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MVAC Updates

Kathy Stevenson, Projects Director

It's been a busy time here at MVAC! Joe Tiffany has officially retired as Executive Director and Professor of Archaeology at UW-La Crosse. The MVAC staff would like to thank Joe for his 11 years of service at MVAC, and for setting such consistently high standards in his professional research. We wish Joe the very best as he continues to pursue his research interests from his new home base in Iowa. Thanks, Joe!

With Joe's retirement, Dr. Timothy McAndrews has taken the helm as MVAC's new Director. Tim is a Professor of Archaeology at UW-La Crosse and has been actively involved with MVAC for the past 12 years, including serving on its Board of Directors. In addition to his background in Andean archaeology, Tim brings extensive experience in cultural resource management (CRM) and a strong interest in public education and high-quality research. The MVAC staff is looking forward to working with him in his new role, and wishes him a warm welcome!

We are also happy to announce that we have just listed four UW-La Crosse faculty and staff members as MVAC Research Associates:

Dr. David Anderson, Associate Professor of Archaeology, has been at UW-La Crosse for six years. Along with his specialty in Egyptology, he has considerable work and teaching experience in CRM and an ongoing interest in applying new technologies in archaeology. He also has a strong background in late Precontact cultures of the Northeast, which has proved to be a great match for the undergraduate field schools and research projects he has developed over the last three years at the Tremaine site, a late Precontact Oneota site in Holmen, Wisconsin.



David Anderson



Jessi Halligan

Dr. Jessi Halligan has just joined UW-La Crosse this fall as an Assistant Professor of Archaeology. Jessi has a Bachelor's degree from Harvard and a PhD from Texas A&M, and her specialties include Paleo-Indian research, underwater archaeology, and geoarchaeology. She has worked at terrestrial and underwater sites throughout the U.S., including on CRM projects. Her background and unusual combination of skills make her an exciting addition to the undergraduate Archaeological Studies program, and to MVAC.

Dr. Kate Grillo has also joined UW-La Crosse this fall as an Assistant Professor of Archaeology. Kate has

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From The Director: Dr. Timothy McAndrews



Timothy McAndrews

Greetings MVAC membership! My name is Tim McAndrews, and I'm looking forward to serving as the next Director of MVAC. While this will be a new post for me, I've actually been at UW-L since 2001. In fact, my first year at UW-L was Jim Gallagher's (MVAC's founding Director) last year, and I have been around for Joe Tiffany's entire tenure as Director. Moreover, I have served on MVAC's Board of Directors for 10 years. I am therefore very familiar with the extraordinary efforts and accomplishments of both former Directors and I hope to be as successful. I am also quite aware of the unique qualities and capabilities of MVAC's staff, and I look forward to working more closely with these remarkable professionals.

My research expertise focuses on the rise of civilization in the Andean region of South America, specifically the complex Tiwanaku civilization which developed in the Lake Titicaca Basin some 1500 years ago. I have directed multiple research seasons in the Bolivian highlands since 1994 and remain active in conducting research and publishing and presenting that research in international contexts.

I also have extensive experience in North America. Prior to coming to UW-L, I managed the cultural resource division of a large engineering firm based in Pittsburgh, PA. In this capacity I directed large-scale projects throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, and I managed a staff of over forty professional archaeologists, historians, surveyors, graphics experts, and an array of specialized lab personnel – all experiences that should serve me well as MVAC's Director.

Back in 2001, I was thrilled to join UW-L's archaeology faculty because of the program's high national standing. The late Lewis Binford, father of modern scientific archaeology, described UW-L's undergraduate archaeology program as the best in the country. I believe this remains true largely because of our incredible faculty and the tremendous experiential opportunities our students gain at MVAC. Conversely, MVAC's work and educational mission is enhanced by the presence of highly motivated archaeology students. Having directed the Archaeology Program for the last several years, I am keenly aware of the importance of this relationship and I intend to further strengthen that bond as Director. To that end, we are adding five new MVAC Research Associates (see page 1), two of whom are new members of UW-L's dynamic archaeology faculty.

It is an exciting time to be a part of MVAC and I'm look forward to being more integrally involved in advancing MVAC's important mission - researching, preserving, and teaching the public about archaeology and the rich archaeological resources of the Upper Mississippi River region.

