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Cover photo: A high-resolution image of ethically sourced human bone showing enlarged vascular pores and a remodeling event within cortical bone. This image was a finalist in NSERC's 'Science Exposed' annual photo context.

A biographer of our lifespans and biological archive, bone is a dynamic living tissue that constantly changes over individuals' lives while recording life history information along the way. During the remodelling process, teams of bone cells can adapt based on adjustments to our diets, activity regimens and the substances we ingest (e.g., drugs). This high-resolution 3D render of bone was generated using Synchrotron Micro-Computed Tomography at Canada's only synchrotron facility: the Canadian Light Source. This render visualizes the thickness of bone's vascular canals (pictured in blue/purple) and provides a snapshot of the bone remodelling process (gold orb), during which bone cells demonstrate their remarkable ability to adapt to ever-changing physiological demands, leaving behind a preservable and readable record even centuries after death.

Thank you to Dr. Janna Andronowski for the cover image and description.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANDREA L. WATERS-RIST

(Le français suit...)

DEAR CABA-ACAB MEMBERS,

(le français suit...)

Dear CABA-ACAB members,

I hope everyone is making the best of the winter weather and that, wherever you are, Spring makes an appearance soon.

Since the last newsletter, we've had our 50th (in-person) annual meeting, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the historic Fort Gary Hotel, and hosted by Drs. Rob Hoppa, Julia Gamble, Stacie Burke, Linda Larcombe, and a fantastic team of student volunteers. Thank you to everyone involved! It was a truly excellent event. Turnout was high with nearly 170 participants, over 85 percent of whom attended in person. Innovative and important research was presented via 95 program contributions, over half of which were by students. A highlight of the event was a wonderful banquet dinner that included remarks from honoured guests and founding CABA-ACAB members, Drs. Chris Meiklejohn and Emőke Szathmáry, and a cake that featured our new logos. There was also trivia, my favourite! We are honoured to publish Dr. Szathmáry's astute and wise remarks in this newsletter.



Next, I would like to thank and acknowledge the winner of our logo competition, Elijah Pigeon of Trent University, for creating two versions of an excellent logo that I expect will serve CABA-ACAB for many years to come. These logos are shown on/in the CABA-ACAB annual meeting section of the newsletter. The difference between versions is that the skull depicted in version 1 is replaced with a trowel in version 2. This was done at Elijah's request and is unanimously supported by the CABA-ACAB executive as it offers an option for members who would prefer a logo without any depiction of human remains, even in the stylized form used herein. Members are free to use whichever version of the logo they prefer in a given context. High-quality versions of the logos will be available in a members-only area on our new website (under construction). Please note that the logo meets (actually exceeds) contrast guidelines for visual accessibility. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who submitted a logo for consideration. Your time and talent are very much appreciated!

We haven't had much turnover in our executive membership since 2023. However, there is one change to announce. I'm pleased to welcome Sam Stead to the CABA-ACAB executive, to serve as a Co-Officer of the EDI committee with

Dr. Iulia Babescu. Thanks to our previous Co-Officer, Jo Motley, for their excellent work. The term of our Communications Officer, Sarah Lockyer, will be ending this summer and I'd like to thank her for being a great colleague and her many contributions. Also of note, the Residential School Graves committee has a new Co-Director, Elisabeth Cuerrier-Richer. Elisabeth served on the committee for several years and we're grateful that she is stepping into this important role. Thank you to the previous Co-Director, Bess Doyle, for their outstanding leadership and dedication.

The Shelley R. Saunders Thesis Research Grant competition for PhD students will open shortly, with applications due March 31st, 2024. Soon thereafter, the Field School and Training Course Bursary competition, for undergraduate and graduate students, will open with those applications due April 14th, 2024. Emails with more information will be distributed shortly, and everything will be posted on our website. In the meantime, questions can be sent to me at awaters8@uwo.ca or president@caba-acab.net.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce that we have set the dates – Wednesday October 30th to Saturday November 2nd - for our upcoming 51st annual meeting, which is being held at the Delta Armories in London, Ontario, by the team at Western University. I hope to see many of you there!

Kind regards,

Andrea Waters-Rist

CHER MEMBRES DU ACAB-CABA,

Chers membres de ACAB-CABA,

J'espère que vous profitez au mieux de l'hiver et que, où que vous soyez, le printemps fera bientôt son apparition.

Depuis la dernière lettre d'information, nous avons tenu notre 50^e réunion annuelle (en personne) à Winnipeg, au Manitoba, à l'hôtel historique Fort Gary, organisé par les Drs Rob Hoppa, Julia Gamble, Stacie Burke, Linda Larcombe et une fantastique équipe d'étudiant.e.s bénévoles. Merci à toutes les personnes impliquées ! Cet événement a été vraiment excellent. Le taux de participation a été élevé, avec près de 170 participants, dont plus de 85 % en personne. Des recherches innovantes et importantes ont été présentées à travers 95 programmes, dont plus de la moitié par des étudiant.e.s. L'un des temps forts de l'événement a été le merveilleux banquet d'inauguration, au cours duquel les invité.e.s d'honneur et les membres fondateurs de ACAB-CABA, soit les docteurs Chris Meiklejohn et Emőke Szathmáry, ont prononcé quelques mots, et où un



gâteau arborant nos nouveaux logos a été servi. Il y a également eu un jeu-questionnaire qui est, je l'admets, mon préféré. Nous sommes honorés de publier les remarques perspicaces et sages du Dr. Szathmáry dans ce bulletin.

Ensuite, je voudrais remercier le gagnant de notre concours de logo, Elijah Pigeon de l'Université de Trent, pour avoir créé deux versions d'un excellent logo qui, je l'espère, servira à ACAB-CABA pendant de nombreuses années. Ces logos figurent dans la section de la réunion annuelle CABA-ACAB de l'infolettre. La différence entre les versions est que le crâne représenté dans la version 1 est remplacé par une truie dans la version 2. Cette modification a été effectuée à la demande d'Elijah et est unanimement soutenue par l'exécutif de l'ACAB-CABA, car elle offre une option aux membres qui préfèrent un logo sans représentation de restes humains, même sous la forme stylisée utilisée dans le présent document. Les membres sont libres d'utiliser la version du logo qu'ils préfèrent dans un contexte donné. Des versions de haute qualité des logos seront disponibles dans une zone réservée aux membres sur notre nouveau site web (en cours de construction). Veuillez noter que le logo respecte (voire dépasse) les lignes directrices en matière de contraste pour l'accessibilité visuelle. Je tiens à remercier sincèrement toutes les personnes qui ont soumis un logo pour examen. Votre temps et votre talent sont très appréciés !

