Welcome from the Chair

Another year has passed and the department has been busy! Students are actively working in the department and participating in experiential projects...among them immersive learning courses and field schools. Faculty members and staff are busy playing their role to provide quality teaching and publishing in first-rate journals.

I hope you enjoy this year's newsletter and please let us know what you are doing!!!

Cheers,

S. Homes Hogue

Blasts from the Past: Alumni Updates

Kristopher Burnitz (MA 2008) Taught Growth and Development at The University at Albany, SUNY in the Fall of 2011 where he is ABD

Craig Knox (MA 2007) MA 2012 in Humanities and Social Thought, and Certificate in Museum Studies, New York University and has been admitted to doctoral program in the History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Toronto.

Chris Martin Last fall wrote that he immigrated to Sweden in 2011 and is presently pursuing a master’s degree in Applied Cultural Analysis at Lund University.

Congratulations to Michael Lautzenhaeiser (MA 2010) whose thesis *Quakers on the Hoosier Frontier: A Diachronic Perspective on the Archaeology of Huddleston House, a 19th* was selected as the BSU Alumni Association Distinguished Thesis for 2011-2012. Dr. Mark Groover served as his thesis director.

David Pletcher (BA 2007) Recently accepted a position with Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal as an academic advisor. He had his B.S. from Ball State in history with a minor in anthropology in 2007. He received an M.A. in liberal studies from UNC Greensboro in 2009 and an M.S. in academic advising from Kansas State University in 2011.

Ashlee Russeau-Pletcher (BA 2007) Is residing with David in Bloomington and is applying to the ISU history graduate program. She received her B.A. in history with a minor in anthropology in 2007. She then received a M.A. in liberal studies from UNC Greensboro in 2009 and a M.S. in academic advising from Kansas State University in 2011.

John Waldron  (MA 1996) was recently promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Studies, University of West Florida.


Student Acceptances into Graduate School

Bianaca Brammer  (BA 2012) IUPUI in Applied Anthropology with a full University Fellowship

Jesse Fivecoate  (BA 2012) will be attending Indiana University in Folklore.

Carson Richardson  (BA 2012) After having received offers of support from both Minnesota and Arizona, Carson will attend the University of Arizona this fall where he has a research assistantship in economic geology.

Kelsey Perrigo  (BA 2012) is attending the MA program in the Department of Anthropology MA program at New Mexico State University.

Miranda Taubert  (BA 2012) is attending Mississippi State University in anthropology with a graduate assistantship.

Antonia Westmoreland  (BA 2011) is attending the University of Texas, San Antonio in the Social Work graduate program fall 2012.

Kari Wilhelms  (BA 2012) was accepted into Ball State University MA program in communication.

Tyler Wolford  (BA Anth 2012) attending Koc University's (Istanbul Turkey) MA program in Archaeology and History of Art with full scholarship.

(Please contact Dr. James Nyce, email jnyce@bsu.edu, about what you are doing!)

Student Awards

Chris Manning  (anthropology graduate student) was awarded a BSU ASPIRE Student Travel Grant (Sponsored Programs) for $100 and $300 from Troyer Grant (Dept of Anthropology). Her paper, The Material Culture of Household Apotropaia in the Eastern United States was presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on January 4-8, 2011 in
Baltimore, MD. Chris also received the Society for Historical Archaeology Gender and Minority Affairs Committee travel award for $750.

Tyler Wolford (senior Anthropology and Ancient Studies Minor) was awarded the 2012 Joe and Carol Trimmer Award for Outstanding Senior Honors Thesis. His mentor was Dr. Chris Shea (Modern Languages).

Whitney Lingle (anthropology graduate student) received the Bernadette Perham Scholarship awarded by the BSU College of Sciences and Humanities. October 2011.

Adam Zajac and Bradley Painter (anthropology graduate students) both received the Graduate Merit Fellowships for $3000 from the Graduate School, Ball State University.

Lambda Alpha National Honor Society: B. K. Swartz Awards

Papers and posters presented at the Annual Student Research Conference and Anthropology Museum Opening April 13, 2012 were eligible for these awards.

