

Anthropology @ VIU

Self-knowledge is for everyone

What is Anthropology?

The study of humankind in ALL places
and in ALL times.

Four fields of study:

- Biological anthropology
- Archaeology
- Linguistic anthropology
- Sociocultural anthropology

Our students:

Students helping students: the Anthropology Club established an annual award in 2002.

Inaugural award presented in 2004.



2004 recipients (*l-r*): Stephen Salem, Dr. Andra Thakur, Sherry Eisel

The student run Anthropology Club:



Sign to Farkwa Secondary School, Dodoma Region, Tanzania (2007).

- Continues to fundraise for the annual Anthropology Club Award, which has increased the amount given.
- 2005-07, it raised monies for an orphanage in Afghanistan.
- 2007-09, it raised monies for examination fees for secondary students in Farkwa, Tanzania.



- Holds the annual Anthropology Forum to educate and share student research.
- Sponsors field trips and events of interest to fellow students.

A field trip to Vancouver's Chinatown, accompanied by Dr. Imogene Lim (2008).

Above: Dim sum at the Floata Seafood Restaurant—Alex Blower and Chris Brown.

Right: The intrepid group of students who managed to take the 6:30am ferry on a very cold and wet day.



After graduation, our students find employment in a variety of areas, e.g., NGOs, education, administration, nursing, etc.



Chiharu returned to Japan and works teaching ESL.



FNAT major and ANTH student lessLIE (Leslie Sam) is currently completing a MA in visual anthropology.

Our community: here and there



Cowichan Elder, Luschiim, Honorary Doctorate recipient, June 2007, with Prof. Helene Demers, his nominator.

Collaborating with other organizations



CCHSBC's Nanaimo History Fair 2005 panel with author Janice Wong, restaurateur Gerry Wong, and Dr. Imogene Lim



Top left: Snuneymuxw Elder Ellen White leading a tour of BC Archaeology Forum 2002 delegates on Gabriola Island. *Left:* Recording petroglyph workshop for John Barsby Community Secondary School as part of the CAA 2005 Conference.

Students and Faculty Together

Dr. Andra Thakur's retirement party (2004)



Gary Tunnell's Unretirement Party (2007)



Dr. Gary Tunnell enjoyed being honoured in word and dance (courtesy of Dr. Lynette Harper).



Celebrating our Graduates



Sherry Eisel and Karen Lewis (June 2005)



Top left & left: A garden party for the graduates of June 2005.

A Senegalese poet said 'In the end we will conserve only what we love. We love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught.' We must learn about other cultures in order to understand, in order to love, and in order to preserve our common world heritage.

--Yo Yo Ma, White House Conference on Culture and Diplomacy

- Cross-cultural awareness
 - Cross-cultural understanding
 - Acknowledging indigenous knowledge
 - Respect

Classes in Anthropology

- Students can major or minor in anthropology
- Good combinations, include: FNAT, GEOG, GLST, HIST, LBST, SOCI
- Majors require a minimum of 30 upper-level ANTH credits to fulfill five categories
- Minors require a minimum of 18 upper-level ANTH credits

ANTH 111 Intro Anthropology: Physical Anthropology/Archaeology

A popular assignment on the Cowichan campus is tool-making.



Stella Johnny demonstrates cedar-rope making.

ANTH 111 – More toolmaking



ANTH 213 Archaeology



Dr. Gay Frederick prepares a faunal lab for her class (*above*), on which students work (*left*) (2004).

ANTH 324 Food and Culture

A favourite assignment is the graded potluck. Everyone eats!!



Day of the Dead (Mexico), 2002



Sushi (Japan), 2003



Chocolate chefs, 2005: J-J. Baillaut, M. Hill, and K. Bloomberg

ANTH 388 Community Oral History Project



The working group of ANTH 388 students with Prof. Helene Demers (2007).



Above and left: An appreciation dinner for the community participants (2007).



ANTH 390 Researching Community

A course with the goal of learning about another local community while developing grant writing skills.



Casey Graw pointing out the area that was Cumberland's Chinatown (2008).



Cumberland was a truly multicultural society very early in its history.

ANTH 430 Forensic Anthropology

A hands-on class that specializes in the identification of human skeletal remains for legal purposes. The television series *CSI* has popularized the study of this field.



Each group works on a case study (2004).

Opportunities for students

- Participate in events hosted by Anthropology or individual faculty
- Travel and study for credit
- Paid work opportunities on faculty-driven projects, e.g., Worldbridger Film Series
- Work for a non-profit organization for credit



CAA 2005 student volunteers

The Department of Anthropology hosted over 400 delegates from across Canada and the United States.



Julia Ellison and Nola Nahirnick



Registration Desk – Debra Stackhouse and Cynthia Adkins



Travel Abroad through Field Schools

- Caribbean (2000, 2002, 2003)
- Cook Islands (2007)
- Macedonia (2008)
- Peru (2000)
- Polynesia (2004, 2005, 2006)
- Tanzania (2007)
- Thailand (1999)
- Thailand/Bali (2001)
- Thailand/Cambodia (2004)

Peru (2000)



Above: Hosts from Patakancha prepare a ritual wishing a good journey to the group.



Top: Fred Roland gives healer and shaman Modesto Quispe an eagle feather as a token of lasting friendship across the continents.
Bottom: VIU students.

Tanzania (2007)



Doing the hokey-pokey in Farkwa.



Sampling Tanzanian cuisine in DSM.



Stonetown, Zanzibar



Internships local and international

International

- Scladina Cave (Belgium)

Local

- Fertile Ground
- Friends of Bokonbaevo
- Nanaimo District Museum

Scladina Cave, Belgium



K. Bloomberg, J-J. Baillaut, A. Lippert, N. Michaud, and A. Zutz (2006) cleaning prior to drawing the profile.



Ken Porteous (2007) working in cultural layers dated to between 45,000 to 40,000 years ago.

Fair Trade @ Vancouver Island University



Bethany Scott (work-op student) trying on felted slippers from the Friends of Bokonbaevo (FOB) booth in background. Veronica Cottrell (FOB intern) at right (2007).



Veronica Cottrell (FOB intern), Prof. Helene Demers, and Bethany Scott at Fertile Ground booth (2007).

Anthropology is a stepping stone to self-discovery

- Where do we come from?
- What are we?
- Where are we going?

Come join the VIU advantage!

Photo credits:

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Sherry Eisel

Tom Guy

Chiharu Kikuta

Imogene Lim

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