all over the world to Northern California and to cities and towns along the Pacific Coast. But there were other Gold Rush ramifications — economic and environmental — as well. For example: the wholesale taking of tortoises from the Galapagos Islands by sailors and fortune seekers on their way to and from California. [click here to read more](#)

UNM Distinguished Professor Lawrence Straus in the news

September 9, 2015

Professor Straus interviewed by KRQE News about his research and monographic publication of the 19,000 year-old Magdalenian burial of “the Red Lady of El Miron Cave” Spain, in a Special issue of the Journal of Archaeological Science. (vol. 60, Aug. 2015)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIZv2Hw7kmI&app=desktop>

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PRESENTS..

August 31, 2015

AN EVENING OF FIELD RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION and LEARN HOW YOU CAN BECOME A- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC YOUNG EXPLORER at The University of New Mexico, Lecture Hall 163, Anthropology Building on Saturday, September 19, 2014, 6.30pm and Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10:30 a.m respectively.

[YOUNG EXPLORERS GRANTS WORKSHOP](#)

[AN EVENING OF FIELD RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION](#)

XLI JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH DISTINGUISHED LECTURE by Debra L. Martin

Lincy Professor of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

August 25, 2015

Hard Times in Dry Lands: Apocalypse in the Ancient Southwest or Business as Usual?

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Anthropology Rm. 163

Bodies as Battlefields: Culturally-Sanctioned and Gendered Forms of Violence in Ancient America

Date: Friday, September 25, 2015

Time: 12:00

Location: Anthropology Rm. 248

[click for more information](#)

Kibale Chimpanzee Project

August 24, 2015

This summer Associate Professors Martin Muller and Sherry Nelson, together with 4 graduate students from the anthropology department, did fieldwork with The Kibale Chimpanzee Project (KCP) in Kibale National Park, Uganda. Their work included research on chimpanzee behavior, development, and physiology, as well as isotopic studies of tropical forest ecology. For more information about the project, please visit: <https://kibalechimpanzees.wordpress.com/>

UNM assistant prof has anthropology in her bones

August 18, 2015

Dr. Emily Jones was interviewed by the Albuquerque Journal regarding her work in Zooarchaeology. You can read the full article here:

<http://www.abqjournal.com/626488/abqnewsseeker/unm-assistant-prof-has-anthropology-in-her-bones.html>

Scholarships

August 2, 2015

The Society for American Archaeology Cheryl L. Wase Memorial Scholarship for the Study of Archaeology provides funding for undergraduate women who are New Mexico residents majoring in anthropology with a concentration in archaeology at the University of New Mexico (or NMSU or ENMU).

[click to read more](#)

We Are the State!

Published by Cristobal Valencia June 20, 2015

The grassroots activism behind Venezuela's changing social revolution:

Chavistas are the local leaders and activists in Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution, working to establish democracy through government-sponsored social missions, community self-governance, and popular collectives. *We Are the State!* tells the story of their grassroots activism. In perspectives gleaned from participant observation with barrio residents in workplaces, communal kitchens, city-wide forums, grassroots meetings and assemblies, as well as family and recreational events, anthropologist Cristobal Valencia vividly recounts tensions between activists, local officials, and the wealthy opposition.

[click to read more](#)

Congratulations to Public Archaeology MA student Katherine Shaum

June 15, 2015

Congratulations to Public Archaeology MA student Katherine Shaum, whose successful grant from the NM Historic Preservation Division helped fund a \$28,000 graffiti removal project at Sandia Cave. Her funding and the project is described in the Historic Preservation Division report for June 2015, under the heading, "Graffiti Removal at Sandia Cave."

[click for more information](#)

Comparison of a Community-Scale Political Adaptive Cycle and a High-Resolution Paleoclimate Record at Uxbenka

April 29, 2015

Abstract: Human-environment relationships are complex, multi-dimensional and historically

contingent; thus, understanding their dynamics necessitate textured analyses on several scales. The conceptual framework of panarchy and its associated resilience theory posit that periods of stability and transformation are inevitable in what has been termed an adaptive cycle. This project develops a community-level political adaptive cycle for Uxbenká, an ancient agrarian polity in the Maya hinterlands, and explores its linkages with the dominant political ideology of divine kingship and climate stress. Employing original, high-resolution archaeological and paleoclimatological data and analyses, I will assess: 1) when Uxbenká residents adopted and ultimately rejected the political ideology and material expressions of divine kingship, 2) cycles of growth, maintenance, decline and renewal in the built environment history of the civic-ceremonial precinct as proxies for the stability or instability of political power and authority, 3) the duration of a potential dynastic lineage through direct dating of human remains, and 4) statistically significant drying events and both long-term and sub-annual periods of climate variability as recorded in local speleothem paleoclimate records. The results of my project will provide insights on conditions and linkages that confer or erode the resilience of political actors embedded in a coupled socionatural landscape, as well as produce nuanced information on the role of political ideology as a source of change that transforms coupled socionatural landscapes.

Faculty Meeting- May 8

April 27, 2015

Congratulations to Dr. Bruce Huckell and Dr. J. David Kilby, who received a Heritage Publication Award for their edited volume, "Clovis Caches, Recent Discoveries & New Research."