Tyler Wolford, 1st place paper $100, Forts, Cabins, and Proper Homes: The Cognitive Contextualization of American Frontier Habitations on the Indiana/Ohio Border after the Indian Wars

Mary Farrell, (anthropology graduate student) 2nd place paper $50, Storytelling Trash: What Lithic Debitage Says about Mounds

Allison Galbari, (anthropology graduate student) 1st place poster $50, Feasting, Storytelling and Ghosts: The Motifs of Samhain

Troyer Scholarship Recipient 2012-2013

Congratulations to Emma Hofeling, senior anthropology major.

Completed Theses

Brent Alexander
2011 Core and Periphery in the Middle Woodland Midwest: An Analysis of the Earthworks of East Central Indiana and South Central Ohio. Committee Members: Mark Groover (chair), Mark Hill, and S. Homes Hogue.

Jamie Cochran-Smith

Emily Murray

Jennifer Wyatt
Other Student News

Lauren Holditch (anthropology graduate student is now a gallery Interpreter at the Tech Museum in San Jose, CA (see http://www.thetech.org/).

Anthropology Club News

On April 12-13 2012, the Anthropology Club and the Department of Anthropology hosted Dr. Ellen Gruenbaum of Purdue University to be the key note speaker for the annual Anthropology Student Conference. Gruenbaum’s talk "Secrets, Honor, Outrage: the Movement to Abolish Female Genital Cutting in Sudan and Sierra Leone," held in a Student Center Ballroom, was attended by more than 300 people. Gruenbaum also attended the student conference and had dinner with a group of students and faculty.

New Members to the Department

Dr. Nicholas Kawa, Visiting Assistant Professor

Dr. Nicholas Kawa is joining the department for the 2012-2013 academic year. Kawa received his Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Florida in August of 2011. As an environmental anthropologist, his research centers on socio-cultural dimensions of biodiversity management and long-term human-environmental interaction in the rural Brazilian Amazon. For nearly a decade, Dr. Kawa has collaborated with researchers from the Brazilian National Institute of Amazonian Research (INPA) to investigate the contemporary use and management of terra preta do indio, a fertile, "anthropogenic" soil associated with Pre-Columbian Amerindian settlements. His research incorporates perspectives from anthropology, archaeology, botany, and agroecology to understand not only the formation of these unique environments, but also how contemporary farmers continue to manage and exploit these soils and their associated botanical diversity. With his collaborators, he has published research

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articles in such journals as Human Ecology, Economic Botany, and The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability.

Amber Yuellig, AAL Administrative Assistant and Archaeologist

Amber Yuellig is a graduate of the University of South Florida (2007) with a MA in Anthropology focusing on Public Archaeology. She has primarily worked in the southeastern United States with most of her work in occurring in Florida swamps of the panhandle in Woodland and Mississippian as a part of her thesis research and in the Florida Everglades with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Following a move to Kentucky with her husband, Lee Florea (BSU Geology Department), Amber accepted an appointment with the National Park Service at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. Amber moved to Muncie permanently in 2011. Her research interests are primarily the Woodland, Mississippian periods as well as late 1800s historic archaeology, ceramic technology, cave archaeology, and natural resource booms. In her free time, Amber spends much of her time caving and is active in caving organizations both on the regional and national level.

Faculty and Staff Kudos

Mark Groover, Associate Professor, and the VBC students produced an Emmy-nominated documentary Remembering Freedom: James Clemens and the Longtown Settlement was selected for competitive screening at the 2011 Big Bear Lake International Film Festival in California, Sept 16. It was screened in the documentary competition category. Kari Wilhems attended the festival to represent the VBC/department/university. Anthropology students Zach Coffman, Emma Hofeling, Jessica Miller, Allison Troutner, Antonio Westmoreland, Rory Whited, Kari Wilhems, and Tyler Wolford created the documentary for the VBC seminar, with several history and English majors.

Mark Groover and Christine Keller, AAL Archaeologist, received $33,712 from the Provost immersive Learning Grant for their course. Fort Recovery Documentary and Public Archaeology Volume.

Mark Groover has been appointed the National Executive Secretary for Lambda Alpha.

