

OKLAHOMA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Speakers Bureau Informational Packet

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OAS SPEAKERS BUREAU

Instructions for use:

This contact sheet is for the purpose of aiding OAS chapters in connecting with potential speakers across the state of Oklahoma. These speakers come from all sub-disciplines of anthropology (i.e. cultural, archaeological, linguistic, and biological) and from all realms of anthropological work (academic, federal, state, tribal, contract). In establishing this list of speakers and presentation topics, it is our hope that all OAS chapters can bring in interesting speakers for their meetings, thereby bolstering relationships between the Society and working anthropologists, as well as promoting the Society in their communities.

Each of the individuals on this contact sheet has volunteered to speak at chapter meetings. The profiles include contact information, brief research descriptions, and presentation topics are listed. If your chapter is interested in inviting a speaker to your meeting, it is suggested that you give the speaker at least 2 weeks advanced notice. It is also suggested that efforts in advertising be made, such as fliers and emails to your chapter members.

We also ask that the chapter member coordinating the event send an email (to sastutts@ou.edu) that gives the speaker's name, presentation topic, date of presentation, and a brief assessment of the event (this assessment will be kept private. In this way, we can keep track of who is being asked, where they are going, and when they are going so that we can keep track of how the Speakers Bureau is being used. A list of engagements will be added to each profile. The profiles will be updated as new speakers volunteer and as we receive each assessment.

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Anthropological Emphasis: Biological Anthropology

Areas of Interest: Fatherhood; demography; evolution of human behavior

Current Research: paternity/nonpaternity; stepfathers; voluntary sterilization; diabetes; demography

Presentation Topics:

- 1) What's sex got to do with it? Cross cultural perspectives on where babies come from
- 1) Who's your daddy? Evolutionary perspectives on human fatherhood, and whether paternity matters
- 2) Why do men invest in children? Stepfathers, child support, and other evolutionary puzzles

Brian Andrews, PhD

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: North American Hunter-Gatherers, Paleoindians, Lithic Technology, Spatial Analysis, Site Formation/Geoarchaeology, Conservation and Public Archaeology, Paleoanthropology

Current Research:

- 1) Gunnison Basin CO: Excavations (completed as of 2011) and analysis of the Mountaineer Folsom site and other Paleoindian age Rocky Mountain sites from southern Colorado.
- 2) Goodson Rock Shelter, OK: Newly begun and ongoing excavations of a multicomponent rock-shelter in Craig County, OK. Deeply stratified deposits date from Clovis through late Woodland.
- 3) Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania: Focus on late Lower Paleolithic and Middle Paleolithic raw material transport and hominin landscape use. This project will begin summer 2014.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The Mountaineer Site and Folsom occupation of the Rocky Mountains. This site contains evidence for extensive residential, overwinter occupation of the southern Rocky Mountains, with multiple Folsom age "houses" consisting of stone ring bases and aspen-pole superstructures.
- 2) Current fieldwork and research at Goodson Shelter, Craig County, OK: early Paleoindian occupation of the eastern prairie/western woodland ecotone.

- 3) Lower to Middle Paleolithic hominin raw material usage and landscape archaeology at Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania. This project is slated to begin summer 2014 (pending funding) so a presentation wouldn't be feasible until spring 2015 at the earliest.

Lee Bement, PhD

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: Bison kills, Paleoindians, Oklahoma Archaeology

Current Research: Changes annually

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Oklahoma Bison Kills
- 2) Paleoindians
- 3) Recent work in Oklahoma Archaeology

Sarah M. Bess

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: paleoethnobotany, landscape archaeology, climate change

Current Research: Archaic shell mounds, Florida paleoethnobotany

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The Archaeobotany of the Cobb Site: A Window into Central Plains Tradition
Agricultural Practice in Northwest Missouri
- 2) Museum Curation of Archaeological Collections
- 3) People and Plants at an Archaic Florida Shell Mound

Lucas Bessire, PhD

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Anthropological Emphasis: SocioCultural Anthropology

Areas of Interest: Indigeneity in the Americas, Documentary Film, Anthropology of Energy

