Grover S. Krantz to Enter Partial Retirement

by Donald Tyler
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Professor Grover Krantz is retiring from WSU after 30 years of service as a physical anthropologist for the Department of Anthropology. Professor Krantz is one of the world’s leading authorities on the evolution of hominoids. He received his B.A. and M.A. in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley and Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Minnesota. He has written 10 books on such diverse topics such as human races, human evolution, Sasquatch, the geographical development of European languages, and has even written a novel called Only a Dog, which is the story of his life with an Irish Wolfhound. He has over 60 refereed articles to his credit. Many of the hypotheses he introduced in these, including the concept of persistence hunting, the role of speech in the development of modern humans, the function of the mastoid process, and the origins of modern humans have become major contributions to the field and are widely accepted in introductory and advanced anthropological textbooks.

In the popular press Krantz is best known for his 25-year personal, unfunded study of Sasquatch (Bigfoot). Although his approach to the study of Sasquatch has always followed the methods of science it was occasionally professionally unpopular. Recently he and this author (Ph.D., WSU 1986) have also gained much attention with their pioneering work describing previously unknown hominids from Indonesia. These fossils have changed how anthropology views the earliest Homo erectus.

For the foreseeable future Dr. Krantz plans to continue to teach part-time at WSU while continuing his research on Indonesian Homo erectus and on the question of the existence of Sasquatch.
WSU Well Represented at the SAA Meetings in Seattle

The department was well represented at this year’s Society for American Anthropology meetings in Seattle, which included a very well attended meeting of the “Palouse Posse.” In all, eight individual papers, two multi-WSU authored papers, one multi-university paper with a WSU primary author, and one WSU poster were present at the meetings. Three faculty served as discussants in various sessions of the meetings as well.

Chris Young presented the preliminary results of his work on Cape Krusenstern, Alaska.

In the session on Western North America, Jonathon Danz presented the preliminary results of his work in the Saddle Mountains of central Washington. Rob Wegener presented the results of his research at Skull Creek Dunes. Bill Lyons presented the results of his lithic analysis of materials from the Lost Dunes site in Oregon. Amy Holmes was first author on a co-authored paper regarding the sediment history at the Sunshine Site. Dave Johnson presented his research on Anasazi towers in the Southwestern U.S.

Gary Huckleberry presented evidence for prehistoric flooding in the Moche region of Peru.

In a session on the upper Rio Grande area, Joe Cunningham presented a paper on his GIS-based research in Bandelier National Monument. Rachel Smith presented a paper on kiva organization in the upper Rio Grande. Tim Kohler was a discussant in this session. This session was co-organized and chaired by Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, a Ph.D. candidate at WSU.


Doug MacDonald and alum Matt Root presented a poster on their research at the Knife River primary source area in North Dakota.

Peter Mehringer was a discussant in a session on culture and landscape in the interior west. Bill Lipe was a discussant on a set of papers about archaeological survey in the next century.

Next year’s meetings are in Chicago and promise to be a forum for the presentation of more research and new ideas generated among the faculty and students of the Department.

Carl E. Gustafson Retiring

by Vera Morgan
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Carl Gustafson is completing a teaching and research career at Washington State University that has spanned more than 30 years. He has been an active member of the university community, serving on a number of departmental communities, especially in areas of curriculum development. His first love, however, has been teaching. His philosophy has manifested itself in his dedication to the development of students’ professional preparation as archaeologists and anthropologists. His professional goal has been to stimulate an intrinsic desire in the hearts and minds of students to follow professional standards within the discipline and to maintain an inquisitive outlook in research and academic endeavors. Although Gus set rigorous standards for classroom performance, his compassionate and generous interactions with both students and peers will remain a part of his legacy in the university.

