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Message from the President

Rob Hoppa

It is that time again. Courses have ended for many of us, and summer session is well under way. For some of you field work may be on the horizon. Regardless of your endeavours for the summer months, I hope you will all find the time to relax and enjoy the company of friends, families and colleagues. This year's annual meetings are being hosted by McMaster University in Hamilton (see the conference website at http://socserv.mcmaster.ca/ capa/). The conference venue is very accessible, both by car (for those of you in southern Ontario) and by air through either the Hamilton or Toronto airports. And while it seems a long way off in the distant future, it is likely that the September deadline for abstracts will sneak up on many of us as the summer months slip by. It is my hope to see many of you there in November.

It is, however, with mixed feelings that I am writing the message for this edition of the CAPA newsletter as May saw the loss of Dr. Shelley Saunders (see Ann Herring's memorial to Shelley on page 2 of the newsletter). For me, it is not just the loss of a renowned physical anthropologist whose accomplishments and accolades we may all seek to strive for, but a profound sense of personal loss of a mentor, colleague, and friend. I hold very positive memories of my experience as a doctoral student at McMaster and the mentoring that shaped my own career, an experience which I now try to emulate with my own graduate students. Shelley's academic legacy is unquestionable, not the least of which is evident in the number of faculty positions across Canada and beyond which are held by her students. She is sorely missed.

2008 CALL FOR PAPERS CAPA MCMASTER UNIVERSITY,

The 36th annual CAPA (herring@mcmaster.ca), committee are pleased to (September I) using their abstract. invite you to attend the the online form on the 2008 annual hosted by McMaster Questions University.

Sheraton Ann at The Hamilton Hamilton, Ontario, 5-8 November 2008.

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Important dates to note 15) to Ann Herring student

meetings conference website. about abstract submission The meetings will be held program coordinator, determined Herring **Hotel**, (herring@mcmaster.ca).

> PLEASE NOTE: You that (by for I) to submit an abstract and present.

are the deadline for Students who wish to proposed symposia (July be considered for the

competition organizing and for abstracts clearly indicate so on paper copy of their poster or text/slides must be provided in should be sent to the advance (date to be and posted on the conference website). Please note only single The website for the must be a member in authored papers by meetings is available at good standing and have students are eligible the student competition.

See you in Hamilton!



CAPA 2008 Hamilton, ON

Symposia proposals due:

15 Jul 2008

Abstracts due: I Sept 2008

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Shelley Rae Saunders (1950-2008)

Dr. Shelley Rae Saunders passed away on May 14, 2008 at the height of her highly distinguished career in physical anthropology. A well-loved professor of anthropology at McMaster University since 1981, Shelley was an exceptional scholar, graduate supervisor and professional colleague.

Shelley grew up in Toronto and New Jersey, the middle child between her older sister, Geri and younger brother, Bob. Her father was part of the famous AVRO Arrow team and this, coupled with her abiding fascination with nature, led to her passion for research and, eventually, to anthropology. She met and fell in love with Victor Koloshuk, her husband of 37 years, when they both had summer jobs in Banff. At the time, they both were undergraduates studying science: Victor in physics at McGill and Shelley in physical anthropology at the University of Toronto. Victor eventually decided to go into business, turning down an offer of direct admission from his BSc to the PhD program in physics at McGill. His unwavering support and deep appreciation for her work gave Shelley a foundation that allowed her career to flourish and her talent to grow.

Shelley received her PhD in Anthropology from the University of Toronto in 1977, defending her dissertation while pregnant with her first child, Robert. After the birth of her second child, Barbara, and after teaching anatomy at McGill and physical anthropology at the University of Toronto on contract, she was offered a tenure-track position the Department of Anthropology at McMaster in 1981. Until her untimely death, Shelley was the central pillar of McMaster's program in physical anthropology and she is sorely missed. Even though she coped with repeated bouts of cancer for many years (colon cancer, kidney cancer and pancreatic cancer), and despite having to undergo dialysis six days a week for the past 5 years, Shelley was committed to her teaching and research programs. Her extraordinary productivity was such that many colleagues were unaware that she

was suffering with long-standing, debilitating illness. This is what Shelley wanted: she was a private person who did not wish to discuss her illness.

