



December 2022

Wishing you the best this season and always! Happy holidays.

What's Happening in CAL

[CAL Makes ISU's Top Ten](#)



Giving voice to a group of

historically lost women

Arunima Datta says she was always interested in the history of everyday people. Datta's interest in the everyday has led to research and publications that have explored silenced histories of labor communities and of women migrants.

Fleeting Agencies is an account of Indian Coolie women in British Malaya (present day Malaysia) who migrated to work on rubber plantations. It tells the story of their everyday survival and resilience amidst exploitative colonial and plantation power structures. *Fleeting Agencies* is the first book length study about Indian Coolie women in British Malaya.

"I cannot tell you how much the three awards mean," Datta said. "The awards are gratifying personally, but they mean much more than words can describe to me and the fields of Malaysian studies, migration studies and women studies. Usually these kinds of voices don't get represented so the fact that it was recognized means a lot to me and the fields that I work in."



Pictured above: Dr. Arunima Datta receives the NABSA award

Fleeting Agencies

Winner of National Women's Studies Association Whaley Book Prize (2021)

Winner of Western Association for Women Historians Chaudhuri Book Award (2022)

Winner of North American British Studies Association Stansky Award (2022)

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"Finally in public memory and history these historical actors, who were as important as any queen of the past will be heard. Through works like this, their history, their contribution to society will be remembered."

ISU Social Work Practicums
Help Student Find Career Path



Above: Emily Magni, ISU social work student

An important part of the social work program at Idaho State University is the practicum experience. According to JoAnn Martinez, Social Work Field Director at ISU who oversees the practicum work of students in the program, the Department of Social Work currently has 64 students placed in various agencies across the state doing field practicums.

Read about student Emily Magni's experience doing field practicums and how they've helped direct her career path.

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[ISU Rodeo](#)

Ivy Schifflett is a sophomore at Idaho State University. Her major is secondary education with an emphasis in English, and a minor in business education. Keston Pallesen is a sophomore majoring in diesel technology.

What do the two have in common? They are both members of the Idaho State University Rodeo, and they both received Road Scholarships which helped them be able to attend college.

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Left:
ISU Rodeo team
Ivy Schifflett
Keston Pallesen



Above: Polish Ambassador
Marek Magierowski

Frank Church Symposium Will Host the Polish Ambassador

The International Affairs Council (IAC) at Idaho State University is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for the 52nd Annual Frank Church Symposium on International Affairs will be the Polish Ambassador to the United States, Marek Magierowski.

The event will be both virtual and in-person March 9-10, 2023.

Magierowski will deliver his address in person March 9.

The Frank Church Symposium website, <https://www.isu.edu/frankchurchsymposium/>, will be updated regularly as the schedule is finalized. Contact the IAC at iac@isu.edu; the IAC advisor, Raphael Njoku, at raphaelnjoku@isu.edu; or the IAC President, Eric Morris, at ericmorris@isu.edu.

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Above: Bailey Dann is earning a master's degree in linguistic anthropology from Idaho State University

A Classroom Where All Feel Welcome

As a child, Bailey Dann would turn to her Shoshoni language dictionary — the one her father gave her — for comfort.

She would read through it in her free time, each translated word a link to her Shoshone-Bannock ancestors and culture.

In middle school, she started her own Shoshoni language club, which consisted of two members — herself and her cousin. They would meet at lunch and make up their own quizzes and flashcards.

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"I'm passionate about transforming the classroom from a place of assimilation and colonization to a realm of possibility and inclusion of STEM

and helping students feel like they belong."



Dr. Thomas Pfister Retires

The Department of English and Philosophy announces the retirement of Dr. Thomas (Tom) Pfister, Senior Lecturer in English, after over 26 years of teaching at Idaho State University.

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Congratulations and best wishes!



Above: Two students on the quad at ISU

Register for ROAR 1199: Find Purpose and Support in College

As young adults go to college and experience new environments, relationship challenges, class schedules, and perhaps living away from home for the first time, navigating college can seem overwhelming. ROAR 1199 is a class designed to help.

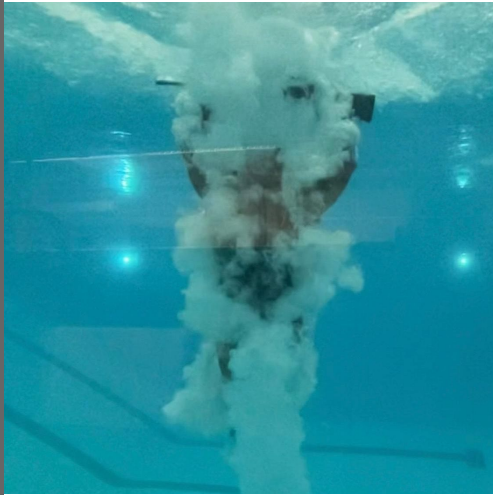
To register for ROAR 1199, contact your assigned academic advisor. If you are unsure who your assigned advisor is, contact roar@isu.edu. More information can be found at isu.edu/roar-1199.

[Learn more](#)

ROTC



CDT Miller performing the Gear Ditch exercise. Cadets jump in from the side of the pool and learn to ditch their gear and get back to the surface.



MSIII Cadets joined Cadets from BYU-I to complete Combat Water Survival Training. Shown here is CDT Miller jumping in the pool with full gear and a rubber duckie rifle from a 3M diving board for the Confidence Dive.



On Friday, December 16, the ISU ROTC commissioned two 2LTs into the Idaho Army National Guard Medical Services branch. 2LT McKenzie Messick and 2LT Mehdin Siocic both graduated from the School of Nursing and will continue to serve in the Idaho Army National Guard.



