After a period of inactivity, we are pleased to announce that a fresh group of students supported by amazing advisors, have made a commitment to revive the club. Back in the 2019 Spring semester, now-officers Ariana Thompson, Brooke duCray Banning, and Chance Cummings were introduced to Karlee Pittman by Dr. Leilani Lucas at an Archaeo-Nevada Society meeting. They soon realized that something they all had in common, besides majoring in anthropology, was the desire to create a larger sense of community amongst students within the department. To facilitate a space for anthropology students to be able to discuss their passions as well as find support.

Since then, slowly but surely, they have worked to gain momentum. Whether it be through late-night Skype meetings or having gatherings at each other’s homes, the group pulled together to build more than just a club, but a family. It was decided that they wanted members to feel welcomed and valued, but also having doors opened in their major. Hence offering perks like free anthropology tutoring for members and opportunities to network with field professionals at various events throughout the year. During this fall semester, the club not only looks forward to expanding their ‘anthro family’, but also being of service and highlighting the necessity of our field of study in the larger community.
Getting to Know Us: Anthropology Club Officer Introductions

Karlee Pittman, President: was born and raised in San Diego, California along with two brothers. After attending college, they lived in New York City, where they co-created comic books. Their chosen subfield is cultural with a focus in sexual anthropology and their long-term goal is to serve the community, locally as well as globally, because without communities (past or present) our discipline wouldn’t exist.
—Why they love anthropology: “Because it rigorously fights against prejudices as well as dangerous misconceptions in biological, historical, and sociocultural realms.”

Brook duCray Banning, Vice President: has lived all over the country, finally settling in Las Vegas. Her chosen subfield is archaeology with a focus in ancient DNA. She loves reading archaeology articles and podcasts in her free time.
—Why she loves anthropology: “Because it’s a way to learn about human history beyond what was written by the victors.”

Chance Cummings, Secretary: is a fabulous luminous student of archaeology. With his feet on the ground and his head high, he is looking to expand on the greatest human story ever told. That being the one of anthropology.
—Why he loves anthropology: “Because it helps rediscover the stories of people that would perhaps otherwise be lost.”

Ariana Thompson, Treasurer: was born and raised here in Las Vegas. Here focus is bioanthropology and has a goal of being a bio or paleoanthropologist. Studying evolution and hominin ancestors is both her hobby and her future career. In her free time she enjoys a good book or playing games.
—Why she loves anthropology: “Because it gives me the opportunity to learn and study human evolution in an open, judgment-free space.”

Serena Chen, Programs Committee: is a proud anthropology major with a chosen subfield of archaeology with a focus in paleoanthropology. She has a passion for anything to do with bones.
—Why she loves anthropology: “Because it is something that I have found fascinating since I was a little girl.”

Silvio Ernesto Mirabal Torres, Programs Committee: was born and raised in Jaguey Grande, Cuba. He is in his 2nd year of his degree in anthropology as well as working on a forensics certification. His chosen subfield is bioanthropology, with interests in bioarchaeology and human genetics.
—Why he loves anthropology: “Because I get to see where we as humans are similar & how we differentiate. Expanding my understanding and acceptance of everyone around me.”
CONGRATULATIONS

- Forensics Anthropology student **Silvio Ernesto Mirabal Torres** was awarded the NSF-REU Summer Fellowship at the University of Alabama. We are quite proud!

- Congratulations to **Dr. Diane Hardgrave** on receiving the NSHE Regents’ Teaching Award, and her nomination for the AAA/Oxford University Press Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching of Anthropology.

- During her internship with the National Parks Service (NPS) CRM student **Isabelle Picazo** developed and produced a Grand Canyon/Parashant Artifact Guide for the Lake Mead national Recreation Area in Boulder City. Well done!

- A warm welcome to **Dr. Andrew McCarthy** who joins the Human Behavior Anthropology faculty for the 2019-2020 academic year. Dr. McCarthy is an archaeologist with 25 years of experience in fieldwork in the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Europe and the United States, including Nevada. He received degrees in Classics and History from Loyola University in New Orleans and a PhD in Archaeology from the University of Edinburgh, where he is currently a Fellow of the School of History, Classics and Archaeology. He is active in fieldwork and publication and directs archaeological field schools and projects in Cyprus and numerous projects around the Middle East, including directing the Prastio-Mesorotsos Archaeological Expedition, the Dhiarizos Viewshed Analysis Project, the Makounta-Voules Archaeological Project, the Las Vegas Springs Preserve Excavations, the British Excavations at Tell Jerablus Tahtani, Tell Leilan Excavations and is part of Yale University’s Akkadian Empire Project. His work in Nevada includes acting as the President of the Archaeo-Nevada Society, serving on the Board of the Nevada Archaeology Association and is the Editor of the journal Nevada Archaeologist.

- A ‘welcome back’ to professors **Sally Billings** and **Wil Wilreker** from their sabbaticals!

