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## PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

**Ph.D.** Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, CA ■ 1994  
**M.A.** Anthropology, George Washington University, Washington, DC ■ 1984  
**B.A.** Anthropology, George Washington University, Washington, DC ■ 1978

## APPOINTMENTS

**Director and Research Anthropologist** – Alaska Program, Arctic Studies Center (ASC), Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution ■ Since 1994  
**Project Director/ Exhibition Curator/ Editor** – *Living Our Cultures, Sharing Our Heritage: The First Peoples of Alaska* (Arctic Studies Center and Anchorage Museum) ■ 2001- 2010  
**Principal Investigator:** Glacial Retreat and the Cultural Landscape of Ice Floe Sealing at Yakutat Bay, Alaska (National Science Foundation, Arctic Social Sciences Program) ■ Since 2011  
**Principal Investigator** – Indigenous Language Learning and Documentation in the Bering Strait Region (Shared Beringian Heritage Program, National Park Service) ■ Since 2010  
**Project Director/ Principal Investigator** - Kenai Fjords Oral History and Archaeology Project (National Park Service) ■ Since 2002  
**Co-Curator/ Editor/ Author** – *Gifts from the Ancestors: Ancient Ivories of Bering Strait* (Smithsonian Institution and Princeton University Art Museum) ■ 2003-09  
**Project Director /Principal Investigator** – Gulf of Alaska Archaeological Survey (Smithsonian and National Park Service) ■ 1993-97  
**Affiliate Assistant Professor of Anthropology** – University of Alaska, Anchorage ■ Since 1995  
**Project Director/ Exhibition Curator/ Editor** – *Looking Both Ways: Heritage and Identity of the Alutiiq People* (Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center and Alutiiq Museum) ■ 1995 – 2001  
**Affiliate Assistant Professor of Anthropology** – University of Alaska, Fairbanks ■ 1994-1997  
**Project Director/ Principal Investigator** – Three Saints Harbor Archaeology Project ■ 1989-91 (University of California Berkeley)  
**Graduate Instructor** – University of California, Berkeley ■ 1993  
**Exhibition Co-Curator/ Co-Editor/ Research Coordinator** – *Crossroads of Continents: Cultures of Siberia and Alaska* ■ 1986-88

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Crowell, A. L. and W. K. Howell

2013 Time, Oral Tradition, and Archaeology at Xakwnoowú, A Little Ice Age Fort in Southeastern Alaska. *American Antiquity* 78(1):2-23.

### Crowell, A. L., W. Howell, D. H. Mann, and G. Streveler

2013 *The Hoonah Tlingit Cultural Landscape in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve*. National Park Service, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Gustavus, AK.

### Crowell, A. L., J. Liddle, and M. Matson

2013 Spatial Correlation of Archaeological Sites and Subsistence Resources in the Gulf of Alaska. *Alaska Park Science* 11(2):4-9.

**Crowell, A.L.**

2011 Ethnicity and Periphery: The Archaeology of Identity in Russian America. In *The Archaeology of Capitalism in Colonial Contexts*, edited by Sarah K. Croucher and Lindsay Weiss, pp. 85-104. Contributions to Global Historical Archaeology. Springer, New York.

**Crowell, A. L., R. Worl, P. Ongtooguk, and D. Biddison (eds.)**

2010 *Living Our Cultures, Sharing Our Heritage: First Peoples of Alaska*. Smithsonian Books, Washington, DC

**Aninchthenko, E. and A. L. Crowell**

2010 Baidary Tikhookeanskikh Eskimosov po Dannym Arkheologogii i Etnographii" [Pacific Eskimo Baidars from Archaeological and Ethnographic Data] *Sbornik Museja Antropologii y Etnographii*, 56: 198-227. St. Petersburg.

**Crowell, A. L.**

2009 Russian Colonization of Alaska and the Northwest Coast. In *Archaeology in America*, Vol. 4, West Coast and Arctic/Subarctic, edited by Francis P. McManamon, Linda S. Cordell, Kent G. Lightfoot, and George R. Milner, pp. 282-285. Greenwood Press, Westport and London.

**Crowell, A. L.**

2009 Archaeology of a Borderland: Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet, Southern Alaska Coast. In *Archaeology in America*, Vol. 4, West Coast and Arctic/Subarctic, edited by Francis P. McManamon, Linda S. Cordell, Kent G. Lightfoot, and George R. Milner, pp. 258-260. Greenwood Press, Westport and London.

**Crowell, A. L.**

2009 The Art of Iñupiaq Whaling: Elders' Interpretations of International Polar Year Ethnological Collections. In *Smithsonian At the Poles: Contributions to International Polar Year Science*, edited by Igor Krupnik, Michael A. Lang, and Scott E. Miller, pp. 99-114. Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press, Washington, DC.