Current Research: Critical and comparative indignities, violence and subjectivity, internal colonialism and contact, native rights, medical anthropology, ethnographic film, sound and aural media, writing, public anthropology, Latin America, el Gran Chaco.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Indigeneity in the Americas
- 2) Ethnographic Documentary Film
- 3) Anthropology of Energy

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Areas of Academic Interest: Native North America

Current Research: Public Perspectives and Experience Regarding Genetic Ancestry Testing in Freedmen and Tribal Communities in Oklahoma; Indigenous Health Disparities; Native Christianity/Indian Baptist Mission Work in Oklahoma; Food Sovereignty Issues

Presentation Topics:

- 1) "Testing the Waters: Navigating Contested Ideas About DNA Ancestry Testing in Indigenous and Other Historically Exploited Communities."
- 2) "Challenging Insignificance: Native-led Church Planting in Oklahoma."
- 3) "To and From the Sorriest of Lands': Contests Over the Norman Dam Project in an Absentee Shawnee Community"

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Anthropological Emphasis: B.A. in History, Minor- Psychology; A.A. in Behavioral Sciences.

Areas of Interest: Native American History, specifically of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and its allies.

Current Research: Updating tribal records and creating database for Areas of Interest significant to the AST in OK and other affiliated states.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Absentee Shawnee Tribe
- 2) Section 106 Process/Review; TCNS

3) Heritage Resource Technician (HRT) Paraprofessionals

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Anthropological Emphasis: History with a teaching option from NCSU

Areas of Interest: Early 20th Century history

Current Research: Depression Era farmsteads in Oklahoma

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Teaching as a Facilitator: Keeping Students Engaged with Teaching the Social Sciences
- 2) Using GIS Technology for Archeology
- 3) The Great Depression in Oklahoma (research still in progress)

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology/Anthropology

Areas of Interest: Southeastern Indian culture: From Paleo-Indian to

Mississippian Culture to European Interaction (up to Removal), Mississippian

Iconography

Current Research:

Collaboration with NPS on two projects:

- 1) Helping with wayside exhibits panels providing cultural information from Creation story to Removal history,
- 2) Helping with interpretation of prehistoric information of Russell Cave National Monument NHS,
- 3) Review, edit, comment on movie scripts, books, historical documentaries, and public informational videos released to a general audience,
- 4) Help design museum exhibits and text,
- 5) Help with 18th century living village display, clothing, utensils, etc.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Prehistory of Southeastern Indians, specifically Chickasaw (Oral history and its interconnectedness with documented history and how it provides us with our identity as a

tribe in the present day). Title of Presentation: "Prehistory of Southeastern Indians, Chickasaw History".

- 2) Removal and the changes we had to adapt to from a traditional to a new lifestyle. Title of Presentation: "Controllers of Change".
- 3) Pine needle basket making or Finger woven belt making demonstrations.
- 4) Sinti Isht Ahollo: The Horned Snake, Myth or Real?
- 5) What's for Dinner? : Cultural Continuity Verified in the Archaeological Record

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: Plains, faunal, forensic archaeology

Current Research: Various forensic cases, skeletal analysis

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Forensic archaeology
- 2) Bison kills
- 3) Faunal analysis, prehistoric dogs in Oklahoma

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Areas of Interest: Identity, Race, Religion, Social and Critical Theory

Current Research: Cultural, Language and Ethnic Identity in Oklahoma

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Fieldwork
- 2) Race and Language Identity in Oklahoma
- 3) Resources available to non-traditional students

Michelle Cooke

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Anthropological Emphasis: Master's degree in English

Areas of Interest: Chickasaw language, Chickasaw history before statehood

Current Research: Chickasaw law enforcement in Indian Territory; How European writings affected Chickasaw history

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The Green Corn Ceremony (Ancient Ceremony)
- 2) Would be interested in participating in anthropological studies on Chickasaw language records from contact forward.
- 3) Would be interested in participating in anthropological studies on Chickasaw language records from contact forward.