Gus came to Washington State University in 1960 from Kansas after graduating from McPherson College with a degree in biology. He obtained both his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Department of Zoology at WSU. His dissertation focused on the investigation of archaeological faunal remains from the Marmes Rockshelter and other archaeological sites in the Columbia Basin. Gus joined the Department of Anthropology in the mid-1960s when he collaborated on research at the Marmes Rockshelter along the Snake River and at the Ozette Village Site on the Washington coast. Since that time he has cooperated on or directed investigations at other significant archaeological sites including Lind Coulee and the Manis Mastodon site in Washington State and Cariguella Cave in Spain.

Dr. Gustafson’s specialities are in faunal analysis and the applications of bone identifications to archaeological and anthropological problems. In fact, while analyzing faunal remains from the Marmes Rockshelter, Gus discovered evidence of the earliest human remains at that site. He has taught both graduate and under-graduate classes in environmental and ecological adaptations and Quaternary studies. He has served as advisor on at least 50 theses and dissertations since 1973. In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities, Gus has presented numerous professional papers and seminars, and has authored or coauthored several technical publications.

He maintains an active interest in research on large, extinct mammals within the Columbia Basin and across the state. Most recently he has been involved in the excavation and curation of mammoth remains in the Tri-Cities

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From the Chair’s Desk

As of next fall, I will have been in this department at WSU for 20 years, and I cannot remember a time when we have seen such flux in the department or in the University. We are reluctantly saying good-bye to two scholars and terrific teachers who have spent all, or nearly all, of their professional careers at WSU: Carl Gustafson and Grover Krantz. Carl is busy through the end of summer ‘98 on a large project to restudy the Marmes site’s stratigraphy and contents, and then goes into full retirement (though he confides plans for continued research). Grover will continue next fall, at least, on a part-time appointment after his formal retirement this spring. He plans a casting trip to Java this summer.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Karen Lupo will be moving to Pullman late this summer as an assistant professor and our new zooarchaeologist. Karen has her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Utah (’93) and is currently at the University of North Texas. She has published widely on topics in mammalian taphonomy, the prehistory of the eastern Great Basin, and on her ethnoarchaeological work among groups in eastern and sub-Saharan Africa. She will maintain the depth of our program in western North American prehistory and paleoenvironmental research, while adding additional breadth in ethnoarchaeology, Africa, and evolutionary ecological theory. Welcome, Karen!

Cultural anthropology is also undergoing some change. Next fall Barry Hewlett is transferring to our Vancouver branch campus where he joins Steven Weber and replaces Richard Hansis. We have begun a search for a “new Barry” for Pullman, and we anticipate that he will remain quite active in WSU-Pullman activities.

But wait, that’s not all. John Bodley, William Andrefsky, and I have been granted professional leaves for all or a portion of the next academic year. The Department will be chaired over the next year by Bill Lipe, who is without a doubt a superlative choice for the position. Thanks, Bill, for taking on the job, and good luck.

Graduate Students Wish Professor Gustafson Farewell

The graduate students would like to express the following to Dr. Gustafson:

We would like to thank you for devoting so much of your time to us over the years. We appreciate the efforts you have made to accommodate both WSU and University of Idaho students. We have enjoyed your classes and appreciated your help with research projects. Thanks for giving such practical, real-world advice. We wish you a happy retirement and want you to know that your presence will be missed.

WSU Anthropology Students
Faculty News

Gary Huckleberry

Gary Huckleberry continues his geoarchaeology research in the western U.S. and Peru. In June he assisted archaeologists, including graduate student Amy Holmes, in their excavations of the Sunshine PaleoIndian site in central Nevada. In July he traveled to Peru and participated in the Moche Origins Project, a collaborative venture between the Center for Indigenous Studies in the Americas and the Instituto Nacional de Cultura in Trujillo. Gary is interested in the relationship between prehistoric El Niño events and cultural development along north coastal Peru. One of the highlights of the trip was locating a 5-meter high streamcut in the middle Moche Valley that exposes 11 El Niño flood deposits with charcoal, ceramics, human bone and intercalated agricultural soils dating back to 500 B.C. Such proxy records for prehistoric El Niño events are essential to test hypotheses that link El Niño to cultural changes throughout the Andean region.