Depuis 2023, nous n'avons pas eu beaucoup de changements au niveau des membres de l'exécutif. Cependant, il y a un changement à annoncer. J'ai le plaisir d'accueillir Sam Stead au sein de l'exécutif de l'ACAB-CABA, en tant que co-responsable du comité EDI avec la Dre Iulia Babescu. Je remercie Jo Motley, notre précédente co-responsable, pour son excellent travail. Le mandat de notre responsable de la communication, Sarah Lockyer, s'achèvera cet été (élection à venir) et je tiens à la remercier pour son excellente collaboration et ses nombreuses contributions. Il convient également de noter que le comité sur les sépultures des pensionnats a une nouvelle codirectrice, Elisabeth Cuerrier-Richer. Elisabeth a siégé au comité pendant plusieurs années et nous lui sommes reconnaissants d'assumer ce rôle important. Nous remercions la précédente codirectrice, Bess Doyle, pour son leadership et son dévouement exceptionnels.

Le concours de bourse de recherche de thèse Shelley R. Saunders pour les étudiant.e.s en doctorat sera bientôt ouvert, les candidatures devant être déposées au plus tard le 31 mars 2024. Peu après, le concours de bourses pour les écoles de terrain et les cours de formation sera ouvert pour les étudiant.e.s de premier et de deuxième cycle, les demandes devant être déposées au plus tard le 14 avril 2024. Des courriels contenant plus d'informations seront envoyés sous peu, et toutes les informations seront affichées sur notre site web. Dans l'intervalle, les questions peuvent m'être adressées directement à awaters8@uwo.ca ou president@caba-acab.net.

Enfin, j'ai le plaisir d'annoncer que nous avons fixé les dates - du mercredi 30 octobre au samedi 2 novembre - de notre 51^e réunion annuelle, qui sera organisée aux Delta Armouries de London, en Ontario, par l'équipe de l'Université Western. J'espère vous y voir nombreux !

Bien à vous,

Andrea Waters-Rist

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S MESSAGE

KATIE BRENT, WESTERN UNIVERSITY

DEAR / CHERS
CABA - ACAB
MEMBERS

Hello all,

Happy Springtime! (Or almost, at least!) I hope that everyone is doing well, and making sure to take time for yourselves amidst what I am sure has been a busy term for everybody.

We had so much success amongst students with our CABA-ACAB Annual Meeting in October. I will never cease to be impressed with the quality and scope of incredible research being done amongst our student members! I especially want to give a hearty congratulations to Meghan Langlois and Madelyn Hertz for winning best student poster and best student podium prizes respectively, and to Rachel Simpson and Robyn Nakano for being runners-up. You're all superstars! To everyone else who presented as well, whether it was your first time or hundredth time presenting at a conference, you should be extremely proud of yourself—it takes a lot of courage to put yourself out there like that (even though I know our CABA-ACAB community is incredibly supportive!)

We have a few things of note for students on the horizon—first, for PhD students, don't forget to enter your application for the Shelley R. Saunders Thesis Research Grant, due March 31st! Find out more about it on the CABA-ACAB website. Second, keep an eye out for applications to be part of the new Ad-Hoc Student Committee. More information is coming soon!

Well, that's all for now. Stay wonderful, and to all those graduating soon—congratulations! All your hard work has paid off! To the rest of us—keep at it! Learn new things, and make sure to have fun while you're at it.

Your Student Rep,

Katie Brent



CABA-ACAB 2023

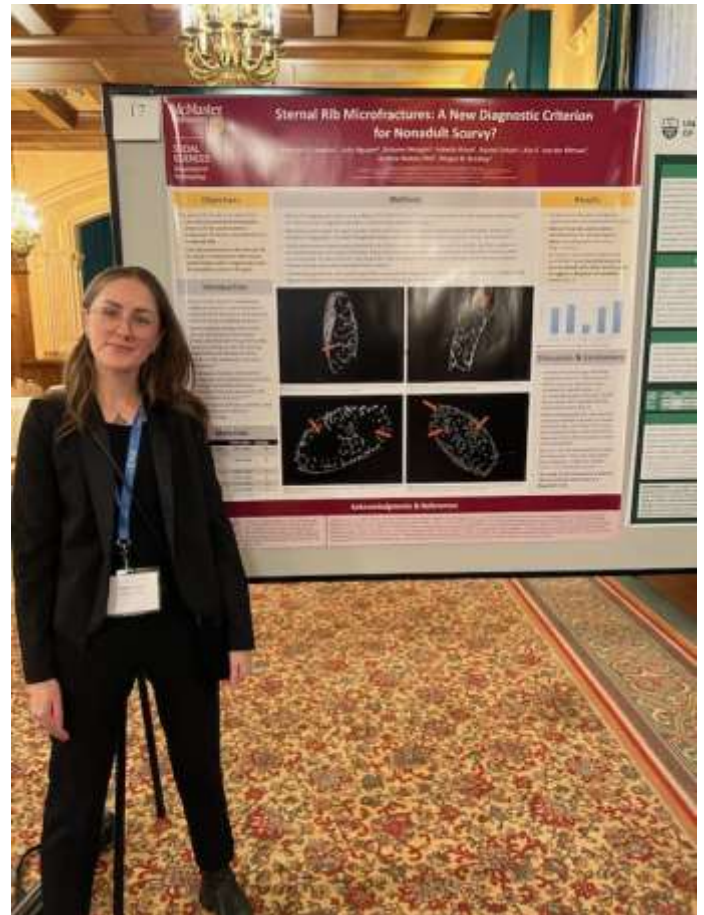
ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2023 CABA-ACAB Annual Meeting, either in person in beautiful Winnipeg, Manitoba, or virtually via Zoom! There were so many wonderful and informative posters and podium presentations. We appreciate all of those who worked so hard to put this conference together.