The ISU ROTC held their annual Dining Out on Nov 17, 2022, keeping with a long standing Army tradition of camaraderie within the unit.

Humanities Cafe Highlight



I usually dread political discussions. Do you? On November 30 the College of Arts and Letters hosted the final Humanities Cafe event of the year with speakers Zac Gershberg from the Department of Communications, Media, and Persuasion, and Zackery Heern, from the Department of History. The theme was media, journalism, democracy, and protest movements, and I so enjoyed it!



The atmosphere at Portneuf Valley Brewing was cozy and friendly. Tucked in at a cozy table against an old red brick wall surrounded by faculty, students, and community members, I enjoyed the free food including a tangy, spiced artichoke salad, hummus, bread that tasted homemade, and pizzas, and a drink from the bar.



Gershberg discussed power structures and democracy, and social media. Heern talked about the Iranian Women's Movement: *Women, Life, Freedom*. I felt admiration for the brave people who risk their lives to tell stories, resist oppression, and create change. In some nations Gershberg says that "the courage it's taken for people to continue to report is remarkable" given they face the potential of violence or death.



Both professors talked about the power and influence of the visual medium, particularly video, in protest movements. Heern talked about how women are at the heart of the movement in Iran as he shared videos and images of protests and protest art.

Above: Speakers and audience at Humanities Cafe

"This is not the type of image that we're used to seeing from Iran," Heern said, "and it's absolutely stunning."

Humanities Cafe exists to enrich people's understanding of the human experience. I left that evening with new perspectives. Ideas presented during the event sparked later conversations in my personal life with others. I feel personally enriched from my participation and I can't wait for the next event.

By Elisabeth Curtis
Marketing and Communications Coordinator for the College of Arts and Letters

Humanities Cafe will return in the spring semester. Topics and dates TBD.



Above: CAL faculty and staff celebrate the holidays together

Save the Date and Join Us

Book Launch for *Blueprint and Ruin*

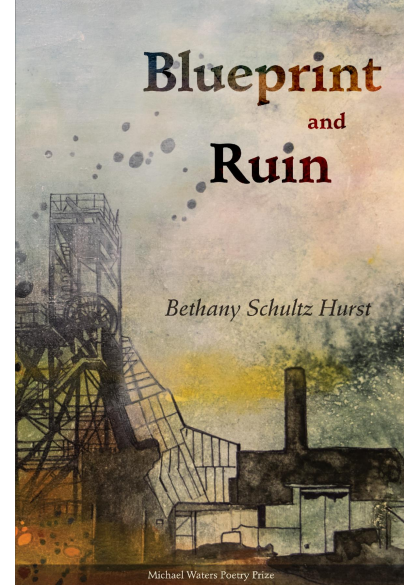
Join us for the launch of Bethany Schultz Hurst's new book. Light hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar will be provided.

January 20 | 4-5 p.m.
Portneuf Valley Brewing
615 S. 1st Ave, Pocatello, ID



Considering both motherhood and the death of a mother, *Blueprint and Ruin*

examines the relationship between prosperity and loss. Filled with ruinous structures—houses built on snake dens, malls with foundations in old landfills, contaminated mines—the poems ask what’s beneath the constructions that developed the American West.



Above: **Bethany Schultz Hurst** and her book *Blueprint and Ruin*
Available at [SIR Press](#) or [SPD](#)

History Speaker Series: *Resistance and Revolution*

January 30 - Ryan Tucker Jones

“Red Leviathan: The Soviet Union and the Secret Destruction of the World’s Whales”

In-person and on Zoom

The twentieth century witnessed one of history’s most incredible environmental disasters, the near total destruction of the world’s large whales. Ryan Tucker Jones will speak on his new book, *Red Leviathan*, that describes the role that Russia secretly played in this destruction. Examining both the way that the Soviet people and whales themselves experienced the slaughter, *Red Leviathan* reveals key features of life in the Soviet Union and the way that whales’ lives changed forever.

Ryan Tucker Jones is Ann Swindells Professor of History at the University of Oregon, and formerly assistant professor at Idaho State University. He is author of *Empire of Extinction: Russians and the Strange Beasts of the Sea, 1741–1867* (2014) and *Red Leviathan: The Secret History of Soviet Whaling* (2022).

Upcoming

February 6: Listening to Feminist Revolution, Negar Mottahedeh

March 13: The Work of Love. Milli Gandini from the Wages for Housework to the Italian Socialist Party, Jacopo Galimberti

March 27: Making Native Kin: Latter-Day Saints and the Politics of Assimilation in the Aftermath of Colonization, Amanda Hendrix-Komoto

For more information contact the [Department of History](#) at histdept@isu.edu | 208-282-2379

Anthropology Speaker Series

This is Anthropology! Diverse Applications for the Real World

Wednesdays | 12-1 p.m.
Liberal Arts 324 and via Zoom
Open to campus and community

Anthropology Speaker Series

Indigenous Lands, Languages, and Cultural Revival

Select Mondays
7-8 p.m.
Via Zoom

For more information contact Elizabeth Redd at kickeliz@isu.edu.
More information will be coming out soon.

Share what you do with local students



United Way
of Southeastern Idaho

[The United Way of Southeast Idaho](#) is working with partners from across the education field to increase student's awareness of different career pathways. We're hoping to get 50 community members to volunteer to speak with students about their careers. To sign-up, all you need to do is complete this survey:

This is a great opportunity for alumni, faculty, staff to share their career experience with students in our community and show that CAL degrees and CAL careers are valuable!

Fill out this survey to
participate!



January Wallpapers

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