EXCAVATION AT GOSHIZAWA MATSUMORI

Summer 2008 Field School was conducted at the Middle Jomon Gos
hizawa Matsumori site, Aomori, Japan. The goal of our project was to examine characteristics of a small residential site in comparison to a large settlement, such as Sannai Maruyama. Our excavation revealed the presence of a pit-dwelling and two flask-shaped storage pits dated to the Upper-Ento-a phase (ca. 5000 BP) of the Middle Jomon period. More than 500 bags of soil samples have been collected from the fill of these features. Finds so far include Jomon pottery, stone tools, and plant remains such as chestnut and walnut shells. Laboratory analyses of excavated materials will continue through 2008-2009.

PREHISTORIC JOMON OF JAPAN AND HUNTER-GATHERER LIFEWAYS

A PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM at the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
FRIDAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2008
IEAS Conference Room --- 2223 Fulton St., 6th Floor

Session 1: Jomon Archaeology and Hunter-Gatherer Studies
9:00 - 9:15 Opening Remarks
9:15 - 9:45 Junko Habu (UC Berkeley)
9:45 - 10:00 Peter Bleed (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)
10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 11:00 David Hurst Thomas (American Museum of Natural History)
11:00 - 11:30 Shuzo Koyama (National Museum of Ethnology, Japan)

Hundreds of community members visit the ARF on CAL DAY. Faculty, graduate & undergradate students, and staff all helped to create opportunities for every visitor whatever their age to participate in activities related to archaeology. From posters of current fieldwork to modelling clay to virtual tours of sites, ARF offered many choices.
Berkeley Faculty Service Award

The 2007-08 Berkeley Faculty Service Award was presented jointly to Professor Herbert Strauss, Chemistry, and to Professor Meg Conkey, Anthropology. The Academic Senate Awards Committee praised the ongoing efforts of the recipients “to up-hold the ideals of shared governance through their unstinting dedication to service.” Besides being acknowledged for her extensive service to her department and to the Senate, Professor Conkey was commended for chairing the Committee on the Status of Women and Ethnic Minorities.

Service-Learning Leadership

Professor Ruth Tringham, Anthropology, received the Chancellor’s Award for Service-Learning Leadership for her collaborative program, “Expedition,” that she initiated with Roosevelt Middle School in Oakland in 1998. Working with UC Links, Prof. Tringham’s program involves 50 undergraduates annually who work with about 50 middle school students in creating digital stories about their cultural heritage and their sense of place. This undergraduate service-learning course enables UC students both to teach students in underserved schools and to use research methods in taking ethnographic field notes on their school experiences.

Ethics Bowl Victors

Four ARF graduate students -- Darren Modzelewski, Brandon Nida, Kim Christensen, and Di Hu -- won the Ethics Bowl in a contest at the SAA in the spring of 2008. Under the coaching of Professor Conkey and other faculty, the students exhibited sound ethical decisionmaking. The coveted bowl can be viewed in the display case in the foyer of 2251 College Building.

Virtual Learning Prize

The New Media Consortium (NMC) has announced the 2008 cohort of Virtual Learning Prize (VLP) awardees. The first round included Prof. Ruth Tringham, University of California, Berkeley for “Student-Designed Virtual Archaeology Class.” http://virtualworlds.nmc.org/2008/07/09/virtual-learning-prizes-awarded/

Notice: Please forward any announcements, awards, or other news related to ARF affiliates that can be shared in this newsletter. Photographs and short stories on current fieldwork can also be sent to tanyas@berkeley.edu

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