It is always a pleasure to announce the winners of the annual meeting student presentation prizes:

The Davidson Black Award for the best poster presentation went to **Meghan Langlois** for “Sternal Rib Microfractures: A New Diagnostic Criterion for Nonadult Scurvy?” The judges also gave an Honourable Mention to **Rachel Simpson** for “Lead Exposure in Ancient Corinth and Stymphalos (3rd to 7th c. A.D.): Preliminary Synchrotron X-ray Fluorescence Images and Bone Concentration Results”.

The Ochinsky-McKern Award for the best podium presentation went to **Madelyn Hertz** for “Variation in habitual activity and body composition: A volumetric comparison of swimmers and runners”. The judges also gave an Honourable Mention to **Robyn Nakano** for “A Landscape Archaeological Approach to Accumulative Stone Throwing (AST) in West African Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes verus*).”



Megan Langlois standing beside her award-winning poster (à côté de son affiche primée).

Thank you to everyone that made this past year's annual meeting one for the books!

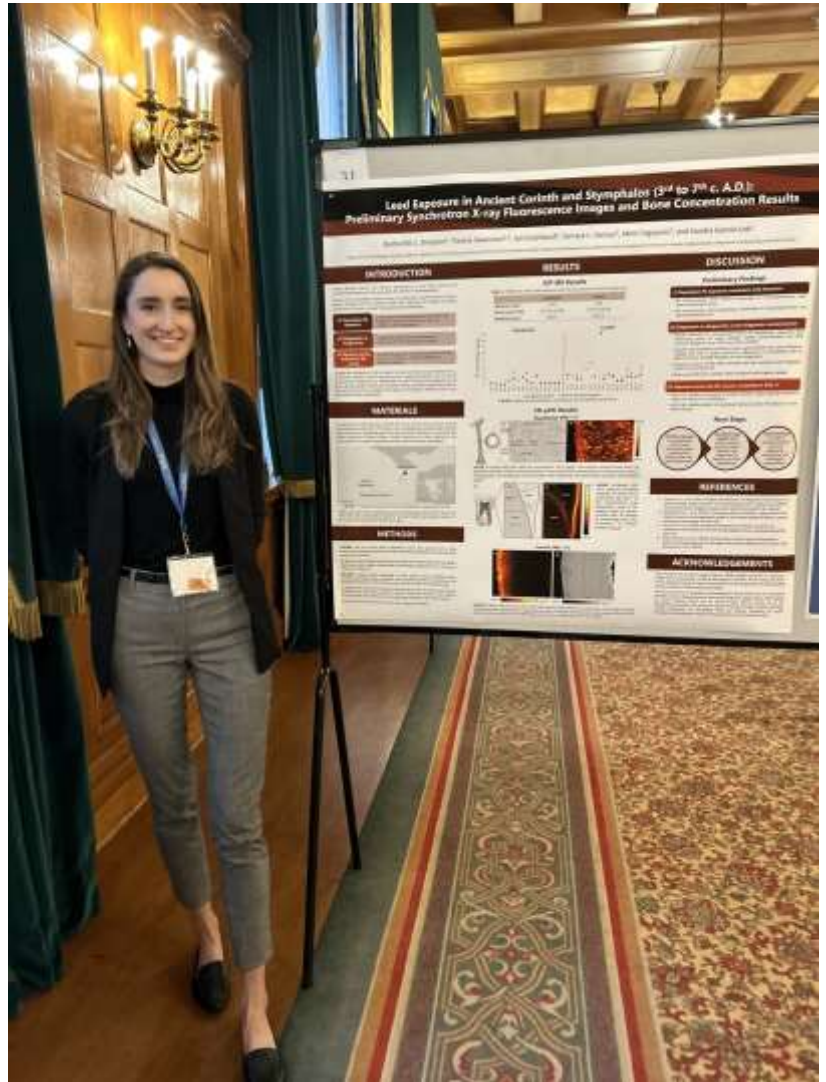
Merci à tous ceux qui se sont joints à nous pour l'assemblée annuelle 2023 de CABA-ACAB, que ce soit en personne dans la belle ville de Saskatoon, en Saskatchewan, ou virtuellement! Il y a eu tellement d'affiches et de présentations de podium merveilleuses et informatives. Nous apprécions tous ceux qui ont travaillé si dur pour organiser cette conférence.

C'est toujours un plaisir d'annoncer les lauréat.e.s des prix décernés aux présentations des étudiant.e.s lors de la réunion annuelle :

Le prix Davidson Black pour la meilleure présentation d'affiche a été décerné à Meghan Langlois pour "Sternal Rib Microfractures : A New Diagnostic Criterion for Nonadult Scurvy ?" (Microfractures des côtes sternales : un nouveau critère de diagnostic pour le scorbut chez les non-adultes). Les juges ont également décerné une mention honorable à Rachel Simpson pour "Lead Exposure in Ancient Corinth and Stymphalos (3rd to 7th c. A.D.) : Preliminary Synchrotron X-ray Fluorescence Images and Bone Concentration Results" (L'exposition au plomb dans l'ancienne Corinthe et à Stymphale (du 3^e au 7^e siècle après J.-C.) : Images préliminaires par fluorescence des rayons X de synchrotron et résultats de la concentration osseuse).

Le prix Ochinsky-McKern de la meilleure présentation sur le podium a été décerné à Madelyn Hertz pour "Variation in habitual activity and body composition : A volumetric comparison of swimmers and runners" (Variation de l'activité habituelle et de la composition corporelle : comparaison volumétrique entre nageurs et coureurs à pied). Les juges ont également décerné une mention honorable à Robyn Nakano pour "A Landscape Archaeological Approach to Accumulative Stone Throwing (AST) in West African Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes verus*)" (Approche archéologique du paysage au lancer de pierres accumulés chez les chimpanzés d'Afrique de l'Ouest).