Shelley was known internationally as a first-rate scholar and teacher, admired for her research in skeletal biology and biological anthropology. Her research interests were wide ranging and included but were not limited to growth and development, non-metric traits, bone and tooth histology, palaeopathology, palaeodemography, dental anthropology, and history writ large. She loved travelling to work on research projects abroad and these experiences meant so much to her that she asked her family to place flowers from her favourite parts of the world by her coffin. Among the notable projects in which she was involved, she directed a complex, multidisciplinary research project on a large nineteenth-century cemetery from St. Thomas' Anglican Church in Belleville, Ontario. She developed a rich collaboration with Italian colleagues from the Pigorini Museum in Rome on the Imperial Roman site of Isola Sacra. Early in her career, she analysed skeletal remains from the Huron site at Christian Island in Ontario. At the time of her death, she was principal investigator on a SSHRC-funded study of the remains of a large and perplexing collection of skeletons of small infants from the Classical Period cemetery of Kylindra on the island of Astypalaia in Greece. It is a tribute to Shelley that SSHRC is permitting the project to be completed under the direction of her coinvestigators, Simon Hilson (University College London) and Charles FitzGerald (McMaster).

Her comprehensive expertise in so many aspects of physical anthropology, in so many parts of the world, led to Shelley's appointment to the editorial board of the American Journal of Physical Anthropology (1994-2000). She served as North American Editor of the International Journal of Osteoarchaeology until shortly before her death and remained an active

reviewer for several other international journals. Her service as a consultant in forensic anthropology to the Coroner's Office in Hamilton, Ontario received considerable local media attention and one case in particular was the subject of an extensive series of articles in the Hamilton Spectator. She was a dedicated member of CAPA and served as Secretary-Treasurer from 1983 to 1988. Needless to say, her publications in the top-tier journals are extensive and she also produced five edited volumes. The most recent, "Biological Anthropology of the Human Skeleton", was co-edited with Dr. Anne Katzenberg and published last March. She initiated the Children and Childhood in Human Societies research network; she founded and was the first Director of the McMaster Paleogenetics Institute (1998 -2003), now called the McMaster Ancient DNA Centre; and she directed the renewal and expansion of the McMaster Anthropology Hard Tissue and Light Microscopy Laboratory.

Shelley's accomplishments were recognized with many prestigious academic awards. She was the first biological anthropologist to be elected to the Royal Society of Canada (2001), and she was appointed as a Tier I Canada Research Chair during the first year of that program (also 2001). Just prior to her death, her CRC was renewed for an additional seven years, a testament to her outstanding research record. Despite her achievements and accolades, Shelley was an extraordinarily humble person -- quiet, reserved, gentle, kind, and scrupulously fair -- more inclined to talk about the achievements of her students than about her own. Although her passion for her work was palpable, Shelley cared deeply about people. She was devoted to her students and was recognized with the President's Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision at McMaster. Her former graduate students now teach at universities and institutes across Canada, the United States, and Europe:

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PhD
Richard Lazenby, 1992
Anne Keenleyside, 1994
Robert Hoppa, 1996
Dongya Yang, 1998
Christopher Dudar, 1999
Clare McVeigh, 1999
Tracy Prowse, 2001
John Albanese, 2003
Tanya von Hunnius, 2004
Hugo Cardoso, 2005
Dori Rainey

As she experienced the joys and sorrows of her own life, Shelley became ever more solicitous of the feelings and needs of others, especially the worries and troubles of her students. Her last wish was to establish a scholarship for graduate students in her field of research. Because of this, McMaster now has the "Shelley Saunders Scholarships in Anthropology", a lasting legacy for students and a tribute to her dedication to teaching.