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Anthropological Emphasis: Medical Anthropology

Areas of Interest: Sexual health

Current Research: Promoting biopsychosocial sexual health in the Southern Plains communities, biopsychosocial health in alternative sexualities communities

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Ethnohistorical Sexualities
- 2) Alternative Sexualities
- 3) Medicalization of Sexualities

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Areas of Interest: Visual anthropology, indigenous media, politics of representation, indigeneity and sovereignty, cultural policy, ethnographic film/video production, anthropology of media, anthropology of art, political economy of arts funding, feminist anthropology, Native North America, and Canada.

Current Research: Exploring the social history and contemporary practice of Aboriginal experimental film and media art in Canada with an analysis of the role of artist-run centers as

spaces of intercultural artistic collaboration and reconciliation between Aboriginal artists and non-Aboriginal interlocutors.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Visual Sovereignty in Native American and Indigenous Media
- 2) Ethnographic Video Production: Documenting Cultural Heritage
- 3) Native Crossroads Film Festival and Symposium—Bringing Native films, voices and stories to Oklahoma

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology PhD

Areas of Interest: Subsistence – Paleoethnobotany and Faunal studies, Remote Sensing, Wichita prehistory/history

Current Research: Protohistoric and Historic Wichita archeology – fortifications

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Wichita warfare 1500-1850 – evidence from protohistoric and early historic sites
- 2) Southern Plains Villagers and their use of crops and other plants in Oklahoma
- 3) Finding and Studying plants from archeological sites

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: U.S. Southern Plains: Late Prehistoric to Clovis

Current Research: Calf Creek foragers (6000 ybp)

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Antelope Creek phase in the Oklahoma panhandle (A.D. 1200-1500)
- 2) Calf Creek foragers in Oklahoma (6000 ybp)
- 3) Clovis cache in Caddo County, Oklahoma

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Areas of Interest: Landscape, religion, ritual, cosmology, ceramics, social change

Current Research: Exploring modern Pueblo ethnogenesis in northern New Mexico

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The evolution and formation of modern Pueblo society
- 2) Identifying and interpreting ritual landscapes
- 3) Examining the past through both archaeology and indigenous oral histories

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeologist

Areas of Interest: Historic Preservation

Current Research: Prehistory of the Southern Plains, Mississippian period settlement on the west side of the Mississippi River, and migration and culture contact.

Presentation topics:

- 1) Geophysical Investigations at Sugarloaf Mound in St. Louis MO
- 2) Settlement Pattern Studies in the Information Age
- 3) Historic Preservation Law and Process

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: Late Prehistoric (AD1000-1500) Southeastern and Midwestern US, archaeological remote sensing, experimental archaeology

Current Research: Geophysical survey, excavations, and analysis of collections from mound sites in eastern Oklahoma, including Spiro

Presentation topics:

- 1) Late prehistoric occupation of eastern Oklahoma and Mississippian sites in the Southeast/Midwest, including Spiro, Moundville, and Cahokia
- 2) Remote sensing in archaeology

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Areas of Interest: political economy of health, post-socialism, infectious disease, public health in failed and failing states

Current Research: Just completed a new book (*Gangster-States: Organized Crime, Kleptocracy, Collapse*) that re-examines the political economy of the immediate post-Soviet period (see attached cover from Palgrave—will be released in spring 2015). The next book will explore the relationship of this alternative model of political economy to outbreaks of emerging infectious disease. Example: the amplification of the Ebola outbreak in west Africa is a legacy of the civil war and state collapse of the 1990s.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The evolution of infectious disease: where new diseases come from, and how they threaten public health
- 2) Environmental Health in Oklahoma History: Records from the Miner's Health Clinic in Picher, Oklahoma
- 3) The Politics of Contraband in Early Twentieth Century Cuba: Gulf Coast Smuggling Cartels and Instability in the early Twentieth Century.

**Note: I will have very limited availability until Fall 2016

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Areas of Interest: Prehistoric agricultural technologies, paleoethnobotany, adobe architecture, Section 106 and 110 of NHPA

Current Research: Several relating to Section 106 of NHPA

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Prehistoric Hunting Technology Demonstration – I have several atlatls and darts and have an interactive demonstration that is very successful and entertaining.