Cailín Murray, Associate Professor, received $400 from the Dean's Immersive Learning Funds to support her project The House where Dillinger Slept and Other Stories from Muncie’s Past: Developing a Student-Created Ethnohistoric Atlas for Muncie, IN which was offered this past spring.

Patricia Gilson, Visiting Assistant Professor, received $1500 from the Dean's Immersive Learning Funds to support the museum topics course Ethnographic Museum Exhibit this past spring. Dr. Gilson is currently working for the Indianapolis Museum of Art and has been helping with ethnographic collections in the department.

Jennifer Erickson, Assistant Professor received a Junior Faculty Research BSU ASpiRE Grant support for the project, “Engaging Southern Sudanese: The Politics of Gender, Faith, and Political Organizing” has been approved in the amount of $8,970.
Christine Keller received a General Faculty Research BSU ASPIRE Grant support for the project, “Battle of the Wabash: Native American Battle Strategies” has been approved in the amount of $4,236.

Mark Hill, Assistant Professor, Christine Keller, and Kevin Nolan, AAL Archaeologist, were awarded an American Battlefield Protection Grant for $54,416.

Julie Jenkins has accepted a one-year position at Rutgers University in New Jersey. She will be teaching a variety and classes including religion and development. The department wishes her well and will miss her great teaching, good spirit, and laughter.

Christine Keller, Cailin Murray, Associate Professor, and S. Homes Hogue, Professor and Chair, have been awarded a National NAGPRA Grant Award for $90,000.

Kevin Nolan, Christine Keller, Mark Hill and S. Homes Hogue “Exploration of Multicultural Dynamics During the Late Prehistoric Period: An Archaeological Survey of Hamilton County, Indiana” - $49,981 – National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund – administrated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.


The watermark used in this newsletter is taken from current anthropology museum exhibit, Ritual in African Art and Daily Life. The exhibit was created by the spring 2012 ANTH 377/577 Museum Topics class under the direction of Patricia Gilson. The image is an Elephant Helmet Mask (1950-1970). Elephants and leopards symbolize Bamileke (Cameroon) royal power. The piece was constructed using textile and beads.
Newspaper Articles

The following links are for newspaper articles highlighting departmental events.


http://soundcloud.com/christine-keller-1/bsu-gets-grant-for

http://cms.bsu.edu/About/AdministrativeOffices/SPO/Research/DigDigDig.aspx

Recorded Lectures

Check out Dr. Ron Hicks’ lecture presented on April 20, 2012 at the Toledo Museum of Art. This was an AIA lecture.

http://www.knowledgestream.org/kstream/index.asp?item

Immersive Learning News

Fort Recovery Immersion Project
Mark Groover and Christine Keller

Anthropology students have worked on the Fort Recovery immersion project since January 2012. They have created a completed draft of a video documentary about the battles at the fort. The students have also completed the majority of a public volume that describes the events at the historic site. The video documentary and public volume will be used for visitor interpretation at the Fort Recovery Museum, operated by the Ohio Historical Society.

The House where Dillinger Slept and Other Stories from Muncie’s Past: Developing a Student-Created Ethnohistoric Atlas for Muncie, IN
Cailín Murray

The immersive learning course was taught as part of Dr. Murray’s ANTH 471 Ethnohistory course offered in spring 2012. The partner for the course was the Indiana State Museum. Eighteen undergraduate and two graduate students were enrolled. The class produced a website exploring Muncie’s past that can be found at http://munciepast.org/about.html

Ritual in African Art and Daily Life
Patricia Gilson

Patricia Gilson, Visiting Assistant Professor, developed the museum topics (ANTH 377) course into an immersive learning course taught in spring 2012. The ANTH 377/577 Museum Topics class constructed a museum exhibit in the anthropology museum (BB 320) in cooperation with the Ball State University Art Gallery. Thirteen undergraduate and three graduate students were involved.

Field Projects and Research Activities Updates

Jennifer Erickson carried out her ASPiRE Grant research with Southern Sudanese in July 2012 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She conducted interviews and participant
observation with dozens of Southern Sudanese men and women about the gendered relationship between political organization and organizing and Christianity. Erickson plans to use the information to write conference presentations, and to write larger grants that will enable her to conduct longer term research on this subject.