FACULTY MANUALS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Fox, S. and Hardgrave M. D. Forensic Anthropology Workbook. College of Southern Nevada.
- **Hardgrave, M. D.** Biological Anthropology Lab Instructor Manual. College of Southern Nevada.
PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: HAZEL JACKSON

Part-time instructor Hazel Jackson was majoring in History at Cal State Bakersfield University when she first met Dr. Jane Granskog. The encounter would change the trajectory of her academic study and career. She began taking Anthropology and Women’s Study courses and added both disciplines as a minor. Upon graduation, Hazel went on to earn a double master’s degree in Anthropology and Women’s Studies.

Instructor Jackson taught at Bakersfield for a short time before moving to Las Vegas where she began teaching at CSN. She has been a respected and well-loved instructor at CSN for 17 years. “I love what I do,” she said with enthusiasm. When asked why cultural anthropology matters, Hazel stated, “Students need to know there is a world outside their backdoor. Cultural anthropology encourages us to embrace those that are different. I want my students to realize that they don’t have to be afraid of people that don’t look like you.”

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STUDENT PROFILE: KENNETH OSTRANDER

Kenneth Ostrander a sophomore at CSN. He chose to study anthropology because of his interest in people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Kenneth states, “I have been around diversity most of my life. I have a multicultural family with siblings with Mexican ancestry. I also have a half-sibling who is African American. According to my father, his ancestors are Roma Gypsies from the Ukraine and Ashknazi Jew ancestry as well.” Being raised and enculturated in a diverse environment predisposed Kenneth to think about culture at an early age. He continues, “I majored in Anthropology because I was interested in learning about different cultures and different languages.” This is perhaps why his favorite subfield is cultural anthropology.

When asked about the relevance of studying anthropology, Kenneth was quite clear stating, “In our current society, we live in diverse communities and we need to find ways of relating to people that are not the same.”

In his spare time, Kenneth works with Paiute members and a few other Native associates here in Nevada and supports their effort to protect their natural resources. He does this by attending rallies and by listening to what and how the Paiute talk about their traditions and cultural resources. He states, “Anthropology helps me because I was looking at everyone else for my cultural perspective. I was in a way somewhat ethnocentric. My Paiute friends offer a different perspective that make me more relativistic, and that helps me support them.” Kenneth’s advice to anthropology students is simple, “Study hard and go out in the field to interact with individuals from a different background. Spend some time around them. Being ethnocentric is a habit, cultural relativism is a practice.”

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Dr. Andrew McCarthy  
**September 13th, 10 am to 12:30 pm, WC Campus, K-248**

Dr. McCarthy will discuss his most recent research and fieldwork in Cyprus. “Ancestors of Aphrodite: recent prehistoric discoveries in western Cyprus” Ancient written sources acknowledge the west of Cyprus as the birthplace of the Classical goddess Aphrodite and the location of her first temple. But we know very little about what led to the foundation of this cult and the city (Paphos) that claims her as its patron deity. Recent results (2019) from excavations at the site of Prastio Mesorotsos have revealed important information tracking the changes of a rural village from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age, with the site eventually being abandoned precisely at the moment when the city of Paphos was built, suggesting that the inhabitants of Prastio Mesorotsos were the founders of the city and the originators of the cult of Aphrodite.

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**Forensic Anthropology Summit**  
**November 15th, 10 am to 3:00 pm, WC Campus, B-102**

An opportunity to learn about research, programs, and opportunities from a variety of forensic anthropology and related professionals, students, and community members.
Stay tuned for more information or contact: Dr. Diane Hardgrave

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**Silvio Ernesto Mirabal Torres**  
**October 11th, 11 am—12:30 pm, WC Campus, K-248**

Forensics student Silvio Ernesto Mirabal Torres was awarded the NSF-REU Summer Fellowship at the University of Alabama. He spent 8 weeks analyzing Bronze Age skeletal remains. Silvio will discuss his research and experience this past summer.

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The **Archaeo-Nevada Society (ANS)** meets on the second Thursday of the month from September to May at the Springs Preserve. Meetings being at 6:30 pm. Visit their website at [https://archaeonevada.org](https://archaeonevada.org) for more information and to join.
Nevada Public Radio (KNPR) will air two broadcasts featuring our Cultural Resource Management and Forensic Anthropology Certificates. The 30-minutes program will highlight certificate students Isabelle Picazo and Silvio Ernesto Mirabal Torres, and feature Springs Preserve Archaeologist, Nathan Harper, Dr. Leilani Lucas, Dr. Diane Hardgrave, and Human Behavior Department Chair, Dr. David Wangsgard. Air dates and times will be announced, followed by links to post production recordings.

CoA in Cultural resource management (CR)
CRM manages and preserves cultural resources using archaeological methods that include survey, data collection, excavation, laboratory analysis and curation of artifacts, and public outreach. The program prepares students for entry-level work as archaeological technicians in field, laboratory, and museum settings. For more information contact: Dr. Leilani Lucas leilani.lucas@csn.edu

CoA in Forensic Anthropology
Forensic anthropology applies the science of physical/biological anthropology to the legal process. The program provides a foundation in the biological, social, and applied components of forensic activities in which anthropologists engage, and prepares students for a variety of pathways leading to careers in forensic anthropology. For more information contact: Dr. Diane Hardgrave diane.hardgrave@csn.edu

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