- 2) I can speak extensively on the archaeology of the prehistoric US Southwest/NW Mexico where I did most of my graduate work. I have a fun and interesting talk on witches in the SW as well.
- 3) I could also speak on the trials and tribulations of working as an archaeologist for the federal government in an agency that is tasked with permitting development while balancing preservation.

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Areas of Interest: Psychiatric Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Gerontology, Human-Animal Interactions (anthrozoology)

Current Research: Dogs and Children on a Northern Plains Reservation, the Food Environment in a Southcentral Plains Tribal Community

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Roaming dogs in the reservation context
- 2) Native elder mistreatment (abuse, neglect, financial exploitation)
- 3) Primary health care providers' perspectives on mental health care in the rural clinic setting

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Areas of Interest: primate behavior, primate behavioral ecology, conservation, ecotourism

Current Research: behavioral plasticity in orangutans in zoos and squirrel monkeys in Costa Rica, squirrel monkey conservation, teaching biology/anthropology through field courses

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The Biological Anthropology of behavioral plasticity in nonhuman primates
- 2) The basics of primatology and primate behavior
- 3) Ecotourism, conservation and primates

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Anthropological Emphasis: Cultural Anthropology

Areas of Interest: Anthropology of sport, active living, identity, migration, transnational communities, anthropology as humanistic philosophical system, gender and sexuality, Latin American ethnicity, American Indian ethnicity, Polish-American Ethnicity.

Current Research: Ethnographic research on Latino migrant recreational fútbol leagues in Oklahoma City, OK

Presentation Topics:

- 1) “We wear Arsenal, but we are Deportivo Hidalgo:” Jerseys, Team Names, and Senses of Place in Latino Recreational Fútbol Leagues in Oklahoma City
- 2) A Tradition Unlike Any Other: Latino Migrants and Fútbol
- 3) Casa, Calle, and Fútbol: La Liga Latina y Americana in Oklahoma City

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Areas of Interest: intersectionality, racism, privilege, negotiated and contested identities (specifically masculinities), alternative identity, appropriated identity, German and Oglala cultures, ethnohistory, landscape and materiality of identity and appropriation, Myth and Memory, World’s Fairs (1893 and 1903), Colonization and contact, mediated identities

Current Research: Dissertation topic: Analysis of Der Indianer Discourses Past and Present – German fascination with Oglala culture; German men negotiating their masculinities based on a historical interpretation of Oglala gender; European imaginations of Oglala culture; appropriated masculinity

Secondary Project: Online discourse analysis of Disney fanatics – negotiated identities and alternative constructions of identity rooted in Disney discourses; maintained community boundaries; and landscape/materiality of a secular American pilgrimage destination (Walt Disney World)

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Racism/Privilege (specifically in Native American communities)
- 2) German fascination with Native American culture
- 3) Rez-ball (Native American basketball), Native American appropriation of Black American culture (thug” and “gangsta” rap/hip-hop)

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology, concentration in Southeastern archaeology and scientific illustration

Areas of Interest: Southeastern United States, primarily with the Choctaw and Caddo

Current Research: Native American studies concerning social inequalities, complexity, prehistoric ceramics, and the continuity of Native American cultures as well as their material culture

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Pre- and Post-Removal Choctaw (archaeology and/or history)
- 2) Caddo, the Spiro site
- 3) General Archaeological Discussion
- 4) Ceramic Technologies (style, function, symbolism)
- 5) Archaeological Illustrations

Lamont Lindstrom, PhD

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Areas of Interest: South Pacific, ethnohistory, sociolinguistics

Current Research:

- 1) Urban migration/Melanesia
- 2) Vanuatu culture and history
- 3) Austronesian naming systems
- 4) Pacific personhood

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Kava (*Piper methysticum*) and other traditional drug substances
- 2) Pacific War ethnohistory
- 3) Martin and Osa Johnson (early ethnographic/wildlife photographers from Kansas)

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology, Southwestern Archaeology