MA Mary McDonald, 1983 Ian Colquhoun, 1987 James Esler, 1989 Carol DeVito, 1989 Beth Clark, 1989 Rebecca Southern, 1990 Charles FitzGerald, 1991 Susan Jimenez, 1991 Linda Gibbs, 1991 Tracy Rogers, 1992 Todd Garlie, 1995 Alison Gray, 1997 Krystina Blyschak, 2001 Catherine Crinnion, 2001 Kirsti Bos, 2004 Carolann Wood, 2004 Agapi Mavridis, 2006 Andrea Chan, 2007 Hagen Kluge, 2007 Sarah Buchanan-Berrigan Stacey Hallman Martyna Janjua

Shelley leaves behind her sister, Geri Kirkpatrick, her brother, Robert Saunders, her two children, Robert and Barbara Koloshuk, and her husband, Victor Koloshuk. She is remembered with deep affection by a host of current and former graduate students, friends, and colleagues In honour of her immense contribution, Drs. John Albanese and Tracy Prowse, are organizing a special memorial session for this year's CAPA meetings, which are being hosted by McMaster University from November 5-9, 2008.

Ann Herring

Editor's excerpt from McMaster's Anthropology website:

Anyone wishing to honour Shelley's life and achievements may consider making a donation to the "Shelley Saunders Scholarships in Anthropology" at McMaster University. Donations, in the form of cheques made payable to McMaster University, in memory of Dr. Shelley Saunders and directed to the Shelley Saunders Scholarships in Anthropology, can be sent to:

McMaster University University Advancement Downtown Centre 125 1280 Main Street West Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L8

Meetings and Workshops of Interest

- International Primatological Society (www.ips2008.co.uk), Edinburgh, UK, 3-8 August 2008
- International Congress of Physiological Anthropology (www.ide.tudelft.nl/icpa2008), Delft, Netherlands, 22-26 August 2008
- Canadian Society of Forensic Science Conference ("Mass Fatalities") (ww2.csfs.ca), Halifax, Nova Scotia, 15-18
 September 2008
- Plains Anthropological Conference (www.ou.edu/cas/archsur/plainsanth/meeting/meeting.htm), Laramie, Wyoming, I-5 October 2008
- 19th International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences (www.anzfss2008.org.au), Melbourne, Australia, 6-9 October 2008
- Social Science History Association (http://www.ssha.org/), Miami, Florida, 23-26 October 2008
- Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology (socserv.mcmaster.ca/capa/index.htm), McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, 5-8 November 2008
- Chacmool (www.arky.ucalgary.ca/chacmool2008), University of Calgary, 7-11 November 2008
- American Society for Ethnohistory (www.ethnohistory.org), Eugene, Oregon, 12-16 November 2008
- American Anthropological Association (www.aaanet.org/mtgs/meetings), San Francisco, California, 19-23
 November 2008
- 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities (www.hichumanities.org/), Honolulu,
 Hawaii, 9-12 January 2009
- American Association of Physical Anthropologists (www.physanth.org/annmeet/), Chicago, Illinois, 31 March-4 April 2009
- Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences (www.fedcan.ca/congress2009), Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 23-31 May 2009
- Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology, Simon Fraser University, Fall 2009





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MEMBER NEWS

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Alexis Dolphin writes:

Looking back at another academic year at UWO there are quite a few goings on to report. The Anthropology department officially welcomed its first MA student (Shauna Solomon) doing research in Primatology, reflecting a new support for this subfield at the University thanks to the hard work of lan Colquhoun. We're also very pleased to report that this summer, Lana Williams will be the first graduate from our new Archaeological Sciences PhD program. Even better, she is going straight into a tenure stream position at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA.

