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Happy New Year

We may be zoomed out, fed up with the virtual world and wondering when the pandemic will ever end but let's remember, that Spring is on the horizon and if there is one thing that Covid has not stopped, it is archaeology taking place in our great Ontario outdoors.

Welcome to another great year of engagement with archaeology through the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS. We wish you a happy and healthy new year and we look forward to connecting with our members virtually and one bright day on the horizon, in person, when it is safe to do so.



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Clay pipes late 18th Century Image RB



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Woodland east of Ottawa. Image RB

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Andre Miller

Update from the President

I have been involved with the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeology Society for over a decade, and in that time, I have seen not only how the OAS and the Chapter has changed and developed but I have also gained a clear sense of where it might be heading in the future.

I suppose that is what we do as archaeologists and advocates: we study the past to get insights that will help us navigate into the future.

I would like to highlight that there has been much more collaboration between the OAS chapters this year, and I hope we can build on this for the future.

I also hope that the last 12 months have been as rewarding for you as they have been for me as plans and ideas have taken shape.

Before reviewing some of our accomplishments this year, I would like to thank the executive members of 2021 that have worked so hard with me to achieve the Chapter's objectives:

Stacey Girling-Christie (Vice-President), Bill MacLennan (Treasurer), Carol Pritchard (Secretary) and the Directors-at-Large: Glenna Roberts, Chris Kerns, Elizabeth Imrie, Ben Mortimer, Philippe Trottier and Stephanie Carles who have all continued to guide and support me through this last year of the pandemic as President of the Ottawa Chapter.

I would also like to thank Glenna Roberts (former President and Director-at-Large), Marian Clark (former editor of The Ottawa Archaeologist), Yvon Riendeau (Webmaster) and Jean-Luc Pilon and Chris Kerns for being co-chairs on the Nominating Committee.

I appreciate and whole heartedly thank all those mentioned for their on-going, dedicated, and dependable service. AM

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Chapter accomplishments 2021

The 2021 OAS Symposium was very successful.

We saw well attended workshops, virtual tours, presentations and roundtables, captivating discussion, and a heightened appreciation for the past of the Ottawa-Gatineau area.

Congratulations to all members of the steering committee for your dedication to a common goal. In 2021, there were well over 310 registrants for the symposium virtual world, and I very much hope that future conferences will be built upon what we experienced in October.

Finally, the Ottawa Chapter is intending to publish a proceedings volume.

Other business during 2021

Throughout 2021, the OAS Ottawa Chapter was extremely active with many organizations such as the Canadian Museum of History, the City of Ottawa, Ottawa University, Carleton University and Parks Canada.

The Ottawa Chapter Executive submitted their financial report, MoU and newsletters to the OAS Inc.

In March 2021 the MoU with OAS Inc. was signed as usual in time and sent to OAS Inc.

In the coming years, OAS Ottawa Chapter with its renewed executive will continue to work and collaborate with the OAS Inc., heritage institutions in Ottawa and museums.
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A view of the St Lawrence near Gananoque, Ontario. Image RB

This newsletter was created on the unceded territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation who have inhabited this beautiful land for countless generations. RB

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Upcoming virtual lecture via Zoom
Thursday February 17, 2022 7:30 p.m.

A zooarchaeological and radiometric approach to understand the place of Bluefish Caves in the debate regarding the first people of the Americas

With Guest Speaker: Lauriane Bourgeon, University of Kansas

The timing of modern human entry into the New World is highly debated. Although the oldest and most widely accepted archaeological sites do not exceed 15,000 BP, an earlier arrival during the Last Glacial Maximum (ca. 21,000 BP) has been suggested by some studies. Discovered in 1975, the Bluefish Caves site in northern Yukon Territory (Canada) yielded a small series of lithic artefacts and thousands of vertebrate remains buried in a loess dated to the Late Pleistocene. Poorly documented at the time, the site was largely dismissed by the scientific community. In this talk I present a full zooarchaeological and radiometric approach designed to clearly identify and date the human presence at Bluefish Caves. I show that humans occupied the site as early as 23,500 BP, which is consistent with archaeological evidence from eastern Siberia dated ca. 30,000 BP and with the recent discovery of human footprints in mid-latitude North America ca. 23,000 BP.

Dr. Lauriane Bourgeon obtained her Ph.D. in Anthropology at the Université de Montréal (Montreal, QC) in 2017, and currently is a Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the Kansas Geological Survey (Lawrence, KS). She is a trained zooarchaeologist with expertise in taxonomic identification and taphonomic analyses. Over the past ten years, she has been focusing her research in the Yukon Territory and seeks to understand the timing and routes of dispersal of the early modern humans into the New World.

Click on either image below to register

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.





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Looking forward:

February is Black History month in Canada.
A time to honour, celebrate and reflect.

