

# Editorial Introduction

by CHARLES S. BRANT

Anthropology is a relatively new subject in the University of Alberta. Prior to 1961, instruction in the anthropological disciplines consisted of a short course in Physical Anthropology dealing with fossil man, offered in the Faculty of Medicine, and a full course in Cultural Anthropology, taught in the Department of Sociology. Some attention was given to Prehistoric Archaeology in one or another of the courses given by the Classics Department, and anthropological data and concepts entered, more or less tangentially, some of the teaching in Sociology and Linguistics. But it was not until the early sixties that Anthropology became a degree course, first within the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and from 1966, in an independent Department of Anthropology which was established in the Faculty of Arts. As part of this development professionally trained anthropologists, representing various specialties, were added to the staff. It consisted of eight full-time members in the 1967-68 academic session and numbers nine in 1968-69. The establishment of the Department coincided with the move of the various social science disciplines into the new Henry Marshall Tory Building. There the staff and students in Anthropology have offices and laboratory facilities.

The Department currently offers programs leading to the B.A., B.A. (Honours), M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. A doctoral program is anticipated in the near future.

This number of *Anthropologica* will introduce some of the current research of the departmental staff and indicate the range and variety of their interests. The following *vitæ* concerning the authors will help to round out readers' acquaintance with Anthropology and anthropologists at the University of Alberta.

*Harold B. Barclay* (Ph.D., Cornell) joined the Department in 1966 after many years of teaching and research experience

at American University of Cairo (U.A.R.), Knox College and the University of Oregon. His special fields include Middle Eastern ethnology and social anthropology, anthropology of religion and religious sub-cultural groups in Canada. He is the author of *Buurri al Lamaab: A Suburban Village in the Sudan* (Cornell University Press, 1964). During 1967-68 he was Acting Chairman of the Department.

*Alan L. Bryan* (Ph.D., Harvard) spent several years doing research in American prehistory before coming to the University of Alberta in 1963, where he has developed courses in both general and New World archaeology and directed a summer field program in Alberta. One of Dr. Bryan's leading interests is early man in the New World. He is the author of *Paleo-American Prehistory* (Occasional Papers, Idaho State University Museum, 1965) and of articles in various archaeological journals.

*Bruce A. Cox* (Ph.D., California-Berkeley) taught briefly at Lewis and Clark College (Portland, Oregon) and University of Florida before joining the Department in 1967. His major interests include Anthropology of Law and he has most recently been engaged in a study of conflict resolution among the Hopi Indians.

*Anthony D. Fisher* (Ph.D., Stanford) came to Alberta in 1965 from the University of California (Santa Barbara) where he taught for two years. His fieldwork has been mainly with the Blood Indians of southern Alberta. Dr. Fisher's interests center in social organization, enculturation and educational anthropology. In the latter field he offers a course designed for students expecting to teach in intercultural school and community situations. He is a co-editor of *The North American Indians: A Sourcebook* (Macmillan, 1967).

*Richard Frucht* (Ph.D., Brandeis) formerly taught at Temple and at Washington State universities and has been at Alberta since 1966. His principal field is Political Anthropology. Dr. Frucht's interest in the Caribbean region, begun during his doctoral research, is being continued through a research project on St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, begun in 1967 with support from the Canada Council. He has published in *Social and Economic Studies*.

*Ruth Gruhn* (Ph.D., Radcliffe) was a Post-Doctoral Fellow of the National Science Foundation (U.S.A.) for two years before coming to the University of Alberta in 1963. During that period she was attached to the Institute of Archaeology, London. Her main interests are in North and Middle American prehistory and ethnology, and in the field of Language and Culture. Dr. Gruhn's articles have appeared in *Man*, *Tebiwa* and the Occasional Papers of the Idaho State University Museum.

*Stuart Piddocke* (M.A., University of British Columbia; M.A. London School of Economics) is specially interested in the conceptual and logical structure of social anthropology, and in political organization of complex non-literate societies. He taught at Portland State College and Sacramento State College before joining the University of Alberta in 1967. A previous paper of his appeared in *Southwestern Journal of Anthropology*.

*Sally Snyder* (Ph.D., University of Washington) has done intensive fieldwork among the Skagit Indians in the state of Washington and is currently completing a monograph on their folklore. She is primarily interested in creative expression, especially the verbal arts, of non-literate peoples, and in Psychological Anthropology. Before coming to Alberta in 1966, she taught at Portland State College and the Merrill Palmer Institute of Human Development.

The author of this editorial introduction joined the University of Alberta in 1961 and was appointed Chairman of the Department of Anthropology when it was formed in 1966. His doctoral research at Cornell involved ethnological fieldwork among the Kiowa Apache Indians. Subsequent researches have taken him to Burma, northern Saskatchewan and Alberta and to Greenland. His present major research interest is in contemporary change and development in the Arctic, which he pursued during 1967-68 while on sabbatical leave, as a Senior Fellow of the Canada Council. He is the editor of *Jim Whitewolf: The Life of a Kiowa Apache Indian* (Dover 1969) and author of various articles in *Southwestern Journal of Anthropology*, *Asian Survey* and *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology* based on his researches.