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Range Creek Archaeologist to Speak at April 11 Luncheon

Dr. Shannon Boomgarden

began working in archaeology over two decades ago. She completed her PhD in Anthropology at the University of Utah in 2015 and has a long affiliation with the Natural History Museum of Utah. She started as an intern in the Anthropology Collections Department and became the Director of the Range Creek Field Station in 2019.

Dr. Boomgarden has been conducting research in Range Creek Canyon since the early 2000s. Range Creek Canyon is a rugged and remote area located in the West Tavaputs Plateau in east-central Utah. In 2009, the Range Creek Field Station was established to preserve the incredible archaeological record of the Fremont farmers and foragers living there 1,000 years ago. Her research focuses on using actualistic experiments to study prehistoric subsistence practices, including food storage techniques



and maize farming in arid environments. The experiments are designed to collect quantitative data on the costs and benefits of these activities to better understand the archaeological record. Conducting research at a field station allows for a long-term multidisciplinary approach integrating archaeological, experimental, and paleoenvironmental investigations.

Dr. Boomgarden is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology. She teaches at the Archaeological Summer Field School in Range Creek and supervises graduate students. She married a fellow archaeologist in 2006, and they have a 12-year-old son, Folsom, who is named after the 9,000-year-old hunting technology first recorded in Folsom, NM. Dr. Boomgarden has two herding dogs and plays five instruments.

TOPIC:

The Range Creek Field Station: Recent findings from the past

NOTE: Luncheon will be held in the Saltair Room at noon

ZOOM INFORMATION:

For full participation on a computer, tablet or smartphone:

Join meeting at <https://utah.zoom.us/j/91402229073> Passcode: 691808. Presentation begins at 12:30.

For further information about attending Zoom meetings see: <https://bit.ly/35lJe1> or google: "Utah Emeriti Club" and click on the Zoom Instructions link.

For audio only on any cell phone or landline phone:

A few minutes before noon, dial this Zoom number: + 669 900 6833. You will then need the Meeting ID: 914 0222 9073

From the President

KEN JAMESON

Note from Ken: Please note that any contributions to the new 'Professors Emeriti Completion Scholarship Fund' made on U of U Giving Day March 28 - 29, will be counted toward Giving Day totals.

I noted last month that two UofU Presidents essentially created the Emeriti organization. Over time that relation grew more distant, and the presence of emeriti at the U seemed to diminish. There are three indicators.

First, the link between new emeriti and the President was reduced to a pro-forma letter, "thanks and goodbye," along with an incorrect list of Emeriti benefits (the famous "free golf"). When we pointed this out to the President's Office, over a year ago, a letter was drafted both to appreciate the Emeritus's past contributions and to welcome his or her further involvement. We are still waiting for the AVP for Faculty office to begin sending out that letter. We have worked with that office so that at least the benefits information is now correct, including removal of free golf on the non-existent University golf course.

Second, one of the earliest "benefits" for emeriti was a continued presence at the U through a listing in the University Directory. At some point, perhaps when the U moved from hard copy to electronic, that benefit disappeared. An emeritus appointment immediately removed the faculty from the University Directory. We have had many requests for contact information for emeriti as a result of their disappearance from the Directory. We worked with the IT staff of Human Resources over the last year to rectify this oversight; as of last month, emeriti are again listed in the University Directory. We realize this may not be of import for some emeriti, e.g. we have 1089 active members (including spouses/domestic partners) but 152 emeriti have asked to opt out, to be inactive. If you are interested, go to the University Directory and search your name. That said, unfortunately there is a possibility that your name won't appear because your Department has not filed the proper form to put you into the PeopleSoft system as emeritus. We hope the Office for Faculty will work on this this summer, and we will give you the steps to start rectifying this in the next *Newsletter*.

Third and finally, the emeriti presence in departmental faculty descriptions varies extensively. Emeritus is a faculty rank, and thus emeriti should be included among the faculty of each department. Their contribution in the past, and in many cases in the present, had an impact on what the current department has become. Most departments do have a separate "Emeriti" section in their faculty listings. However, in some cases, emeriti are not even listed. If they are listed, this varies greatly. For example, in my depart-

ment, Economics, emeriti are listed by name. If they have a web site or a CV available, there is a link to it. In addition, the e-mails of emeriti are listed. (<https://economics.utah.edu/people/Emeriti-Faculty.php>) The "state of the art" example would be the Department of Neurobiology in the Medical School. They treat the Emeriti in a parallel fashion to their non-emeriti: picture, full profile, contacts. (See <https://medicine.utah.edu/neurobiology/people/faculty/emeritus>)

In sum, emeriti are present at the U and that should be represented. We encourage you to check your presence by opening the University Directory and by looking at your department web site.

We have documented one element of that continued presence, the \$8 million in donations by emeriti to the U last year. (See a new donation option elsewhere in the *Newsletter*). Herta Teitelbaum, who will be President of the Emeriti next year, is coordinating a survey of other emeriti contributions to be undertaken next summer. We encourage you to participate in that survey.