Here are some useful links:

www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html

www.blackhistoryottawa.org/

www.facebook.com/blackhistoryottawa/

A story from October 2021
**Digging for 'lost heritage':
Why it's important to
Indigenous youth,**
CBC news website. Click on
link below:

Highly recommended for 2022 — the
Mohawk Institute Residential School
tour @

www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca/mohawk-institute-residential-school-virtual-tour-now-available-online/

If you wish to share stories of
Indigenous archaeology in the
Ottawa region with our
members please contact me at
ottawaoas@gmail.com and
mark for attention of Richard,
newsletter editor

www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/indigenous-field-school-youth-1.6193644

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The Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund

A reminder of this recent request from the OAS.

The OAS is once again accepting applications for the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund.

The fund is intended to support student research that relates to and advances knowledge of Ontario's archaeological record. This fund provides a student with a small grant (up to \$1000.00) to assist them in undertaking new research for **Honour's, Master's, or PhD** projects. The application can be found at www.ontarioarchaeology.org/awards#Sonstenes. To be eligible for consideration, completed application packages must be submitted to

memberservices@ontarioarchaeology.org by March 15, 2022.

For any questions about this award or the application process contact
memberservices@ontarioarchaeology.org

Please share with students and encourage them to apply!



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Archaeology profile

In each edition of the newsletter, we will feature a brief profile of an individual in Ontario who participates in archaeology through volunteering, museum work or in the Cultural Resource Management Sector. In this edition, we interview **Mallory Champagne** who is an archaeological field technician based in Ottawa.

Hi Mallory

Q1. What is your role in the archaeology sector?

Since recently moving back to Ontario, I've been working as a field tech, and I'm in the process of applying for my R licence.

Q2. What inspired you to enter archaeology as a profession?

It was a bit of a round about way that I started in archaeology. When I was younger, I saw a live excavation at the Fortress of Louisbourg that always stuck with me. My archaeology elective in first year university is what sealed it. I switched majors, from marine biology, and have been in archaeology ever since.

Q3. What qualifications did you take to allow you to enter the profession and where did you study?

I did my BA with a major in historical archaeology, minor in history at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, and I am in the process of completing my MA in archaeology also through Memorial University under the supervision of Dr. Catherine Losier.

Q4. How did your career develop in terms of sites you worked on and experiences that led to where you are now?

MUN's field school relocated to Saint-Pierre et Miquelon the year after I completed the course. I was fortunate enough to join the fantastic team of researchers there as an assistant to the archaeologist. While I was involved in field work, I primarily occupied myself with running the lab side of things. Based on the material culture from that site, I wrote my honours thesis, and from there built up to my Masters on the cod fishery and trade in the Atlantic. Since then, I've had the wonderful opportunity to spend several seasons in Saint-Pierre and travel to Martinique for my research. Spring of 2021, I moved back to Ontario and began working as a field tech for Matrix Heritage in Ottawa while I finish writing my MA.

Q5. What advice would you give to someone entering the profession now?

Ask questions, learn from your colleagues, and don't be afraid to say yes to new opportunities, you never know where they'll lead. Oh and please, drink lots of water.

Q6. What have been the highlights of your career in terms of memorable archaeological sites and artefacts?

I have a great love of archaeology in general and have been very fortunate in my career so far, so I don't like to pick favourites. But any site on a nice day, with a nice view of the water is pretty high up there in my books. We also found a cannonball. That was pretty cool too.

Thanks so much for sharing your great experience in archaeology with us! - RB



Ontario 2021 source: Mallory Champagne



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The Ontario Archaeological Society, founded in 1950, is a registered charitable institution. The aims of the Society are: 1. To bring together individuals interested in archaeology, particularly in the province of Ontario. 2. To foster, elevate and advance archaeology in the fields of learning and culture. 3. To discourage illegal archaeological investigation and excavation. 4. To facilitate the exchange of ideas and information. 5. To publish archaeological literature. 6. To stimulate the interest of the general public in archaeology.

The Ontario Archaeological Society has chapters in Hamilton, Huronia, London, **Ottawa**, Thunder Bay, Toronto, and Windsor. The chapter members are also required to be members of OAS, Inc.



Ottawa Chapter, OAS

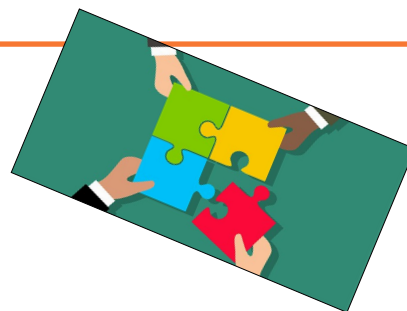
Who we are:

The local chapter of the
Ontario Archaeological Society

Active since 1971

Members include the general public, families, students, and professionals in archaeology and related fields

Primary interest in Ottawa Valley and Eastern Ontario prehistoric and historic archaeology



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**Please encourage others to
become members of the
Ottawa Chapter!**

**We need more members to
grow and strengthen our
membership for the future.
Thank you!**

We will return with a Spring
edition of the Ottawa Archae-
ologist when the snow has
thawed and the world is
turning green again! In the
meantime stay safe, and may
2022 prove to be a great year
for us all.