Merci à tous ceux qui ont fait de la réunion annuelle de l'année dernière un événement inoubliable !



Rachel Simpson standing beside her wonderful poster (à côté de sa superbe affiche).



University of Toronto Mississauga students Mark Heffernan (left) and Alina Nazarova-Shamkina (right) pose with Dr. Laura Bolt (middle) and their book prizes from the banquet at the CABA Winnipeg conference. Mark and Alina both gave poster presentations at CABA based on independent projects they completed with Dr. Bolt's mentorship after attending the Maderas Rainforest Conservancy primate field school in summer 2023.



CABA-ACAB President Andrea Waters-Rist giving a big thumbs-up to commemorate a conference well done!



Madelyn Hertz (Western University) delivering her award-winning presentation.



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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR RECENT PUBLICATIONS!

Vaswani, V., L. Caenazzo, and D. Congram (2024) Corpse identification in mass disasters and other violence: the ethical challenges of a humanitarian approach. *Forensic Sciences Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/fsr/owad048>

McMaster University

Lee MJ, Siek TJ & Hirst CS. 2024. Chronic Maxillary Sinusitis in Palaeopathology: A Review of Methods. *International Journal of Paleopathology* 44: 51-63. DOI: 10.1016/j.ijpp.2023.11.005

University of New Brunswick

N. Hughes, A.B Scott, D. Pitcher (2024) Surgery under siege: A case study of leg amputation in 18th century Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, Canada. *International Journal of Paleopathology*. Volume 44, Pages 112-118. [DOI:10.1016/j.ijpp.2024.01.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijpp.2024.01.002).

University of Saskatchewan

Van Ankum, E.M., Majcher, K.B., Dolovich, A.T., Johnston, J.D., K.P. Flegel, Boughner, J.C. (2023). Food texture and vitamin D influence mouse mandible form and molar roots. *The Anatomical Record*: online version of record before inclusion in an issue; 22 pages. DOI:10.1002/ar.25315.

University of Winnipeg

Gron, K.J., H.K. Robson, N.A. Stewart, T.R. McLaughlin, C. Meiklejohn, P. Rowley-Conway, O. Lass Jensen & J. Montgomery, 2023. Sex determination and stable isotope analysis of the Nivåfjord Mesolithic burials, Zealand, Denmark. *Danish Journal of Archaeology*, 12, 1-16.

Merrett, D.C., Meiklejohn, C., Reich, D. & Pinhasi, R. (2023) Ganj Dareh burial practice and social memory. in H. Darabi, T. Richter, B. Helwing, A. Moghaddam & P. Mortensen, eds., *The Epipalaeolithic in the Eastern Fertile Crescent: Revisiting the Hilly Flanks*, 1-25, London: Routledge.

Send Details of your Publications to be featured!
Email newsletter-editor@caba-acab.net or mhertz3@uwo.ca for details!

Are you looking for a primate field school?

Maderas Rainforest Conservancy is currently accepting applications for summer 2024 and winter 2024-2025 field courses at La Suerte, Costa Rica.

All primate field courses are taught by Dr. Laura Bolt

(University of Toronto Mississauga). University of Toronto Mississauga students can gain course credit for completing this field school, and many other Canadian universities will also offer credit.



This intensive fieldcourse provides experience in studying wild monkeys in atropical rainforest environment and is excellent preparation forgraduate studies in primatology, animal behaviour, and ecology. La Suerte Biological Research Station is aprotected rainforest sanctuary operated by the Maderas Rainforest Conservancy, aconservation non-profit organization. The site contains mantled howler monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*), white-faced capuchin monkeys (*Cebus imitator*), and Central American spider monkeys (*Ateles geoffroyi*). Primatestudies have been ongoing at this site for25 years.

Formore information and to apply, visit www.maderasrfc.org

If you have any questions, email Dr. Laura Bolt at laura.bolt@mail.utoronto.ca.

Dates and prices:

Summer session 2024, June 24 - July 17 2024, \$2400 USD not including flight

Winter session 2024-2025, Dec 27 2024 - Jan 9 2025, \$2150 USD not including flight



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JOIN THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL GRAVES

Are you interested in...

Offering insights from your sub-discipline?
Staying informed on search efforts in Canada?
Contributing your knowledge and skills to help?

We want to hear from you!

The Standing Committee on Residential School Graves is currently looking for new members to join its ranks! CABA/ACAB members who hold historically excluded identities, or who speak languages other than English, are especially welcome to participate.

In addition to monthly meetings, you can get involved in different working groups to help prepare various documents, such as:

- A “Red Flag/Green Flag” resource, aimed at providing Communities helpful questions to ask expert companies or individuals who may be employed to aid in anthropological work
- A “Is it Bone?” capacity building resource, aimed at helping Communities do a preliminary assessment of various items they may find on sites
- A “Laws & Agencies” resource, aimed at offering Communities the most updated information on the laws and agencies government entities have put in place in recent years

If you are interested in getting involved and would like to join the committee, please send us an expression of interest at irs-unmarkedgraves@caba-acab.net.

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Residential School Graves was established at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting to give direction and transparency to CABA/ACAB's response to the matter of cemeteries and unmarked graves at Residential School sites. The committee serves as an organising body for CABA/ACAB initiatives on residential school graves.

Upcoming CABA-ACAB Meeting: London, Ontario

Dear CABA-ACAB Members,

The 51st CABA-ACAB Annual Meeting will be held this year in
London, Ontario!

Western University is delighted to host scholars from across
Canada and beyond to participate in enriching presentations
and thought-provoking conversations (along with lots of fun,
of course!)

The local arrangements team of Andrea Waters-Rist, Andrew
Nelson, Jay Stock, Ian Colquhoun and our awesome student
volunteers, are working hard to create an excellent annual
meeting.

I hope to see many of you in October,
Andrea



Dates: Oct 30th - Nov 2nd
Hotel : Delta Armories (325 Dundas
Street London, Ontario, N6B 1T9)
*Rooms can be booked with our
group rate until Sept. 27th
Click below for your group rate!
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LESSONS TO LEARN AT CABA

The following is the CABA 50th anniversary post-banquet address, delivered by Emőke J.E. Szathmáry, President and Professor Emeritus, University of Manitoba.

