News from Simon Fraser University's Heritage Resource Management MA Program

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Review Begins **June 1, 2017**
On-Campus Orientation: **Sept 5-7, 2017**

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SAA's

HRM MA program candidates and faculty had a great time at the SAAs, showing off our fun city (hey, even the weather cooperated!). It was a kick to meet so many of you at our booth in the exhibit hall and during the CRM Expo. Our program faculty and students gave eight papers and posters at the conference, including two excellent presentations by MA candidates Derek O'Neill and Whitney Spearing.

Most momentously, five HRM candidates—Brenda Gould, Brian Hannah, Jodie MacMillan, Derek O'Neill, and Whitney Spearing—formed a team to compete in the SAA Ethics Bowl. Self-titled *Ethics in Ruins*, our warriors for virtue were the second Canadian team to ever compete. But they did more than compete, advancing to the finals and losing in the hard-fought finals to an ace squad from Puerto Rico. *Ethics in Ruins* is making plans to participate in next year’s Ethics Bowl at the SAA meeting in Washington, D.C.

Read the Yukon newspaper article
APPLICATION DEADLINE LOOMS FOR 2017 COHORT

June 1, 2017 is the first due date for applications to join the 2017 cohort! We invite applications or expressions of interest from heritage resource management professionals with strong writing and research skills, a commitment to the HRM field, and support from employers for professional development. Applications from citizens of Indigenous and non-Western nations are especially encouraged.

Applying is simple! Your application must include an up-to-date resume that details all or most professional HRM field and lab experience and a preliminary, 1-page thesis prospectus using a provided template. Best of all, the Program application does not require completion of the GRE or GMAT. Application review will continue until the cohort is filled, so the sooner you submit the likelier you are to get accepted.

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STUDENT TESTIMONIAL
Christian Meier

The SFU heritage management program is one of a kind. This program is a valuable asset to individuals working or looking to break into the cultural/heritage resource management (C/HRM) world. The Program foregrounds the four key aspects of HRM with courses offering training in law/policy, ethics/practice, business/management, and research design/methods. The Program does not teach practical archaeology and requires basic competency in field methods as part of the admission process. What it does offer is intensive instruction in the social and political environments, research design options, and business skills one needs to be successful in C/HRM. All four of the Program’s core required courses are essential for anyone wanting to advance their C/HRM career. In my opinion, to be better at archaeology we need to understand the social, political and physical world we work in. The SFU HRM Program caters to those needs. Personally, I could not be happier about my decision to enroll in the program as I am gaining the background training of business, law, and ethics in CRM and applying new research methods to my practical archaeology experience.

Christian Meier immigrated to Ontario from Switzerland in 1994 and completed undergraduate studies at the University of Waterloo in Anthropology before starting his professional career in archaeology with Stantec Consulting Ltd. His master's thesis research is examining the roles and responsibilities of descendant groups in the management of their heritage sites and the social and political influences on the First Nations engagement process in Ontario. Read More +

FEATURED THESIS PROJECTS
THE VALUE AND REPLICATION OF TOTEM POLES IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA

Brian Hannah

My thesis research is regarding the cultural value of totem poles in Southeast Alaska. The origin of this research is the management issues of replica totem poles at Sitka National Historical Park in Sitka, Alaska. The question is what should be done with totem poles after preservation of them is no longer viable.

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