Finally, we appreciate the support we have received from the President's Office and from the U's Human Resources Department. We are also encouraged that we are beginning to be able to work with the Office of Faculty on Emeritus Faculty issues.

Link to February Program

Dr. Susan Madsen of the Utah Women and Leadership Project addressed the Emeriti Club luncheon on February 15. She provided a wealth of information and insights into the challenges women face in Utah. Her content seemed to have a broad reach so we wanted to share the Zoom video of the presentation with our members.

You can access it at the following link:

https://mediaspace.utah.edu/media/t/1_6418mh6s

The website for her project, with links to research and resources is:

<https://www.usu.edu/uwlp/>

You can access her *A Bolder Way Forward* video on YouTube at:

<https://www.usu.edu/uwlp/files/bolder-way-forward-framework.pdf>

Television Suggestions

DON STRASSBERG

Again, this month, I offer some new, some continuing, and some vintage movie and TV suggestions. Enjoy. Please let me know of others that you think I should include in future columns.

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Amazon Prime

The Devil's Hour (2022-): "A serial killer thriller, a ghostly horror, a child abduction mystery, a love story, a gangland crime tale and a family drama... all wrapped up in existential Nietzschean philosophy." We're loving it.

The Ambulance (2022): An action-packed robbery film. Not deep, but fun.

A Man Called Ove (2015): Not to be confused with (and better than) the new Will Smith movie based on this story. "The quintessential angry old man next door... has given up on life. After a boisterous young family moves in next door and accidentally flattens Ove's mailbox, an unlikely friendship forms."

Netflix

The Law According to Lidia Poët (2023-): "Lidia Poët investigates murders while fighting to practice law; inspired by the true story of Italy's first female lawyer." We're really enjoying it.

The King's Speech (2010): In case you missed this wonderful film in theatres in 2010, it tells the story of "England's Prince Albert who must ascend the throne as King George VI, but he has a speech impediment. Knowing that the country needs her husband to be able to communicate effectively, Elizabeth hires an Australian actor and speech therapist, to help him overcome his stammer."

A Quiet Place Part II (2021): An unusually good follow-up where a family "must now face the terrors of the outside world as they continue their fight for survival in silence."
Women at War (2023-): "In 1914, German troops advance, men leave for the front lines, and four women grapple with the devastating consequences of war at home in France."

Network TV

Will Trent (2023-): "Based on Karin Slaughter's bestselling books, the series follows Special Agent Will Trent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigations." Although quirky, Will is a phenomenal detective. Also streaming on Hulu.

Other

Also note, there are now new seasons of *Astrid* (PBS Masterpiece), *Ted Lasso* (AppleTV+), and *Vienna Blood* (PBS), all reviewed in this column previously.

Emeriti / Osher Institute

HERTA TEITELBAUM

Osher Spring Term: Spring term begins on March 27 and runs through May 5, 2023. Registration opens at 9:00 AM on March 9. Please click on this link to register for classes: <https://continue.utah.edu/osher/classes>

We are pleased to note that several of our emeriti colleagues are teaching classes spring term.

Tim Chambless (Political Science): "Current Issues in American Public Affairs and Politics." The goal of the course is to examine current political and governmental issues from a local, national, and international perspective.

Bruce Landesman (Philosophy): "The Just Society: The Connections between Justice, Equality, Liberty, and Democracy." In this class, Prof. Landesman will reflect on the meaning of a just society and analyze aspects of a just society in the context of the threats our democracy is currently facing.

Becky Menlove (Natural History Museum of Utah): "Get to Know Your Museum(s)." In this course, the instructor will examine the history of museums and changes in their role over time. Today, museums represent culture, history, artistry, and inventions in tangible ways. They can inspire and educate, support academic research, and create social impacts within their communities.

Don Strassberg (Psychology). Lunch and Learn Lecture on April 19: "What's Normal?" In this lecture, Prof. Strassberg will outline the many ways of defining abnormality and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the different definitions.

Tis the Season...

Many of us in retirement revel in not having to wear a tie. But for those just starting out, wearing a tie to an interview is a good idea. Not surprisingly, many students today don't own a tie. Recognizing that, a group of students located at the University Union provide clothing, as well as food, to students needing them. If you would like to help out, bring a tie to the April luncheon, and we will collect and deliver them to The Pantry at the Union. (Ties wider than a five inches probably won't get any takers, unless the student is applying to the Salt Lake Costume Co.)

Scholarship Survey Results Are In

Emeriti choose "Completion Scholarship" option

Over the past two months, Emeriti Club members have been considering how to craft and fund a scholarship. There were four options. By a wide margin Emeriti chose the Completion Scholarship. This scholarship targets students in their senior year who have less than 12 credits left to complete but who need financial support to help them finish their degrees.