Canadian Association of Biological Anthropology: 50th anniversary Post-Banquet Address, 27 October 2023, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Emőke J.E. Szathmáry, CM, OM, PhD, FRSC

President Emeritus, University of Manitoba

Professor Emeritus & Senior Scholar, Department of Anthropology, University of Manitoba

Good evening, everyone.

I want to thank the organizing committee, Drs. Julia Gamble, Linda Larcombe, and Rob Hoppa, for inviting me, and Chris Meiklejohn to be their guests at tonight's banquet. It is an honour to be invited, especially when one has white hair or no hair, and one's interactions with the Canadian Association for Biological Anthropology have been limited in recent years. Rob noted that this year marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of this organization, and I know that Chris spoke about the founding of our association on its 40th anniversary. The video of his talk is on the CABA website, and the commentary of some of the attendees of his lecture – including mine – are audible too. I am grateful for the recording because it gives me latitude to make some comparisons with “then” and “now,” which may underscore the functions CABA serves for you and for our discipline's future in Canada.

I was not part of the small group of guys who got together to discuss forming a Canadian association for physical anthropologists back in 1972. There were several Canadian women at that Kansas meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, but the word-of-mouth invitation did not reach most of us likely because the mix of research interests among us guaranteed that we would be attending different presentations. I was, however, present at Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology's (CAPA) inaugural meeting in Banff, in 1973, and until 1990, I went to every meeting of CAPA unless the meeting conflicted with Autumn Convocation in my university's calendar, and which as a senior academic officer, I had to attend. It was at the Banff meeting that I met Linda Fedigan, the primatologist whose work since then, with her students and colleagues, put Canada on the map regarding understanding non-human primate sociality, not only among the catarrhine primates, but also the platyrrhines of the

New World. Linda and I began a correspondence in 1973 that lasts to this day, and its origin was a simple question she directed to me: is female choice of a mate Hobson's choice – that is, no choice, and how would evolutionary theory explain this latter aspect of sexual selection. I doubt that anyone has answered that question to this day. It was the germ leading to Linda's exploration of the roles of females in social groups, and in social hierarchies, which showed how females contributed to species' survival. Contrary to the dominant "Man the Hunter" narrative of 1973, her longitudinal studies, and those of others have shown that female primates are not just baby-producing machines chosen by and dependent on macho males.

Lesson #1

For the those of you embarking on your career path: Listen to papers given by people outside your research area. Interesting questions, interesting discussions can arise, your cache of knowledge will increase, and you will form lifelong friendships by looking at the world through a different research lens than your own.

The second meeting of CAPA was held at Trent University, in Peterborough, and I gave a paper at that meeting too. I was a sabbatical leave replacement at Trent that year, and though I had travelled weekly to Trent from Toronto to teach a couple of courses the year before, there was no permanent job for an anthropologist with research interests like mine. I was, therefore, surprised a few months after the meeting in Peterborough to be invited to McMaster University to interview for a position vacated by Geoff Gaherty, who specialized in skeletal biology. I had studied human anatomy by dissection, as well as comparative anatomy, and human skeletal biology during my undergraduate years, followed by non-human primate anatomy as a graduate student. This background fit McMaster's requirements for a morphologist, regardless of my research focus on genetics. I passed the interview and was appointed to a tenure-track position. How had I come to the department Chair's attention? He had attended the Trent meeting to learn what Canadian physical anthropologists were doing and had heard my paper.

Lesson #2 - for brand new PhDs:


Give papers at CABA. You never know who is in the audience, and who may remember you when vacancies arise, not just for the substance of your paper, but also its mode of delivery, your ability to manage questions at the podium, and at the business meeting. Do these suggest that you would be a good instructor of undergraduate students, that you could handle different opinions and be a good departmental colleague?

In 1975 I was elected the second president of CAPA, taking over from the late Frank Auger of the Université de Montréal, a fine population geneticist who sought evidence for microevolutionary changes in the genetics of Cree peoples of northern Québec. He was the first Canadian physical anthropologist with whom I shared research interests, and we collaborated on a book chapter in a book on Northern Algonkian-speaking peoples.

Lesson # 3 - for busy instructors:

Attend CABA meetings, participate in the annual Business Meeting, get to know members at the annual banquet. You will find like-minded researchers, with whom you may want to do joint research, if not in the field, then subsequently, when syntheses of area studies are necessary.

During my first year as CAPA president changes occurred in my own life that made me think over the role a national professional association has in bringing to international attention the advances made by scholars from a given country. Two factors influenced my thoughts on this matter: I had been invited to give a paper at a conference held at Burg Wartenstein in Austria, then the conference centre of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, and I was aware of the list of books that had been published under the auspices of an association of physical anthropologists in the United Kingdom. The British group was small, like CAPA, but they had influence worldwide. I wondered whether CAPA might not do the same thing, thereby providing an authoritative thematic outlet for Canadian researchers whose work was advancing disciplinary knowledge. At the same time, the books produced could provide funds for the Association. Thanks to the



