In Case You Missed It!

A.L.P.A.C.A. flew in Alia Gurtov of the Rising Star Expedition to give a lecture on her cave experiences in South Africa. She discussed best practices for undergrads as well as how to stand out for graduate school. Publishings from the Rising Star research is expected this spring.
Here’s What’s Happening in A.L.P.A.C.A’s Neck of the Woods

A.L.P.A.C.A. interviewed Heather Hill and Jennie Gregory about their group’s poster presentation at University of California, Berkeley.

What was this presentation? Where was it?
Institute of Andean Studies annual meeting at University of California, Berkeley.

What was it that you presented on there?
Two undergraduate research posters of Peruvian studies. One was based on the architecture in one complex of the site of Huaycán de Pariachi where we were able to determine different levels of occupation and the transition between the Ychma and Inca cultures. The other poster was based on undocumented cultural occupations in the Lurin-Rimac Divide. The research information came from a field school we participated in in the spring of 2014 with Dr. Kent.

How was the field school in 2014? Any more details on that?
We spent six weeks working at Huaycán de Pariachi performing various archaeological tasks. We gained knowledge on mapping, testing soil types, proper excavation techniques, identifying and cataloging ceramics and textiles and analyzing osteological remains.

Was there an instance that happened there that sticks out above the others?
The presenters have been working in the Andean region for many years and their wealth of knowledge about the peoples and the area is amazing.

All of the opportunities for future research that we learned about.

If you could change one thing about it?
To interact more with the other conference attendees; it was a great networking experience that we didn’t take enough advantage of. I would’ve brought more snacks and a larger coffee cup.

Was it intimidating?
Yes. As Dr. Kent put it, “there are some very powerful people in the room.” There were also some questions asked of us that we had not thought of and were not able to answer at the time.

Any suggestions for other undergrads presenting at conferences?
Create your poster or presentation well in advance; they take more time than you think. Think of all possible questions that could be asked about your work and have others review your work and see if they come up with any questions.

Anything else you want to mention?
LEARN SPANISH!!!!!
Conferences

American Ethnological Society

• 2015 Conference
• March 12-14, 2015
• San Diego, CA
  http://aesonline.org

Society for Applied Anthropology

• 75th Annual Meeting
• March 24-28, 2015
• Pittsburgh, PA
  http://www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/

Paleopathology Association

• Annual Meeting
• March 24–25, 2015
• St. Louis, MO
  http://www.paleopathology.org/meetings.html

American Association of Physical Anthropologists

• 84th Annual Meeting
• March 25–28, 2015
• St. Louis, MO
  http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/84th-annual-meeting/

American Anthropological Association

• 114th Annual Meeting
• November 18-22, 2015
• Denver, CO
• Abstract Deadline: April 15th, 2015
  http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/

Hey! You!

Are you wondering how to fund a trip to any of the above conferences (or others)??! MSU Denver has a Student Travel Program for those wishing to attend or present at a national conference! For more information go to:

http://www.msudenver.edu/studentactivities/studenttravel/

A.L.P.A.C.A. Wants You to Know!

Call for Book Reviews 2015
Deadline March 22nd

Call for Book Reviews – Student Anthropologist, 2015 issue Deadline: March 22, 2015

Student Anthropologist is the flagship peer-reviewed journal of the National Association of Student Anthropologists (the largest organization of anthropologist students in the world). It is an annual digital publication. Students from all levels and disciplines are encouraged to contribute.

We are currently seeking submissions for our book review section. Student Anthropologist is interested in three types of book reviews:

1. Book reviews of current award winning anthropology texts, including those of AAA section award winners;
2. Book reviews of recently published ethnographies (within the past three years), edited volumes or other texts, which possess particularly useful pedagogical qualities;
3. Reviews of two or three recently published books (within the past five years) focusing on a particular topic (i.e. well-being, kinship, etc.).

Website for more information:

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 15:** Towards a Community Based Conservation and Sustainable Use of Tanzania’s Heritage: The Laetoli Footprints Project  
   Charles Musiba  
   University of Denver, Sturm Hall #253 @2:00pm

**February 17:** Settlement and Climate up to the Pre-dynastic period  
   What Came Before: Ancient Egypt’s Roots in Neolithic North Africa  
   Joni Teter  
   Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Ricketson Auditorium @7:00pm

**February 19:** National Anthropology Day!

**February 20:** Hidden in Plain Sight: Children Born of Wartime Sexual Violence  
   Kimberly Theidon  
   University of Colorado Boulder, Hale Room #230 @4:00pm

**February 26:** Flavorful Journey: A Night of Spices on the Silk Road  
   Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 7:00pm $38 - $43, Ages 21+

**March 9:** Understanding Bodiam Castle  
   AIA Lecture Series  
   University of Colorado Museum of Natural History, Old Main Chapel @7:00pm

**March 9:** Colorado Archaeology Society: Monthly Meeting  
   Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Ricketson Auditorium @7:00pm

**March 16:** Shesep-Ankh, Statues in Ancient Egyptian Religion  
   Emily Teeter  
   Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Ricketson Auditorium @7:00pm

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**TRIVIA OF THE MONTH!!**

Which individual independently came to the tenants of natural selection contemporaneously with Charles Darwin?

Email answers to alpaca@msudenver.edu subject line “TRIVIA”.

Individuals with correct answers will be entered into a ten dollar raffle.
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