Gary is also becoming more involved with archaeology in the inland-Northwest. In December, he was part of a team of scientists investigating the site of the controversial Kennewick Man skeleton to better define its environmental context. Preliminary stratigraphic data support the ca. 9200 years B.P. calibrated radiocarbon age for the skeleton. Gary hopes to return to the site and perform excavations that may provide insight into how the skeleton was buried and why it is so well preserved. In another study, Gary is working with Carl Gustafson in analyzing the stratigraphy and sedimentology of the famous Marmes Site. Originally started by Roald Fryxell, analysis of the rockshelter and flood-plain sediments was never completed due to Fryxell’s untimely death in the mid-1970s. Gary is working with graduate student Sarah Van Galder in performing laboratory analyses on sediments with the hope of better characterizing the depositional history of the site.

Timothy Kohler

Tim Kohler made his first foray to Japan in December as an invited speaker at an international symposium entitled "Power, Monuments, and Civilization" in Nara, delivering a general paper about North American prehistory. He also co-organized, with George Gumerman, director of the Arizona State Museum, a workshop at the Santa Fe Institute (SFI) in December on agent-based modeling of small-scale social systems; this will result in a proceedings volume now under consideration at Oxford University Press. With Jim Kresl, Ph. D. student in archaeology, Kohler also journeyed to SFI in March to attend a workshop on the melding of Geographic Information Systems and agent-based simulation systems.

William D. Lipe

Bill Lipe was honored at the Annual Society Of Professional Archaeologists business meeting with the Seiberling Award for 1998. The Seiberling Award is the most prestigious of SOPA's awards, named after Congressman John F. Seiberling for his contributions to archaeological legislation in the U.S. Bill was given the award for his tremendous and successful efforts in fostering professionalism in archaeology, specifically for his efforts with the Register of Professional Archaeologists. The award, which comes with a very nice plaque and accompanying text, was presented by SOPA President Bill Lees at the SOPA Business Meeting, Thursday March 26.

Linda Stone

Last year Linda Stone completed her sabbatical leave at the University of South Carolina and Eastern Michigan University, where she conducted research on gender and university students' perceptions of their futures. This continued her earlier research with Nancy McKee at WSU. The results of this research will appear as a chapter in a book, co-authored with McKee, entitled Gender and Culture in America. This book is under contract with Prentice Hall and is scheduled to come out in November, 1998. Stone’s earlier book, Kinship and Gender: An Introduction, appeared in March, 1997. At the American Anthropological Association meetings in Washington, D.C. this year, Stone delivered a paper, “Gender, Higher Education, and Students’ Perceptions of Their Futures” at a session on the anthropology of higher education. At the same meetings she co-organized a panel on “New Directions in Kinship Studies.”

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Amy Holmes recently published an article co-authored with Gary Huckleberry and George T. Jones and Charlotte Beck of Hamilton College, NY, entitled, "Further Excavations and Paleoenvironmental Data at the Sunshine Locality, eastern Nevada" in Current Research in the Pleistocene, vol. 14, 1997. This article directly related to her thesis research on the geoarchaeology and paleoenvironmental aspects of the site (the Sunshine Locality). She was a crew chief on the Hamilton College Archaeological Field School (summer 1997) at the Sunshine Locality, Nevada. She conducted her thesis research (evaluating the stratigraphy and site formation processes of the site), taught stratigraphy exercises for the field school, and was involved with archaeological excavations. She also worked for the Ely, Nevada district BLM recording sites reported in “Recordation of Ten Sites in Orchard Canyon, White Pine County, Nev.” co-authored with George T. Jones and Michael Cannon. She presented a paper at the Society for American Archaeology meetings in March entitled, “Depositional Patterns at the Sunshine Locality, Nevada” co-authored with Charlotte Beck and George T. Jones. Amy was invited to give a paper at the 31st Annual Chacmool Conference (Calgary) in November, and to participate in a symposium and give a paper at the 26th Great Basin Anthropological Conference (Bend, Ore.) in October.