efficiency of the Wenner-Gren operation, I knew how conferences were organized, funds obtained, conference location found, and invitations sent. This awareness was the backdrop to the 5th meeting of CAPA that included a day focused on a conference theme, with invited specialists giving papers relevant to that theme. The “Symposium on *Homo erectus* in Honour of Davidson Black” was held during the 5th meeting at Cedar Glen, Ontario. Local arrangements were made by the University of Toronto’s Jerry Melbye, and the Symposium’s organizers were Jerry Cybulski (National Museum of Man, Ottawa), Becky Sigmon (U of T), and me (McMaster U). Last night I even found a letter confirming that the Ontario Heritage Foundation had provided \$5,500 for conference expenses, among other, smaller contributions. The invitation list ranged from Clark Howell at the University of California, Berkeley and Bill Howells at Harvard, through Teuku Jacob from Jogjakarta, Indonesia, Henri de Lumley, Marseille, France, Harry Shapiro of the American Museum of Natural History, Allan Walker from Harvard and Mike Wolpoff from the University of Michigan. These men were very prominent in our discipline, and the resultant book, edited by Sigmon and Cybulski was published by the University of Toronto Press. The second book, *Out of Asia, Peopling of the Americas and the Pacific*, was co-edited by me and by Robert Kirk, an Australian geneticist I had met at the Wenner Gren conference in Austria. It contained papers from a symposium I had organized when the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences met in Vancouver. Many Canadian and American university libraries ordered copies of the book, and thanks to Dr. Kirk’s efforts, the publisher agreed that all royalties would come to CAPA. My friend and colleague, the late Shelley Saunders, was integral to helping me package and mail the books, and from the sales revenue I was able to repay the \$4,000 loan McMaster University’s provost had given me to pay costs associated with the Vancouver symposium (airfare for the participants). The remainder was money for CAPA and was over \$5,000. I believe that the five past CAPA presidents who are here tonight know the financial costs and the reputational headaches that go with organizing conferences, and after all expenses are paid, hope for surpluses to support future prizes and student travel scholarships.

Lesson #4 - for those launched on their career paths, and who aspire to CABA leadership:

Think ahead, use your knowledge and experience to make CABA stronger than you found it, and provide conference opportunities for your colleagues and your students to get to know other leading scientists in other parts of the world.

That brings me to today. I counted authors of papers from 22 Canadian universities, and 31 authors from other countries, 10 of them from the United States. A good half dozen co-authors work at Museums, Nature Conservancies, forensic units of provincial and federal policing units, and hospitals, and there are several papers that have co-authors from Biology departments also. Clearly, the diverse affiliations of contributors reduces the risk that ideas and findings presented resemble reverberations in echo chambers. Over the years, CAPA's name has changed to CABA, but the old format for the conference has been retained. CABA has not allowed simultaneous presentations, so that attendees can listen to everyone's papers as they choose. The symposia, the abstracts of the papers show a thriving professional organization with an active and engaged membership. They are innovative, some challenge established narratives, and some have an ethical dimension that fits within a mature organization that is aware of past flaws in our discipline and seeks to rectify them.

CABA has thrived under the watchful eyes of its leaders, among them many skeletal biologists, some of whom I know from my graduate student years (e.g., Susan Pfeiffer, Shelley Saunders, Annie Katzenberg). Others focused on medical anthropology, paleontology, and population genetics. I am proud to say that either half or slightly over half of CABA's presidents have been women, who like our male colleagues, have backbones and brains to use them. Our members' ancestries come from all over the world, and we seek to make a better world through advancing our knowledge about humanity's origins, diversification, and biocultural adaptation around the globe.

Good for each and every one of you who has made CABA what it is today! Congratulations are due you, and to CABA, on its 50th birthday. May the Canadian Association for Biological Anthropology be even stronger on its 100th birthday!

CABA-ACAB 2023 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

CABA-ACAB 50th Annual Meeting - Winnipeg

Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 27th, 2023, 5:00-6:15 pm CST, in person & via Zoom

Recording Secretary, Rebecca Gilmour

Andrea Waters-Rist, CABA-ACAB President, calls the Business Meeting to order (5:05pm)

1. Approval of the agenda

Motion: L. Harrington (UAlberta)

Seconded: T. Siek (McMaster)

PASSED

2. Approval of the 2022 minutes

Motion: J. Williams (Trent)

Seconded: T. Siek (McMaster)

PASSED

3. Report from the President – Andrea Waters-Rist

1. CABA-ACAB logo: There were 12 logo submissions and each received some votes from the membership. A ranked voting system was used to best represent the preference of the membership. Elijah Pigeon (Trent) was recognised for their winning logo. E. Pigeon suggested the possibility of a complimentary logo option that did not include imagery of human remains; they have produced a second logo option with a trowel (instead of the skull) for the membership to use depending on the circumstances of their work. Both are pictured below:



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2. Website updates: We are fully committed to a new website with better functionality, a new design, and that is ultimately less expensive. It is still early in the process, but the ultimate goal is to have a public facing part of the website that is easily usable and updateable by CABA officers. The second part of the website, the 'back end' (membership information and payment), will remain safe/secure and continue to be overseen by someone with a high level of expertise. We aim for a smooth transition during this update (e.g., URL will remain the same).

3. Student Annual Meeting Travel Assistance: Student support has always been very important to CABA-ACAB (e.g., bursaries, grants, low membership dues, etc.). We hope to maintain this support while introducing some fiscally responsible changes. In the past, any student member who delivered a podium/poster as first author received an automatic reimbursement of \$100. Over the years, the number of requests and total amount we disburse has increased. This year, CABA-ACAB officers discussed a way forward to address increasing costs while ensuring that the students with the greatest need are receiving travel support. As such, four questions were added to the conference registration form: is the student a first author-presenter; do they wish to be considered for the travel funding; are they traveling from out of town (ca. 100km away); have they received additional funding for their attendance). We hope the membership will maintain enthusiasm about student funding and please consider contacting R. Gilmour (Secretary/Treasurer) to donate and support these bursaries and grants.

4. EDI co-officer: Welcome to Sam Stead (UToronto), the new co-officer of the EDI committee. Thanks extended to Jo Motley for their previous service in this role.

4. **Report from the Vice-President – Linda Lacombe**

L. Lacombe was unable to attend or send a report. Please feel free to follow up with L. Lacombe (or A. Waters-Rist/R. Gilmour) if you have questions.

5. **Report from the Secretary-Treasurer – Rebecca Gilmour**

The 2022 (full year) and 2023 (year to date, October 17, 2023) financial reports were presented. As in previous years, we continue to operate in a deficit and are encouraged to be cautious with our expenses as an association.

Attention is drawn specifically to our spending related to awards, grants, and bursaries. Last year, we spent \$7,700.00 on these items, following donations totalling \$1450.00. CABA-ACAB has a strong history of supporting students in this manner. In order to continue this, we should be cautious about awarding more than we bring in for donations and membership dues; as a partial solution, changes to the student travel assistance bursaries have been implemented.

Thanks are extended to the members who have already generously donated to support these endeavours.