Areas of Interest: Prehistoric Mimbres archaeology (burials, iconography and ceramics), material expression of esoteric knowledge, construction of cultural landscape, mortuary practices, architecture and its relationship with cosmology, ritual leaders and social ordering/complexity, ceramics and technological style, the Pithouse-to-Pueblo Transition in the Southwest, Mesoamerican interactions with the Southwest, trade and exchange

Current Research:

- 1) The Value of Spatial and Spiritual Distance and Its Relationship to Esoteric
- 2) Knowledge Acquisition in the Mimbres Region (Dissertation)
- 3) Side project: experimentation with ceramic firing technology and style

Presentation Topics:

- 1) General Prehistoric Mimbres Culture in SW New Mexico or mortuary practices in the Southwest
- 2) Ceramic Technology and Experimental Archaeology
- 3) General Archaeological Discussion (i.e. social ordering/social complexity, examples of agency in prehistory, gender)

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: Archaeology of Caddo, Late prehistory of Eastern US

Current Research: Spiro

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Archaeology of Spiro, Eastern Oklahoma, Ceramics
- 2) Politics And Political Organization In The Past

Daniel Mains

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Areas of Interest: Economic Anthropology, Africa, Ethiopia, Urban Youth, Capitalism, the Politics of Infrastructure, International Development, and Consumer Cultures

Current Research: I have published a book titled: *Hope is Cut: Youth, Unemployment, and the Future in Urban Ethiopia* that examines how youth in urban Ethiopia negotiate the gap between

their aspirations for the future and economic realities. My current research examines the cultural and political dimensions of urban infrastructural development in Ethiopia, with a particular emphasis on roads and public transportation.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Urban Youth in Ethiopia
- 2) How Globalization Helps Us Understand Africa, and How Africa Helps Us Understand Globalization
- 3) The Importance of Culture for Understanding Economics and/or International Development

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Areas of Academic Interest: Microbiomes, parasitism, human-pathogen co-evolution, bioinformatics

Current Research: Gene length variation project, the nasal microbiome and asthma state

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Zoonoses and Anthroponoses
- 2) Using specific bioinformatic tools to understand ancient microbiome states
- 3) Human, parasites, and health

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Areas of Academic Interest: Paleoindian Period, North America

Current Research: Quantifying Lithic Raw Material Performance Characteristics—Quartzite

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Navajo National Monument: Structural Stabilization of Betatakin (Talastima) Ruins—A Pueblo III Cliff Dwelling.
- 2) Excavations at the Hoot Owl Site: Preliminary Findings From Western Oklahoma.
- 3) Cultural Resource Management: What It Is and Why It Matters.

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Areas of Academic Interest: Navajos, Global Pentecostalism, Anthropology of Religion, Expressive Culture

Current Research: Same as above

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Navajo Culture/Religious Change
- 2) Native American Expressive Culture (Folklore, Music, Poetry, Representation)
- 3) Global Pentecostalism

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Areas of Interest: High Plains, Wyoming

Current Research: Late Archaic and faunal material of the Laddie Creek site, Wyoming (Thesis)

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Morocco, 45 years ago: A Tale of Three Shoes. I lived in Morocco for 2 years (1968-1970) and have many wonderful memories as well as some beautiful items that I purchased while there. I bring many of these to the presentations, including women's clothing. This power-point presentation began as a linguistic paper on "gesture" as a means of communication. I've redone it to include a quick picture of Morocco as I knew it, plus the experience of buying shoes when neither of us spoke the other's language. I presented this to the OKC chapter Fall 2013. I can squeeze or stretch this to about any length desired (30 minutes to 1+ hours).