Congratulations to Stephanie Mack

April 22, 2015

Stephanie Mack is a master's degree student in Public Archaeology, and she is currently researching land-use patterns of Archaic peoples who once occupied the area around Coronado National Memorial. She won one of the 2015-2016 scholarships from the Archaeological Society of New Mexico in order to further her experimental research on the use-wear of ground stone thought to have been used for cracking nut shells.

Congratulations to UNM professor, Lawrence Guy Straus

March 18, 2015

The New Scientist (London), one of the world's leading magazines of popular science, published a lead article by Penny Sarget on the study of the 19,000 year-old Magdalenian burial of a woman ('The Red Lady') uncovered by UNM Prof. Lawrence Straus and his colleague, Univ. of Cantabria Prof. Manuel Gonzalez-Morales, in the Spanish cave of El Miron. The burial is the subject of a multidisciplinary, 12-article special issue of the Journal of Archaeological Science, guest-edited by Straus and colleagues, that is currently in the process of being published by Elsevier.

[click for more information](#)

Congratulations to Will Taylor

March 18, 2015

Congratulations to Will Taylor for winning a National Geographic Young Explorers Grant for his project "Bronze Age Riders? Evaluating Evidence for Horse Herding and Transport in Ancient Mongolia" and a NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, "Utilization Of Domestic Horses In Historical And Ecological Context."

He has also been selected for a 2015-16 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Mongolia.

The Lamphere Case: The Sex Discrimination Lawsuit that Changed Brown

March 10, 2015

The Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women at Brown University is hosting a two day event and an exhibition to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the landmark class action case, Louise Lamphere v. Brown University. Louise Lamphere, UNM Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was denied tenure at Brown University in the early 1970s. She charged Brown with sex discrimination and changed that university and the academic world in the United States and beyond.

In celebration of Brown University's 250th anniversary, is hosting two days of events re-examining Louise Lamphere v. Brown University, the landmark class action case that in 1975 charged Brown with sex discrimination and set in motion a chain of events that changed the University.

[click for more information](#)

SECULAR CHANGES, PLASTICITY, AND EVOLUTION

March 3, 2015

Dr. Steve Ousley Associate Professor of Anthropology, Department of Applied Forensic Sciences Mercyhurst University

4pm, Thursday March 5, Hibben Center 105 Reception to follow.

[click for more information](#)

James Dixon, Professor of Anthropology and Director, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, has been appointed to the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Advisory Committee on Geosciences

March 2, 2015

The charge of the NSF Advisory Committee on Geosciences is to

- Provide advice, recommendations and oversight concerning support for the NSF's geosciences research and education portfolio.
- Be a base of contact with the scientific community to inform NSF of the impact of its research support and NSF-wide policies on the scientific community.

- Serve as a forum for consideration of geosciences initiatives and research thrusts
- Provide broad input into long-range plans and partnership opportunities. Perform oversight of program management, overall program balance, and other aspects of program performance for geoscience activities.

The Directorate of Geosciences includes the Divisions of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences (AGS), Earth Sciences (EAR), Ocean Sciences (OCE) and Polar Programs (PLR). Polar Programs encompasses both Arctic and Antarctic research at NSF. Annual research and related activities funding for the Directorate of Geosciences exceeds \$1.3 billion.

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ANTHROPOLOGY CONVOCATION

February 21, 2015 Date: Saturday, May 09

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Anthropology Building Room 163 Lecture Hall

Contact: Carla Sarracino

Phone: 505 277-0194 or Email ajls@unm.edu

2015 Hawaii Island Archaeological Field School

February 19, 2015

The Anthropology Departments of the University of New Mexico and the University of Hawaii at Mānoa will co-sponsor the Hawaii Historical and Archaeological Field School in Windward North Kohala, Hawai'i Island. This is a four week intensive program, June 1-26, designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students who seek an introduction to Hawaiian history and culture as well as historical and archaeological field and archival research methods. This training program emphasizes the conservation of cultural and historic properties, especially pertaining to traditional Hawaiian agricultural features, as part of field archaeology.

Application deadline: April 1, 2015

Contact: Dr. Michael Graves (mwgraves@unm.edu)

[click here to apply](#)

UNM Anthropologists link rainfall reduction to industrial emissions

February 9, 2015

UNM Anthropology faculty Dr. Pruffer's Belize project, along with graduate candidate Valorie Aquino, are part of a multidisciplinary team of international researchers who produced a new paleoclimate rainfall record that illustrates the contribution of manmade industrial emissions to less rainfall in the northern tropics.

[click for more information](#)

**XXXX JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH DISTINGUISHED
LECTURE by Professor Wendy Ashmore, University of California-Riverside**

January 09, 2015

What Were Maya Landscapes Really Like?

Date: Thursday, February 12

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Anthropology Rm. 163

Specialized Seminar: Writing Archaeological Biographies of Place

Date: Friday, February 13

Time: 12:00

Location: Anthropology Rm. 248

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Congratulations to Jacque for representing UNM and the Gallina

February 2, 2015

Jacque Kocer was one of five grad students chosen to represent UNM at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe for Graduate Education Day.

Congratulations to Jacque for representing UNM and the Gallina!.

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