1. Approval of the 2022-2023 Financial & Membership Report

Motion: A. Nelson (Western)

Seconded: J. Gamble (UManitoba)

PASSED

6. Report from the Student Representative – Katherine Brent

K. Brent reminds the student membership that they can contact the Student Representative if they have any questions or concerns to bring to the executive.

7. Report from the Special Membership Representative – Hope Atkinson

Special membership includes individuals in non-permanent positions. Choosing this membership category is a self-attestation and based on whatever is best for your circumstances. Eligibility for special membership will be made more clear on the new website.

8. Report from the EDI Co-Officers – Iulia Badescu, Sam Stead

The EDI committee has been meeting over Zoom. Thanks go to the Winnipeg Organizing committee for considering and implementing suggestions from the EDI committee prior to the meeting. Childcare was suggested for the meeting, but few people required this service, so it was not implemented at this meeting. The EDI committee intends to maintain a tab/page on the new website.

If you'd like to be a member of the EDI committee, please contact I. Badescu (UdeM) or S. Stead (UToronto).

9. Report from the Newsletter Editor – Maddie Hertz

Thanks extended to everyone who has submitted content. M. Hertz has enjoyed compiling the past few newsletters. Suggestions for inclusions are welcome - please contact M. Hertz with your ideas or feedback.

10. Report from the Communications Officer – Sarah Lockyer

S. Lockyer announces that her term is coming to an end in June of next year. Please keep an eye out and consider submitting your name as a candidate for this position.

11. Report(s) from Committee(s)

1. Residential School Graves committee – L.E. Doyle/K. Brent (co-chairs)

The committee has been active over the last year and hosted a webinar/forum in June 2023 and generated a written submission to the Office of the Special Interlocutor.

Emphasized that the committee is not currently involved with any specific investigations or recruitment. They continue to monitor ongoing developments and hold monthly meetings with members of the Alliance to Support Investigations of Residential Schools Missing Children and Unmarked Graves. The co-chairs remind the membership that there are many ways for reparative action beyond only the search for unmarked graves (e.g., tuition waivers at institutions; return of ancestors, belongings, land). If you would like to be involved with the committee, information is available on the website.

A. Waters-Rist extends considerable thanks to L.E. Doyle for her service on this committee.

12. Other business (continuing and new)

1. Proposal to form a student ad hoc committee - Katie Brent (Western)

Many student members have been in touch with her in her role as Student Representative to ask how to be more involved with the association. In order to begin to build a network among student members and facilitate increased involvement, she proposes an ad hoc CABA-ACAB student committee, much like the one for the CAA. There were no dissenting opinions among the members present at the business meeting.

2. Future annual meetings

i) 2024 - London

ii) 2025 - Victoria

iii) 2026 - Halifax

iv) 2027 - University of Montreal ****NEW****

Thank you to Rob Hoppa, Julia Gamble, Stacie Burke, and Linda Larcombe, the Local Arrangements team of student volunteers, and to the University of Manitoba for hosting our 50th Annual Meeting!

13. Adjournment (6:16pm)

Motion: T. Siek (McMaster)

Seconded: T. Prowse (McMaster)

PASSED

50^e réunion annuelle de la CABA-ACAB - Winnipeg

Procès-verbal de la réunion d'affaires

Vendredi 27 octobre 2023, de 17 h à 18 h 15 HNC, en personne et par Zoom

Secrétaire de séance, Rebecca Gilmour

Andrea Waters-Rist, présidente de la CABA-ACAB, déclare la réunion d'affaires ouverte (17 h 05).

1. Approbation de l'ordre du jour

Proposition : L. Harrington (UAlberta)

Appuyée par : T. Siek (McMaster)

ADOPTÉE

2. Approbation du procès-verbal de la réunion de 2022

Proposition : J. Williams (Trent)

Appuyée par : T. Siek (McMaster)

ADOPTÉE

3. Rapport de la présidente – Andrea Waters-Rist

1. Logo CABA-ACAB : Il y a eu 12 soumissions de logo et chacune a reçu quelques votes de la part des membres. Un système de vote par ordre de priorité a été utilisé pour représenter au mieux les préférences des membres. Elijah Pigeon (Trent) a été récompensé pour son logo gagnant. E. Pigeon a suggéré la possibilité d'un logo complémentaire ne comportant pas d'images de restes humains ; ils ont produit un deuxième logo avec une truie (au lieu d'un crâne) que les membres peuvent utiliser en fonction des circonstances de leur travail. Les deux logos sont illustrés ci-dessous :



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2. Mise à jour du site web : Nous nous engageons pleinement dans la mise en place d'un nouveau site web doté d'une meilleure fonctionnalité, d'un nouveau design et, en fin de compte, moins coûteux. Il est encore tôt dans le processus, mais l'objectif ultime est d'avoir une partie du site web orientée vers le public qui soit facilement utilisable et actualisable par les responsables de l'ACAB. La seconde partie du site, le "back-end" (informations sur les membres et paiements), restera sûre/sécurisée et continuera d'être supervisée par une personne possédant un haut niveau d'expertise. Nous visons une transition en douceur pendant cette mise à jour (par exemple, l'URL restera la même).

3. Aide aux étudiants pour les déplacements à la réunion annuelle : Le soutien aux étudiants a toujours été très important pour la CABA-ACAB (par exemple, les bourses, les subventions, les cotisations réduites, etc.). Nous espérons maintenir ce soutien, tout en introduisant quelques changements responsables sur le plan fiscal. Dans le passé, tout membre étudiant qui donnait une présentation orale ou par affiche en tant que premier auteur recevait un remboursement automatique de 100 \$. Au fil des ans, le nombre de demandes et le montant total que nous déboursions ont augmenté. Cette année, les membres de la CABA-ACAB ont discuté d'un moyen de faire face à l'augmentation des coûts, tout en s'assurant que les étudiants qui en ont le plus besoin bénéficient d'une aide dans leurs déplacements. Ainsi, quatre questions ont été ajoutées au formulaire d'inscription à la conférence : l'étudiant est-il un premier auteur-présentateur ; souhaite-t-il être pris en compte pour le financement lié au déplacement ; voyage-t-il de l'extérieur de la ville (à environ 100 km) ; a-t-il reçu un financement supplémentaire pour sa participation). Nous espérons que les membres maintiendront leur enthousiasme pour le financement des étudiants et qu'ils envisageront de contacter R. Gilmour (secrétaire-trésorier) pour faire un don et soutenir ces bourses et subventions.