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Anthropological Emphasis: Linguistic Anthropology

Areas of Interest: Language revitalization, language documentation and description, Chickasaw, Plains Apache, Native American language education

Current Research: Chickasaw learners' speech, Plains Apache classificatory verbs, Native American languages in higher education

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Language Endangerment/Revitalization in North America
- 2) Language Endangerment/Revitalization in Oklahoma
- 3) Reawakening Sleeping Languages (revitalizing languages with no living speakers)

Mariela Nuñez-Janes, PhD

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Anthropological Emphasis: SocioCultural Anthropology

Areas of Interest: Education, Latinos, action research, immigration, digital storytelling

Current Research: Undocumented youth activism

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Superheroes Among Us: What Undocumented Youth Can Teach Us About Rising Above Injustice

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Anthropological Emphasis: Linguistic Anthropology

Areas of Interest: The poetics and politics of language

Current Research: Language and music; Ponca language renewal

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The Role of Music in Language Renewal
- 2) How culture is expressed in everyday language use
- 3) Why linguistic diversity matters in the modern world

**Note: I will not be available to speak until Fall 2015

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Areas of Interest: Language revitalization

Current Research: Dissertation research on Chickasaw language attitudes and language revitalization

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The Chickasaw Language Survey: a collaborative project to investigate language attitudes in the Chickasaw Nation
- 2) Language Learning and Ideologies in Chickasaw Language Programs

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Areas of Interest: Specializes in the history and culture of Mesoamerica (Mexico and Guatemala)

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Cultural Anthropology;
- 2) Comparative Cultures;
- 3) The Aztec Empire
- 4) Peoples of Mesoamerica
- 5) Globalization and Culture.
- 6) "Protohistory and the Wichita"
- 7) "The Hide Trade and Wichita Social Organization: An Assessment of Ethnological Hypotheses Concerning Polygyny"
- 8) "The House of Guzman: An Indigenous Cacicazgo in Early Colonial Central Mexico"
- 9) "Corporate Community or Corporate Houses?: Land and Society in a Colonial Mesoamerican Community"

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Current Research: Little Skin Bayou surface survey

Presentation Topics:

- 1) The Little Skin Bayou Survey (presented at Fall 2014 OAS meeting). Mel's slide presentation will tell what aroused his curiosity about Little Skin Bayou; what intrigued him about the kinds of sites he might find; what drove his passion to find all the sites he could; why he decided to keep his survey secret; why he feared he didn't know enough to complete such a project; and the two goals he hoped to achieve (to complete a reliable survey and show other avocational archeologist that they could duplicate his efforts).
- 2) Surface Survey Techniques that help you complete your own research project

Robert B. Pickering, PhD

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology, forensic anthropology

Areas of Interest: Museology, human osteology, paleopathology, mortuary behavior studies, authentication and recontextualization of artifacts

Current Research: Analysis of hollow ceramic figures from West Mexico

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Examining and understanding ancient ceramic figures from West Mexico
- 2) Determining authenticity on ancient ceramic figures from West Mexico
- 3) Bison and human interaction in North America
- 4) The use of forensic anthropology

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: Paleoindian Archaeology (field work area: the Rocky Mountains, although my students are starting to work in the high country of OK as well); Peopling of the New World; chipped stone tool analysis; public archaeology; museum anthropology.

Current Research: Active research programs in the Gunnison Basin, CO and SE Idaho/Northern Utah. Students starting research programs in far western and far eastern Oklahoma.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Peopling of the New World (various topics possible)
- 2) Paleoindian archaeology (various topics possible)
- 3) Various other things... I'm open to suggestions

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Areas of Interest: PR/Journalism/Criminal Justice
Current Research: Cemetery Remediation

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Educational Outreach
- 2) Community Involvement

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Presentation Topics

- 1) Muscogee Creek Traditions/Ceremonies
- 2) Maintaining a balance in traditional ways while living in a non-traditional world

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Areas of Interest: Hunter-gatherers, monumentality, remote sensing
Current Research: Shell Mounds of the St. Johns River, Ancient History of Florida, History of Archaeology.
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Presentation Topics:

- 1) Climate Change, past and present
- 2) Hunter-gatherer monument construction
- 3) Archaic societies

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Anthropological Emphasis: Bioarchaeology

Areas of Interest: Bioarchaeology, skeletal biology, paleopathology, archaeology/anthropology of disease, Caddoan archaeology

Current Research: Bioarchaeology of the Fourche Maline mounds of southeastern Oklahoma