This summer also marks the inaugural year of the "Field Course in Environment and Culture" in Madagascar (lead by lan Colquhoun and Andrew Walsh). This course provides a unique opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students with interests in biological and/or cultural anthropology to conduct fieldwork in Madagascar.

currently on sabbatical. Both have also spent

Andrew Nelson and El Molto are

time working with the media this year. El recently filmed a "The Nature of Things" episode featuring his work in Baha, California, and Andrew has spent time filming for "Daily Planet" (Discovery Channel), "SciQ" (Discovery Channel), and Fairchild TV (a Chinese cable channel). Andrew has also been working with the Royal Ontario Museum to undertake a radiographic study of 3 Egyptian mummies - two infants and one adult. This project focuses on the individuals and how they were mummified, but it also includes collaboration with imaging physicists to refine scanning techniques for mummified bodies and to develop techniques for the application of dual energy scanning to aid in the separation of

Christine White is initiating a new CRC and SSHRC funded research program which includes isotopic analyses of human remains from several sites in Peru addressing social issues related to pilgrimage, sacrifice and landscape. Her work (isotopic and osteological) in Mesoamerica (Teotihuacan and related sites, Maya sites) continues, as does her basic science research on diagenesis, and she directs the osteological work on 4 Maya sites (Lamanai, Altun Ha, Marco Gonzalez, San Pedro). She currently supervises 2

bones and soft tissue.

Postdoctoral fellows (Linda Howie, Marla Toyne), 7 PhD students (Lana Williams, Sandra Wheeler, Barbara Hewitt, Cliff Patterson, Karyn Olsen, Emily Webb, Zoe Morris) and I MA student (Alicia Donis).

Alexis Dolphin completed her postdoctoral work at UWO in 2008 and is staying on as an adjunct research professor. She is also working as a guest researcher in the Department of Odontology - Biomaterials at the University of Bergen, Norway, during the summer. During her time in Bergen Alexis will be working on the development of microspatial dental sampling techniques, spending time examining collections at the Bergen Museum, and helping to set-up the Norwegian Mother and Child (MoBa) Tooth Bank. Her plans for the upcoming academic year include using her recently awarded SSHRC RDI grant to begin collection and analyses of teeth donated by participants of MoBa (a longitudinal study of 100,000 Norwegian children), and also to begin isotope and trace element analyses of osteological collections from Bryggen, Bergen, in order to explore trade, nutrition and health in Medieval Norway.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Treena Swanston writes:

Treena Swanston, a Ph.D. candidate from the Department of Archaeology at the University of Saskatchewan, studied the microbial DNA associated with the tissues of Kwäday Dän Ts'inchi, and found evidence of a latent tuberculosis infection. In the summer of 1999, the frozen remains of the ancient individual were found eroding out of a glacier in the Tatshenshini-Alsek Park in northern British Columbia, and since the find was on the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, the elders named the individual "Kwäday Dän Ts'inchi" or "Long Ago Person Found". An agreement was made to allow scientific studies on both the remains and the artifacts. It has been estimated that the male individual lived between the years AD 1670 and 1850, based on radiocarbon dating of both artifacts and bone samples. Treena used PCR analyses on lung tissue extract to amplify a conserved region within the Mycobacterium tuberculosis genome. Because a histological examination didn't indicate any sign of illness, the PCR results needed confirmation by another laboratory. A small sample of lung tissue was sent to Dr. Mark Spigelman at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who also

obtained a positive finding of MTB DNA. Treena presented these results at a special Kwäday Dän Ts'inchi symposium at the Northwest Anthropological Conference just recently held in Victoria.

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Matt Tocheri writes:

Earlier this spring, I was awarded \$25K from the Wenner-Gren Foundation to perform a 3D study of Homo floresiensis tarsal bones. This grant will help me and my colleagues to collect a large comparative sample of other human, great ape, and fossil hominin tarsals. The 3D analyses will provide important information about the comparative functional morphology of all seven tarsal bones of the hominid foot, and about how the tarsals of H. floresiensis (and thus its form of bipedal locomotion) compare to those of other living and fossil hominids. This work has the potential to further our understanding about the phylogenetic relationship of H. floresiensis to modern humans and other hominins as well as our understanding of the origins and evolution of bipedality within the hominin family tree.