She plans to complete her degree early next fall, and then seek employment in cultural resource management as an archaeologist/geoarchaeological consultant.

Steven C. Fedorowicz, Ph.D. student in cultural anthropology, conducted research in Honolulu, Hawaii during June and July, 1997 on an indigenous Japanese religion called Tenrikyo. Tenrikyo claims an international membership of over three million followers and has branch churches in Hawaii, Brazil and most places in the world with a significant Japanese population. Fedorowicz did ethnographic fieldwork at a local Tenrikyo church and participated in a one-month “spiritual development course” to gain insights into the religion’s doctrine, belief system and practices. Data collected will be used in Fedorowicz’s dissertation which will investigate the relationships between Tenrikyo’s ritual gestures and Japanese Sign Language. This summer research was funded in part by a travel grant from the WSU Graduate School.

Steven was a student in the Asian Studies Program at Kansas University for Foreign Studies in Osaka, Japan last year. The program included intensive training in Japanese language and coursework in areas of Japanese culture, history and religion. In addition, Fedorowicz was able to conduct ethnographic fieldwork for his dissertation on Tenrikyo religious rituals and Japanese sign language. “My stay at Kansai University was a valuable experience,” he writes. “Not only was I able to gain language skills and cultural literacy, I also had the opportunity to work with other Japanese specialists and make contacts for future research.” Fedorowicz plans to return to Japan for his formal fieldwork in 1999 after completing his preliminary examinations. Participation in this program was funded in part by a scholarship from WSU International Programs.

Master’s candidate Christopher Young spent his second field season in the Arctic last summer. Chris worked for the National Park Service as a crew chief for the excavation of a late prehistoric Eskimo house pit at Cape Kruisenstern National Monument in northwest Alaska. Joining him on the project were two other WSU anthropology graduate students, Sabra Gilbert-Young and Jeffrey Rasie, and a graduate student from the University of Missouri-Columbia. The project was supervised out of Kotzebue by National Park Service archaeologist Robert Gal. Excavation took place at a partially vandalized coastal site historically called Agiagruat by the Eskimos. The camp was frequently visited by Eskimos out combing the beaches, berry picking, or hunting. The members of “Thule Camp” were proud to provide radio assistance in the taking of a beluga whale by Eskimo hunters. This had been the first beluga taken by Eskimo hunters from surrounding waters in several years. The chairman of Chris’ committee, Robert E. Ackerman, offered the expertise of his trowel for several (rainy) days and experimented with sea-powered water screening. Other distinguished guests included Drs. Douglas Anderson and Daniel Odess of Brown University and Alan Depew (Ph.D. candidate, WSU).

The crew excavated approximately 30 cubic meters of cultural fill yielding more than 7,000 stone artifacts, 13,000 bone artifacts and faunal elements, 1,000 pottery sherds, and several dozen wood artifacts. Exotic artifacts include three dozen whole and fragmentary fossil amber beads and more than two dozen jade artifacts. Excavation revealed the presence of a single room, semi-subterranean house structure approximately 5 x 4 m with a 3.5 m entrance tunnel. The excavators also encountered human remains of three individuals (two adult males (?) and a juvenile). Native Eskimo groups were consulted and upon completion of the field work all identified human remains were reinterred near the site. A preliminary assessment of the artifacts indicate an early spring Western Thule occupation of the feature around A.D 1400. Mr. Young presented papers about his work at 49NOA217 at the Alaska Anthropological Association and Society for American Archaeology annual meetings in March and April 1998.

Doug MacDonald, Ph.D. student, was first author on a poster with Matthew J. Root and Alice M. Emerson entitled "Bright Lights and Refiting: Understanding Folsom Social..." Continued on page 6
Anthropology Department’s Intrepid Office Staff

Editor’s note—Anthro News celebrates our office staff, those courageous and astute women without whom we would be lost in the maze of things administrative. They navigate us selflessly through the things we would rather not think about.