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Life and Death in the Wister Valley—bioarchaeology of small burial mounds in the Wister Valley of southeastern Oklahoma
- 2) The Flu and You—an anthropological perspective—the origins of flu from a scientific and anthropological perspective (I can do this for nearly any infectious disease)
- 3) General topics on bioarchaeology, archaeology, hunter-gatherers, Caddoan archaeology, skeletal biology, history of diseases, paleopathology

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Areas of Interest: Latin American Studies; Ethnicity; Identity; Anthropology of Education; Higher Education; Ethnographic Methodology; Gender; Mexico/US Borderlands; Urban Anthropology; Transnationalism and Diaspora Studies

Current Research: Academic Performance and Construction of “Success” Ideology among Hispanic College Students (Thesis Research)

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Hispanic Students in Higher Education
- 2) Implications of “Illegality” for both migrants and citizens
- 3) “It’s not about Beauty!” Ethnic Beauty Pageants as Cultural Phenomena and Agency

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Anthropological Emphasis: Cultural

Areas of Interest: Psychological, medical, and education anthropology
Current Research: Multiple projects focused on early childhood development in American Indian communities

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Anthropology and early childhood intervention research
- 2) Health disparities in American Indian and Alaska Native communities

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Anthropological Emphasis: Cultural Anthropology
Areas of Interest: Religion, Contemporary Western Society, Psychological Anthropology, Entertainment, Culture of Mental Health, Medical Anthropology
Current Research: Book on Dynamic psychotherapy in American Society

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Entertainment in American Society
- 2) Applied anthropology in Oklahoma
- 3) The history and practice of dynamic psychotherapy

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Anthropological Emphasis: SocioCultural Anthropology
Areas of Interest: Native North America, 20th Century, religion and art
Current Research:

- 1) Publication (book) and exhibition, *Osage Weddings: Giving While Keeping* in collaboration with the Osage Tribal Museum.
- 2) Ethnobotany of Big Moon Peyotism- currently working on a range of purgatives associated with the traditional sweat lodge ceremony

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Native American Religion in Oklahoma
- 2) Painting a New Battle Tipi- The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society
- 3) "That Oklahoma Style": Material Culture, Art and Culture Change

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology/Native American Studies

Areas of Interest: Choctaw history and traditional culture

Current Research: Revitalizing Choctaw traditional ceramics, hide-tanning, archery equipment, and clothing, Choctaw plant names and uses, and ancient Choctaw foodways

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Chahta Lukfi Atoba Ikbit Himonachi: Revitalizing Choctaw Pottery
- 2) Chahta Imillimpa: Choctaw Traditional Food
- 3) Chahta Tvlhkochi: Choctaw Hide-Tanning
- 4) Chahta Itvlhko Shulush: Choctaw Moccasins
- 5) Chahta Okla: The Choctaw People

The above are titles of completed presentations, viewable at www.choctawnationculture.com

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Anthropological Emphasis: Archaeology

Areas of Interest: Trade, social complexity, conflict, Native American/European interaction

Current Research: Field research at Bryson-Paddock and Longest sites on trade, Native American/European interaction, and conflict. Research on early Wichita social and political organization in central Kansas.

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Mother Moon, Father Sun and the Little River Focus Council Circles of Central Kansas
- 2) Prehistoric Origins of Plains War Societies
- 3) Native Americans and European Contact 1540-1760

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Anthropological Emphasis: Biological Anthropology

Areas of Interest: human microbiome, ancient DNA, ancient diet

Current Research:

- Structure and Diversity of the Human Microbiome in Indigenous Communities
- Evolution and Ecology of the Human Oral Microbiome

- Origins of Dairying

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Ancient Human Microbiomes
- 2) Evolution of Human Diet
- 3) Milk: Lactose Intolerance and the Origins of Dairying

**Note: I will not be available to give a talk until Fall 2015.

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Anthropological Emphasis: Linguistics

Areas of Interest: Endangered languages documentation, description, preservation, and revitalization; Cariban languages

Current Research: Documentation and revitalization of Kari'nja (a Cariban language of Suriname)

Presentation Topics:

- 1) Community-collaborative linguistic fieldwork models
- 2) Endangered language revitalization
- 3) Linguistics of Cariban languages