



ANTHROPOLOGY

WKU Program Newsletter



Fall 2013 Greetings and welcome back to WKU! We hope everyone had an exciting and productive summer. Here's an update on summer happenings and a preview of upcoming events. It's shaping up to be another great year in the Anthropology Program.

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Dr. Darlene Applegate conducted fieldwork, wrote, and did professional service this summer. At Massey Springs Earthworks, a geophysical specialist completed ground-penetrating radar and gradiometer surveys of two parts of the hilltop enclosure. Dr. Applegate did compliance surveys for three construction projects in the region, recording three new sites. She prepared a report on the archaeology of the WKU Biological Preserve and an article on formation processes at historic graveyards. Dr. Applegate also worked on Living Archaeology Weekend projects.



Dr. Applegate and Phil Mink at Massey Springs Earthworks.

Dr. Kate Hudepohl attended a professional seminar, taught two courses, fulfilled program director duties, and worked on two writing projects. The seminar, conducted over several days in May, provided suggestions and feedback to develop a long-term, cohesive research agenda. The courses, four-week web-based sections of Anth 120, ran in June and July. She completed an update to a previously published encyclopedia entry on the religion of St. Lucia and continued work on an article about the Rock House.



Dr. Lindsey Powell spent the summer in China where he wrote, translated Japanese, and conducted research. He met anthropology professors and students at Nanjing University, and made a special trip to Hangzhou to witness Zhang Yimou's (Beijing Olympics) *Impressions*, a spectacular performance of traditional local ethnic folklore played out entirely on the surface of water.

Dr. Powell and wife Dr. Chunmei Du pose at the Hangzhou Water Park.

Dr. Jean-Luc Houle spent the summer writing articles and working on a NSF grant proposal for continuing fieldwork in Mongolia, where he has been working for over 10 years now. This is actually the first summer in over 10 years that Dr. Houle did not do fieldwork in East Asia! Though this was a comparatively quieter summer for Dr. Houle, he is planning to resume archaeological and ethnographic fieldwork in Mongolia next summer and plans on taking student volunteers again as he does every field season. Further details about how to apply will be provided later during the fall semester. In other exciting news, Dr. Houle and his family finally bought a house in Bowling Green!

FALL OFFICE HOURS

Dr. Applegate / FAC 280 / M 1:00-3:00 pm and T-R 8:15-9:15 am

Dr. Hudepohl / FAC 235 / T-R 9:30-10:00 am and W 9:00-11:00 am

Dr. Powell / FAC 266 / MWF 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Dr. Houle / FAC 312 / MWF 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Dr. Applegate is taking over as the **Anthropology Program Director** for a two-year term. She can assist students with university paperwork and other academic issues. Thanks to Dr. Hudepohl for her expert service as director over the last four years!

P C P I V

Dr. Powell is hosting the fourth annual **Pumpkin Carving Party (PCP IV)** on **Friday, October 18, 2013** from 4:00-7:00 pm at 647 E. 14th Street. Join anthropology students and faculty for creative pumpkin carving and ghoulishly good food. Festive costumes are encouraged! But no tricks ...



ANTHROPOLOGY CONFERENCE

The fourth, somewhat annual **Anthropology Undergraduate Conference** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 16, 2013** in FAC 239. Students are invited to present papers, videos, and posters and to hear what others are doing in the program. More details will be distributed via the anthropology listserv.

OTHER UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Ohio State University in Columbus will host the **Midwest Archaeology Conference** on **October 24-27, 2013**. Conference events include an all-day session on earthwork archaeology, field trips to world-famous earthworks, and a student workshop on archaeology careers. Visit www.midwestarchaeology.org for more information.

The **Southeastern Archaeology Conference** is scheduled for **November 6-10, 2013** at Westin Harbour Island Hotel in Tampa Florida. In addition to diverse paper and poster presentations, there are events to celebrate "Viva Florida," the 500th anniversary of the earliest arrival of the Spanish to Florida. Students who work eight hours at the conference are eligible for free registration. Visit www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annualmeeting.html for details.

The **Kentucky Academy of Sciences** is holding its 99th annual meeting Morehead State University in east-central Kentucky on **November 8-9, 2013**. The Academy has an anthropology/sociology section. Students are encouraged to present research papers and there is a student paper competition. For more information, visit www.kyscience.org.