I was also very fortunate to receive a 2007 Science Achievement Award from the National Museum of Natural History and a 2008 Secretary's Research Prize from the Smithsonian Institution in recognition of my research on the H. floresiensis wrist that appeared in Science last fall. Each award came with \$2K for my research account. Some of this money will be used for my trips to Kenya and Indonesia this summer. Over the summer, I will be collecting data at the National Museums of Kenya in Nairobi and then I will travel to the island of Flores, Indonesia to take part in new excavations at Liang Bua led by the original Australian-Indonesian team that discovered H. floresiensis. Let's hope more of the 'Shire' is uncovered ©

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Ann Herring writes:

On June 17th Tracey Galloway (now Dr. Tracey Galloway) successfully defended her PhD thesis, SCHOOLCHILDREN'S NUTRITION AND GROWTH: A STUDY OF CHILDREN AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT IN RURAL ONTARIO, CANADA. She is taking up a postdoctoral fellowship on July 1st with Dr. T. Kue Young, Department of Public Health Sciences, at the University of Toronto.

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Membership Form

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If a Postdoctoral Fellow, funded by:	
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membership and officially welcomed her to her new role as Student Rep. to the CAPA-ACAP Executive. On behalf of Dori Rainey (out-going Student Rep. and not able to attend the Banff meeting), Sarah reported to the Business Meeting that Dori thanked students and CAPA-ACAP for the past two years. Sarah also noted that she is eager to take on the responsibilities of the Student Rep. position, has lots of ideas she would like to try and implement, and welcomed any input from the student members of CAPA-ACAP.

b. Future Meetings -

i. McMaster 2008. It was announced that the 2008 CAPA-ACAP Annual Meeting will convene in Hamilton. Ontario and be hosted by the Department of Anthropology at McMaster University. The venue for the Annual Meeting will be the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Hamilton, and will be held during the first week of November.

ii. Other venues for the Annual meetings of 2009, 2010 and beyond? Saskatoon was mentioned as a possible venue, as was Vancouver. However, no firm invitations to be host of future Annual meetings came forward and the venue for the Annual Meeting in 2009, and subsequent years, was taken under advisement.

7. Other Business:

- i. New CAPA-ACAP web page design Rob Hoppa reported that the feedback thus far on the new web page design was that it "looks good". The new web page design was close to completion.
- ii. Rob's tenure as President Rob is completing his second year of the three-year term as President of the Association. Rob asked (rhetorically?) if there was any interest for a successor; he was, however, willing to serve a second term as President. In order to seek out possible nominees for the Presidency of the Association, a Nominations Committee was struck, consisting of Anne Katzenburg, Ann Herring, and Richard Lazenby.
- iii. Rob Hoppa officially thanked Warren Wilson, Anne Katzenburg and Kristine Russell for the organization of the 2007 Annual Meeting in Banff.
- iv. Andrew Nelson brought to the memberships attention a call for interested parties he had received from the Discovery Channel to develop and present a show that was tentatively entitled "Battlefield Bioarchaeology". Ann Herring put forward Catherine Denning's name as a possible candidate.
- v. Anne Katzenburg pointed out that anyone who wants to be considered for the CAPA-ACAP student presentation awards need to attend the Annual Meeting, because the criteria for awarding the student awards were a) the abstract of the paper,

b) the presentation of the paper, and c) the fielding of questions about the presentation. Mary Pavelka wondered about including an explicit statement in the student award quidelines concerning required attendance at the Annual Meeting. Rob Hoppa commented that he thought an award for non-attendance was a bizarre concept and that attendance as a requirement was already inferred in the student award guidelines - he would check the wording of the student award guidelines.

There was no additional Other Business.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn the Business Meeting was moved by Andrew Nelson and seconded by Anne Katzenburg. Rob Hoppa adjourned the Business Meeting at 5:29 PM.