It would be similar to the U-Futures Scholarship. That scholarship has received 139 referrals with 33 scholarships awarded, for a total of \$70,000 in awards. Thirteen students have graduated. Students typically offer a thank you. The Emeriti Club Completion Scholarships will follow that model. Thank you notes would be published in the Newsletter or in a year-end review of the program.

Emeriti asked several questions which the Development Office clarified. There will be a separate account for the Completion Scholarship. That enables Development to report back on funds raised and spent and the number of students supported. That report can be compiled at any interval we choose. Any amounts donated would be welcome, although the larger the better. The U-Futures scholarships are between \$1000 - \$3000. Sometimes, a student needs just a couple hundred dollars to carry them to the finish line.

The Development Office has an existing selection process and we would piggyback on that. Chelsie Armstrong and Jon Bernal would be our point people and would ensure that all gifts would be applied to the Emeriti Club gift fund. They would accept checks or other means of funds transfer. All donations would be tax deductible.

Scholarships could go to an undergrad or grad student, although they typically would be awarded to undergrads. The scholarships would be refundable. For instance, if a student was awarded \$1000 but the tuition they owed was only \$800, the student would receive \$200 back to be used for other expenses.

The Emeriti Club Completion Scholarship is ready to accept donations. There already has been a kick start of \$2000. If you are interested in donating, the Kickstarter link is <https://ustarter.utah.edu/o/university-of-utah-39/i/ustarter/s/professors-emeriti-club-completion-scholarship-pkyoryyqk> (If you're having problems opening the link, copy and paste the URL into your browser and open the page via that route.)

If you'd prefer donating by check:

University Advancement
The University of Utah
P.O. Box 58006
Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0006



Pioneer Memorial Theater

PLAY

What the Constitution Means to Me

The Prom

TICKETS AVAILABLE

March 20, 2023

April 24, 2023

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

April 6, 2023

May 11, 2023

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In Memoriam

Richard John Nelson, February 10, 2023, Internal Medicine

Linda King Newell, January 16, 1941 – February 12, 2023, spouse of Jack Newell, Education/Higher Education Leadership

Charlaine (Char) Sillars, March 31, 1928 – February 12, 2023, spouse of Malcolm Sillars, Communication

C. Jeffry Paoletti, B 1943, - February 17, 2023, Administration

Forrest D. Stoll, November 22, 1921 – February 19, 2023, Music

Hiking Group



The weather has not made scheduling easy or activities successful. Suzanne found camping in the Mojave Desert areas cooler than hoped for, so it is not just Utah weather! Kathy vacationed in Central America, so neither of us have pictures to share! It is time to look forward to spring and this year's camping/motel outing to **Snow Canyon** and the St George area **April 3-7 (Monday-Friday)**. The group campsite at the wonderful state park, and a motel in town, have been selected for those not trusting the weather or insistent on more comfort. Our usual routine is to drive down Monday and gather around the fire and discuss options for the next day which include drives, such as to the Beaver Dam Wilderness, pio-



Happy Hour



Padre Canyon

neer history sites or dinosaur tracks and petroglyphs. Others will hike the trails to lava tubes, waterfalls, and climb petrified sand dunes. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we usually have a potluck supper and share the day's experiences. A few will bring bicycles for the myriad of bike paths in the area, which make it safe and fun. For expertise we have a geologist, birder and native plant aficionados. Those on the hiking list will get a detailed invitation for signing up, but the event is open to those not on the list but who think they would enjoy it. As always, children and grandchildren are welcome. Organizer for the event: suzanne.stensaas@hsc.utah.edu

Tuesday, April 11 Luncheon Menu

ENTREES

Chicken pot pie
or
Stuffed acorn squash
or
Fruit plate with cottage cheese

Garden green salad

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Roasted asparagus and vegetable medley
Rolls and fruit bread slices
Mascarpone mousse with berries
Ice water with lemon
Coffee and tea service

LUNCHEON RESERVATION and DUES PAYMENT FORM

Voluntary Dues for 2022-23: \$12/Single, \$24/Couple

Luncheon payment due April 4. Attendees should be in seats by 12:00.

To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/product.php?product=1>

(Please use the dropdown menu to select your meal choice. If you plan on bringing a spouse/guest, be sure to update the quantity box to "2", and fill out the info for your guest's lunch selection.)

To pay by check:

Name _____ Pot pie _____ Vegetable plate _____ Fruit plate _____

Spouse/Partner _____ Pot pie _____ Vegetable plate _____ Fruit plate _____

Guest(s) _____ Pot pie _____ Vegetable plate _____ Fruit plate _____

Email: _____ Telephone # _____

Number attending @ \$20 each _____ Luncheon \$ _____

Voluntary Dues for 2022/23: \$12 Single, \$24 Couple Dues \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please check here _____ if this is your first luncheon as a new member. (Hey! It's a free lunch!)

Make out the check to *Professors Emeriti Club* and send to:

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