The 112th annual meeting of the **American Anthropological Association** will be held at the Chicago Hilton in Chicago on **November 20-24, 2013** with the theme "Future Publics, Current Engagements." The conference features papers, posters, and workshops for all anthropology subdisciplines. For more information, visit <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/>.

As always, students are encouraged to participate in the annual **WKU Student Research Conference** on Saturday, **March 22, 2014**. Talk with one of the anthropology faculty about converting a course paper or research project into a conference paper or poster. Watch the anthropology listserv for details about the dates and procedures to submit material for presentation. The call for submissions will be announced in fall and abstracts are due in early spring. For details, visit <http://www.wku.edu/studentresearch>.

The 49th annual meeting of the **Southern Anthropological Society** will be hosted by Western Carolina University on **March 30-April 1, 2014** at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, North Carolina. For information, visit <http://southernanthro.org/>.

Center College in Danville will host the annual **Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky** meeting in late spring 2014. Students are encouraged to submit proposals for podium papers and posters. For details, visit <http://ask.anthroniche.com/meetings-membership.html>.

SEPTEMBER IS KENTUCKY ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

Celebrate Kentucky Archaeology!

September 2013 marks the first annual Kentucky Archaeology Month. The Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists (KyOPA) is proud to announce a month-long celebration of Kentucky's history through the study of archaeology. In addition to the 25th anniversary of Living Archaeology Weekend in the Daniel Boone National Forest, there are organized events across the state during the month of September in celebration of our rich history. Visit <http://www.kyopa-org.org> for a calendar of events.

Anthropology students are invited and encouraged to volunteer at the 25th annual **Living Archaeology Weekend** on Friday-Saturday, **September 20-21, 2013** in the Red River Gorge of eastern Kentucky. This nationally recognized, award-winning event is the oldest and largest public archaeology education program in the Commonwealth. Student volunteers assist with demonstrations, parking, and other tasks. Students who volunteer both days receive a free event t-shirt. Please contact Dr. Applegate if you are interested in volunteering. If you can't volunteer, you're welcome to attend the event on Saturday (Friday is reserved for school groups). For details, visit <http://www.livingarchaeologyweekend.org>.

Dr. Applegate is presenting a public lecture entitled "**Archaeological Investigations of a Historic Salt-peter Cave in Hart County, Kentucky**" on Friday, **September 27, 2013** at 3:00 pm in EST 260 on the main campus.

As for other local events of interest, the **26th Annual Trail of Tears Intertribal Pow Wow** is **September 7-8, 2013** in Hopkinsville (about one hour west of Bowling Green). This historically important event features competitive dancing and drumming, Native American storytelling, arts and crafts, demonstrations, foods, and more. For more information, visit <http://www.trailoftears.org/>.

Per university requirements, all students are required to complete a "culminating assessment" (e.g. **exit experience**) demonstrating knowledge in their major field of study prior to graduation (2012/2013 Undergraduate Catalog, p. 36). Different departments employ varying methods for accomplishing this requirement. Details regarding those of the Anthropology Program will be mailed to December graduates in early September. May/August graduates will receive specific information in February. The bulletin board in the anthropology classroom (FAC 239) will also provide some information for interested students. Check with your advisor if you have any questions.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

We will be presenting our annual **student workshops** this fall. All anthropology majors and minors are welcome to attend.

How to Write a Résumé/Vita, Part 1

introduction and guidelines

Monday, September 23, 2013

3:00-4:00 pm in TPH 336

Introduction to Graduate School

applications, funding, GRE exams

Monday, September 30, 2013

6:00-7:00 pm in FAC 239

How to Write a Résumé/Vita, Part 2

review of draft résumés/vitae

Thursday, October 24, 2013

3:00-4:00 pm in FAC 249

Remember, the Anthropology Program supports two clubs. The **Anthropology Club**, sponsored by Dr. Applegate, holds regular meetings, takes field trips, volunteers at the Anthropology Lab, and hosts guest speakers. Follow the club on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wkurockhouse>.

Students with a high enough GPA and sufficient credit hours may join **Lambda Alpha**, the national anthropology honor society. Membership in this club, sponsored by Dr. Hudepohl, entitles students to compete for particular scholarships. See her for details.