As part of Christine Keller’s ASpiRE grant, historical research was conducted in August 2012 on the Native American battle strategies of the Battle of the Wabash in 1791. Keller and student Khyrstin Chance spent two days at the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan, and Keller and GA Joe Miller visited the National Archives in Washington, DC. This research will be part of a Midwest Archaeological Conference presentation in October and will be used to apply for a National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program grant in January 2013.

The Applied Archaeology Laboratories is working on numerous grant and cultural resource management (CRM) projects that involve the collaboration of many students and faculty. Over 7,100 student lab hours were logged in the 2012 spring and summer semesters. The AAL currently have nine student teams working consisting of five graduate assistants, 12 unpaid interns, six Immersive Learning students, and over 30 students on-call and trained for field and lab work. And welcome to Amber Yuelling, the new part-time archaeology administrative assistant for AAL, who is helping us manage all of these projects and students!

Undergraduate students Eli Orrvar and Trey Hill with Kevin Nolan, AAL Archaeologist, in Clark County (Phase 1c).

Archaeology Field School Summer 2012
Mark Hill

Anthropology graduate students Mary Farrell, Katie King, Joe Miller, and Adam Zajac along with undergraduates Khyrstin Chance, John Monger, and Katie Schoeff spent the first part of their summer in the field – literally! Under the direction of Mark Hill, these students spent five weeks in a cornfield excavating a late prehistoric village near Strawtown, Indiana as part of the Department of Anthropology’s 2012 archaeological field school.

The site is known as Taylor Village, and it is located on the banks of the White River near Koteewi County Park – location of another important prehistoric site known as the Strawtown Enclosure and occupied at the same time. Taylor Village is a fortified Late Prehistoric community affiliated with an archaeological group known as Oneota. The site is dated to the late 1200’s to early 1400’s AD, or the last few centuries before European settlement began.
This is our second field school at Taylor Village. The investigations began at this site in late 2009 when archaeologists and students from Ball State conducted a remote sensing survey that revealed an extensive double fortification ditch around much of the village (Figure below).

A BSU Department of Anthropology field school took place at the site in 2010, when students conducted a detailed and controlled collection of artifacts seen on the surface of this plowed field, which revealed important structuring within the prehistoric community. Excavations in 2010 confirmed that the feature seen on the remote sensing map was indeed a prehistoric fortification ditch from the 14th century occupation of the village.

This summer, graduate and undergraduate students conducted excavations of several square meters and discovered one hearth and several pit features, along with postmolds – circular organic stains from where posts had decayed in the ground. Artifacts such as shell and grit-tempered ceramics, small triangular stone projectile points, and tool manufacturing debris were found around these features. Several animal bones, including a dense concentration of butchered and fragmented deer bone were found as well, representing some of the food resources used by the villagers.

Students also collected several liters of soil samples from these features which are being analyzed for evidence of other activities, and in particular we hope to find evidence of the crops these villagers were farming in the adjacent White River floodplain.

During the course, students learned about and practiced techniques for site excavation, mapping, feature excavation, soils analysis,
collection of radiocarbon dating samples, remote sensing, and artifact identification and analysis.

Faculty and Staff Publications

Gail Bader and James M. Nyce


Evelyn Bowers
Bowers, Evelyn J.

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Colleen Boyd
Boyd, Colleen E. and John B. Boyd

Jennifer Erickson
Erickson, Jennifer

Mark Hill
Hill, Mark

Andres,Christopher, Eric Bartelink, Mark Hill, Heather Lapham, Mary Ann Levine, and Sarah McClure

Hill, Mark
Hill, Mark

**S. Homes Hogue**

Hogue, S. Homes and Elodia Leavitt

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Kawa, N.C.

**Christine Keller**

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2012 Survey of Blackford County: A Data Enhancement Project, Volumes 1 and 2. Report submitted to and approved by Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

**Christine Keller, Colleen Boyd, Mark Groover, and Mark Hill**

Keller, Christine, Colleen Boyd, Mark Groover and Mark Hill (editors and contributors)

**Kevin Nolan**

Nolan, Kevin C. and Robert A. Cook

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**James M. Nyce**


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