LeAnn Couch, secretary supervisor, has been with the University since 1985, and joined the Anthropology Department in 1990. As office manager, she enjoys working with the office staff to coordinate the daily schedule of the department.

Joan Pubols, program coordinator, who began half-time employment with the department in 1977, and full time in 1985, retired on October 31, 1997. The size of the crowd that attended her retirement reception in the museum is a testimony to the great affection in which she is held by all of us.

Annette Bednar, former fiscal technician III in the department, took over as program assistant after Joan’s retirement.

Barb Smith was hired to replace Annette as fiscal technician III. She is responsible for the travel and purchasing for the department.

Karene Kramer runs the front desk, handling calls and assisting people who walk up to the window. She has worked for WSU for 22 years in different departments.

Lisa Anderson-Levy Receives Distinguished Student Award

In May graduating senior Lisa Anderson-Levy was presented with the College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Student Achievement Award. Lisa, a major in Anthropology with minors in French and Women’s Studies, will begin working towards a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at the University of Minnesota next fall; she also received a Daugherty Scholarship from the department this Spring.

Graduate student news

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Aggregation at the Bobtail Wolf Site.” The poster is now in the display case on the first floor of College Hall.

Ph.D. student Matt Van Pelt was second author, with senior co-author Tim Kohler, on a paper entitled “What does Complex Adaptive Systems Research have to Say about the Development of Leadership and Hierarchies?” at this year’s SAA Meetings in Seattle. Matt was also invited to spend June and July working for the Osaka City Cultural Properties Association in Osaka, Japan. While in Japan he is scheduled to give several lectures at universities and cultural resource management organizations in the Kansai region of Japan on his research as well as the organization of American cultural resource management and the common problems faced by both Japanese and American cultural resources managers.

Ph.D. student Sawang Lertrit has been active in the international community. He was invited to participate in the European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeologists (EASAA) conference in Berlin to present a paper entitled “The Chiang Saen Historic Park: Some Considerations for Planning.” This trip is fully funded by the EASAA. He has also recently published several articles. These include “Who Owns the Past? A Perspective from Chiang Saen, Thailand” in Conservation and Management of Archaeological Sites 2(2):81-92. Also published was “The Elberton Public School” in The Bunchgrass Historian 24(1):4-9. Finally he published “Archaeological Resources Protection and Management in Thailand: Historical and Contemporary Prospectives” in SPAFA Journal 6(3):35-46.

Bereavements

The Anthropology Department wishes to extend its condolences to the survivors of Geneva Burkhart who passed away in her sleep on September 9, 1997. Geneva worked as a member of the office staff for the department for many years.

The Anthropology Department also extends its condolences to the relatives, friends and colleagues of Linda Schele, eminent Mayan linguistic, epigrapher, and friend of this department, who passed away this spring. Local relatives include her cousin, Ray Richmond, Department of Natural Resource Sciences, WSU.
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To help make up for these faculty vacancies we are hiring two very capable recent Ph.D.s in temporary slots for next year. One is Doug MacDonald, who defended his dissertation in archaeology here only a few days ago. The other is Louise Tallen (Ph.D. ‘97, Anthropology, UCLA), a specialist in psychological anthropology, person-centered ethnography, and women’s studies.

Finally, we had to say good-bye to two old friends and supporters this spring. Long-time faculty member and department chair Geoff Gamble, who has more recently been serving in various vice provost and provost positions, and his wife Patricia Gamble, financial administrative office for the College of Liberal Arts, have departed for the University of Vermont, where Geoff has assumed a new leadership role as provost. Good luck to both of you; you will be missed.

This spring we endured, along with the other departments in the College, a 3.3% budget cut. As a result we have had to temporarily suspend our search for a permanent replacement for Krantz. We remain a strong department in the midst of these renewals. Please consider helping us maintain the various scholarships, travel awards, Museum exhibits, and field programs that helped make this a special place for so many of you by contributing in the envelope provided.

Thanks and best wishes,

-- Tim Kohler