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Ann Herring writes:

A special volume of Research in Anthropology & Linguistics-e (No3), "Multiplying and Dividing: Tuberculosis in Canada and Aotearoa New Zealand", co-edited by Judith Littleton, Julie Park, Ann Herring and Tracy Farmer is now available on-line at http://

researchspace.auckland.ac.nz/handle/2292/2558

"Multiplying and Dividing" brings together the work of two multi-disciplinary research groups located in Canada and New Zealand who discovered that they were working along similar lines in their research on historical and contemporary tuberculosis in their respective countries. The volume, the outcome of a joint workshop in Canada in 2006, shows the multiple realities that make up the experience of TB for nations, communities, and individuals. TB can divide communities, but in some circumstances unites them in a guest for eradication. The social and epidemiological research undertaken into TB exposes social divisions and inequalities in these two postcolonial societies.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Assistant Professor

The Department of Anthropology at McMaster University invites applications for a tenurestream faculty position in Physical Anthropology at the Assistant Professor level. We are seeking a scholar with broad training in biological anthropology. McMaster has a strong program that offers undergraduate and graduate training in health and nutrition in contemporary populations, molecular anthropology, skeletal and dental anthropology of past populations, and the anthropology of infectious disease. We are looking for a candidate who can address the extensive range of research in biological anthropology, with particular expertise in one or more of molecular anthropology, anthropology of infectious disease, and health and nutrition.

The successful candidate will be an empirical researcher with an established field-based program in an international setting. We are seeking a scholar who can collaborate with faculty in other fields within the Anthropology Department, not just within physical anthropology. The successful candidate will also be a scholar who can develop research links and collaborations beyond the department. The candidate hired will be joining a department with graduate programs in cultural anthropology, archaeology, biological anthropology, and the anthropology of health, and with a strong tradition of collegiality and collaboration.

The candidate selected for this position will be expected to teach undergraduate lecture and seminar courses in physical anthropology, contribute to MA and PhD teaching and supervision, carry out an active research program leading to peer-reviewed publications, and take on administrative responsibilities. Preference will be given to candidates whose research complements and extends the department's current strengths. A Ph.D in Physical Anthropology at the time of hire and evidence of effective university-level teaching are required.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. McMaster is strongly committed to employment equity within its community and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, members of sexual minorities, and persons

with disabilities.

Applications should include a curriculum vita, the names and addresses (including email) of three referees, a statement of research interests and plans, and a statement of teaching philosophy and should be sent in *electronic format*, though an additional hard copy may be sent by regular mail. Letters of application should address how candidates are prepared to engage in the supervision of graduate students. Submit applications to:

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CLOSING DATE: September 15, 2008

Tier I Canada Research Chair Available in Physical Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology at McMaster University invites applications for a Tier I Canada Research Chair (CRC) faculty position in Skeletal and Dental Anthropology. Candidates for Tier I CRC positions must be full professors or associate professors who are expected to be promoted to the full professor level within one or two years of the nomination. They must be outstanding and innovative researchers whose accomplishments have made a major impact in their fields; be recognized internationally as leaders in their fields; have superior records of attracting and supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and will, as chairholders, be expected to attract excellent trainees, students and future researchers. In addition, the candidate must propose or be engaged in an original, innovative research program of the highest quality. Candidates for McMaster's Tier I CRC position in Skeletal and Dental Anthropology are expected to demonstrate outstanding research records in one or more of the following areas: skeletal and dental development: comparative patterns of growth and variability in human skeletal and dental development; demographic

reconstruction, including methods of sex and age-at-death estimation; comparative analyses of markers of morbidity; and integration of biological and cultural influences in the analysis and interpretation of bioarchaeological remains.

The program in biological anthropology at McMaster University offers strong undergraduate and graduate training in health and nutrition in contemporary populations, molecular anthropology, and the anthropology of infectious disease. Current laboratory facilities include the McMaster Anthropology Hard Tissue and Light Microscopy Laboratory and the McMaster Ancient DNA Centre. Other departmental research facilities include the Fisheries Archaeology Research Laboratory and the Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Research on Archaeological Ceramics (LIRAC). The Tier I CRC will be able to take advantage of extant laboratory facilities and equipment and will develop new facilities through the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) program and other external research funding.

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