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Education News

Matching Funds Grant: Teachers interested in using MVAC's Archaeology Education Program resources in their classrooms can get financial help with our Matching Funds Grant. The grant matches a teacher or school's cost dollar for dollar. Thanks to the College of Liberal Studies for providing funds for this program.

La Crosse School District: Funds are available from the La Crosse School District for their elementary and middle school teachers to use MVAC presentations and resources in their classrooms.

Thanks to the College of Liberal Studies for providing funds for high school student summer scholarships!

For information on the Archaeology Education Program, Matching Funds Grant, or La Crosse School District Program, contact Jean Dowiasch at (608) 785-8454 or jdowiasch@uwlax.edu.

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a Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and master's and doctoral degrees from Washington University. She is a ceramics expert and has been conducting ethnoarchaeological research among pastoralists in Kenya. She also has worked on prehistoric and historic sites in North America, including Cahokia, Monticello, and Jamestown. Kate brings a fascinating background and interests to the Archaeological Studies program and MVAC.



Kate Grillo



Heather Walder

Heather Walder is an Associate Lecturer in the UW-L Department of Sociology and Archaeology and is completing her doctoral degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has worked in India and the Czech Republic as well as the Midwest. In her dissertation research, she is analyzing personal adornments to understand technological innovation and social change during the 17th

and 18th centuries in the Upper Great Lakes region. Her areas of interest, and her expertise in chemical analysis, are a perfect fit with MVAC's regional research.

Also joining us as a Research Associate is Suzanne Harris. Suzanne has her Master of Science degree in Biological Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a minor in Anatomy, and has specialized training and experience in the excavation and analysis of human skeletal remains. Her background includes considerable archaeological work in western Wisconsin, including during her undergraduate days here at UW-La Crosse. We value our continued relationship with Suzanne and welcome her to our list of Research Associates.



Suzanne Harris

In other news, Joe Tiffany's retirement coincided with the end of his term as editor of *The Wisconsin Archeologist*, the long-running journal of the Wisconsin Archeological Society. Connie Arzigian and Vicki Twinde-Javner will be joining me to form the new editorial team for continuing to produce the journal here at MVAC. Joe did a great job as editor and left us in good shape for carrying on his work. We will also be handling the Society's stores of back issues of the journal.

We'll continue to keep you posted on MVAC news and events through our web site (www.uwlax.edu/mvac) and Facebook—including opportunities to get to know our new Director and Research Associates. Stay tuned!

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Consider becoming a member of MVAC

MVAC's innovative Public Education Program brings the excitement of archaeology to children and adults throughout the area. Become a member of MVAC and receive our newsletters, which report on programs, current research, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities. Also, as a member, you will receive reminders of special "members only" events. Please remember that your contribution is tax-deductible.

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2013 Awards and Lecture Prehistoric Lifeways through Time in the Upper Mississippi River Region

Professor Guy Gibbon's talk summarizes trends and themes in human lifeways during the prehistoric period in the Upper Mississippi River region. The emphasis in the talk is on long-term patterns in lifeway changes in this region, changes that are summarized in detail in Professor Gibbon's recently published book, "The Archaeology of Minnesota: A Guide to the Prehistory of the Upper Mississippi River Region."

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2013

Time: Social 6:00 p.m. - **meet MVAC's new Director**
Awards 6:30 p.m., Lecture 7:00 p.m.

Location: Port O'Call, Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse

Speaker: Dr. Guy Gibbon, Professor Emeritus, Department
of Anthropology, University of Minnesota

MVAC to host National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for Teachers in 2014

MVAC was recently notified that we have been chosen to offer another National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for Teachers. MVAC feels honored to again be selected for this prestigious and highly competitive award. The Institute is entitled "Exploring the Past: Archaeology in the Upper Mississippi River Valley" and is designed for K-12th grade teachers from across the nation. Staff will again be Dr. James Theler, Dr. Kathy Stevenson and Bonnie Jancik. MVAC has hosted four previous NEH Institutes, each with a diverse group of highly committed teachers who were eager to learn about the process of archeology and the pre-European people of the area and to then apply that information in their own classrooms. We're excited about hosting another NEH Institute and the possibility of working with a new group of teachers! Information about our Institute can be found on-line at: <http://www.uwlax.edu/mvac/neh.htm>

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