4. Co-responsable ÉDI : Bienvenue à Sam Stead (UToronto), nouveau co-responsable du comité ÉDI. Des remerciements sont adressés à Jo Motley pour leurs services rendus dans ce rôle.

4. **Rapport de la vice-présidente – Linda Lacombe**

L. Lacombe n'a pas pu assister à la réunion ni envoyer un rapport. N'hésitez pas à contacter L. Lacombe (ou A. Waters-Rist/R. Gilmour) si vous avez des questions.

5. **Rapport de la secrétaire-trésorière – Rebecca Gilmour**

Les rapports financiers 2022 (année complète) et 2023 (année à ce jour, 17 octobre 2023) ont été présentés. Comme les années précédentes, nous continuons d'opérer avec un déficit et nous sommes encouragés à être prudents avec nos dépenses en tant qu'association.

Nous attirons particulièrement l'attention sur nos dépenses liées aux prix, aux subventions et aux bourses. L'année dernière, nous avons dépensé 7 700,00 \$ pour ces items, suite à des dons totalisant 1 450,00 \$. CABA-ACAB a une longue tradition de soutien aux étudiants de cette manière. Afin de poursuivre dans cette voie, nous devons être prudents et ne pas accorder plus que ce que nous recevons en dons et en cotisations ; comme solution partielle, des changements ont été apportés aux bourses d'aide aux déplacements des étudiants.

Des remerciements sont adressés aux membres qui ont déjà fait des dons généreux pour soutenir ces efforts.

5.1. Approbation du rapport financier et d'adhésion 2022-2023

Proposition : A. Nelson (Western)

Appuyée par : J. Gamble (UManitoba)

ADOPTÉE

6. Rapport de la représentante des étudiants – Katherine Brent

K. Brent rappelle aux membres étudiants qu'ils peuvent contacter la représentante des étudiants s'ils ont des questions ou des préoccupations à soumettre à l'exécutif.

7. Rapport de la représentante des membres spéciaux – Hope Atkinson

Les membres spéciaux sont des personnes occupant des postes non permanents. Le choix de cette catégorie d'adhésion est une auto-attestation et se base sur ce qui convient le mieux à votre situation. L'éligibilité des membres spéciaux sera faite plus claire sur le nouveau site web.

8. Rapport des co-responsables ÉDI – Iulia Badescu, Sam Stead

Le comité ÉDI se réunit par Zoom. Nous remercions le comité organisateur de Winnipeg d'avoir pris en compte et mis en œuvre les suggestions du comité ÉDI avant la réunion. Un service de garde d'enfants a été suggéré pour la réunion, mais peu de personnes ont eu besoin de ce service, alors il n'a pas été implanté pour cette réunion. Le comité ÉDI a l'intention de maintenir un onglet/une page sur le nouveau site web.

Si vous souhaitez devenir membre du comité ÉDI, veuillez contacter I. Badescu (UdeM) ou S. Stead (UToronto).

9. Rapport de la rédactrice du bulletin d'information – Maddie Hertz

Des remerciements ont été adressés à tous ceux qui ont soumis du contenu. M. Hertz a pris beaucoup de plaisir à rédiger les dernières infolettres. Les suggestions d'inclusion sont les bienvenues - veuillez contacter M. Hertz pour lui faire part de vos idées ou de vos commentaires.

10. Rapport de la chargée de communication – Sarah Lockyer

S. Lockyer annonce que son mandat se termine en juin de l'année prochaine. Nous vous invitons à rester attentifs et à envisager de soumettre votre nom en tant que candidat à ce poste.

11. Rapport(s) de(s) comité(s)

1. Comité sur les sépultures des pensionnats – L.E. Doyle/K. Brent (co-présidentes)

Le comité a été actif au cours de la dernière année et a organisé un webinaire/forum en juin 2023 et a produit une soumission écrite au Bureau de l'interlocutrice spéciale.

Il est souligné que le comité n'est pas présentement impliqué dans des enquêtes ou des recrutements spécifiques. Ils continuent de suivre les développements en cours et tiennent des réunions mensuelles avec les membres de l'*Alliance to Support Investigations of Residential Schools Missing Children and Unmarked Graves*. Les co-présidentes rappellent aux membres qu'il existe de nombreuses possibilités d'action réparatrice au-delà de la seule recherche de sépultures non marquées (par exemple, dispense de frais de scolarité dans les établissements, restitution des ancêtres, des biens et des terres). Si vous souhaitez vous impliquer dans le comité, des informations sont disponibles sur le site web.

A. Waters-Rist remercie vivement L.E. Doyle pour leurs services au sein de ce comité.

12. Autres activités (en cours et nouvelles)

1. Proposition de création d'un comité ad hoc étudiant – Katie Brent (Western)

De nombreux membres étudiants l'ont contactée en tant que représentante des étudiants pour lui demander comment s'impliquer davantage dans l'association. Afin de commencer à construire un réseau parmi les membres étudiants et de faciliter une plus grande implication, elle propose un comité étudiant CABA-ACAB ad hoc, similaire à celui de la CAA. Aucune opinion divergente n'a été exprimée par les membres présents à la réunion d'affaires.

2. Futures réunions annuelles

i) 2024 - London

ii) 2025 - Victoria

iii) 2026 - Halifax

iv) 2027 - Université de Montréal ****NOUVEAU****

Merci à Rob Hoppa, Julia Gamble, Stacie Burke et Linda Larcombe, à l'équipe d'étudiants bénévoles chargée des arrangements locaux et à l'Université du Manitoba d'avoir accueilli notre 50^e assemblée annuelle !

13. Levée de la séance (18 h 16)

Proposition : T. Siek (McMaster)

Appuyée par : T. Prowse (McMaster)

ADOPTÉE

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