**Crowell, A. L., D. R. Yesner, R. Eagle, and D. K. Hansen**

2008 An Historic Alutiiq Village on the Outer Kenai Coast: Subsistence and Trade in the Early Contact Period. *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* 6(1-2):225-251.

**Hutchinson, I. and A. L. Crowell**

2007 Recurrence and Extent of Great Earthquakes in Southern Alaska during the Late Holocene: An Integrated Analysis of Radiocarbon Evidence of Crustal Deformation and Village Abandonment. *Radiocarbon* 49(3):1323-1385.

**Crowell, A. L. and E. Oozevaseuk**

2006 The St. Lawrence Island Famine and Epidemic, 1878-80: A Yupik Narrative in Cultural and Historical Context. *Arctic Anthropology* 43(1):1-19.

**A. L. Crowell**

2004 Terms of Engagement: The Collaborative Representation of Alutiiq Identity. *Études/Inuit/Studies* 28(1):9-35.

**Crowell, A. L., D. H. Mann, and M. Matson**

2003 Implications of "Punctuated Productivity" for Coastal Settlement Patterns: A GIS Study of the Katmai Coast, Gulf of Alaska. *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* 2(1):62-96.

**A. L. Crowell, A. F. Steffian, and G. L. Pullar (eds.)**

2001 *Looking Both Ways: Heritage and Identity of the Alutiiq People*. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks.

**Crowell, A. L.**

2000 Maritime Cultures of the Gulf of Alaska. *Journal of American Archeology* 17/18/19:177-216.

**Crowell, A. L. and D. H. Mann**

1998 *Archaeology and Coastal Dynamics of Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska*. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Anchorage.

**Mann, D. H. and T. D. Hamilton, A. L. Crowell, and B. P. Finney**

1998 Climatic Changes, Sea-Level Changes, and Geological Disturbances in the Gulf of Alaska Region during the Holocene. *Arctic Anthropology* 35(1):112-131.

**Crowell, A. L.**

1997 *Archaeology and the Capitalist World System: A Study from Russian America*. Plenum Press, New York.

**A. L. Crowell and D. H. Mann**

1996 Sea Level Dynamics, Glaciers, and Archaeology along the Central Gulf of Alaska Coast. *Arctic Anthropology* 33(2):16-37.

## SYNERGYSTIC ACTIVITIES

**Arctic Studies Center, Anchorage:** Worked with National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of the American Indian, Anchorage Museum, and Alaska Native scholars to lead creation of a major exhibition (*Living Our Cultures, Sharing Our Heritage: The First Peoples of Alaska*) and new \$14M Arctic Studies Center facility for collaborative cultural research in Anchorage. Conducted over 300 hours of interviews with Alaska Native elders.

**Scholarly exhibitions:** Curator/co-curator/editor of Smithsonian exhibitions that integrated anthropological and indigenous knowledge (*Looking Both Ways: Heritage and Identity of the Alutiiq People; Gifts from the Ancestors: Ancient Ivories of Bering Strait; Crossroads of Continents: Cultures of Siberia and Alaska*).

**Interdisciplinary coastal studies:** Principal Investigator for Gulf of Alaska research programs combining archaeology, ethnohistory, geomorphology, and glaciology; extensive Alaska Native community consultation and participation.

**Indigenous language documentation and teaching:** Working with bi-lingual educators and fluent speakers of Alaska Native languages to document cultural lexicons and develop language teaching materials for classrooms (currently Iñupiaq, St. Lawrence Island Yupik, and Dena'ina).

**Teaching:** Classroom teaching, professional mentoring, and field training for graduate, undergraduate, and high school students through Arctic Studies Center internship programs and University of Alaska.

## RECENT COLLABORATORS AND CO-EDITORS

**Collaborators and co-editors:** Elaine Abraham (Alaska Native Science Commission), Bernadette Alvanna-Stimpfle (Kawerak Eskimo Heritage Program), James Clifford (University of California Santa Cruz), Sarah Croucher (Wesleyan University), Ann Fienup-Riordan (Calista Elders Council), William W. Fitzhugh (Smithsonian Institution), Jana Harcharek (North Slope Borough School District), Julie Hollowell (University of British Columbia), Gary Holton (Alaska Native Language Center, UAF), Wayne K. Howell (National Park Service), Ian Hutchinson (Simon Fraser University), Sergei Kan (Dartmouth), Igor Krupnik (Smithsonian Institution), Kent Lightfoot (University of California Berkeley), Daniel H. Mann (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Owen K. Mason (GeoArch Alaska), Marie Meade (Calista Elders Council), Paul Ongtooguk (University of Alaska Anchorage), Ken Pratt (Bureau of Indian Affairs), Gordon L. Pullar (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Judy Ramos (University of Alaska Fairbanks), William Schneider (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Rosita Worl (Sealaska Heritage Institute), David R. Yesner (University of Alaska Anchorage). **Graduate student supervision:** Eugenia Aninchthenko (Southampton University), Rita Eagle (University of Alaska Anchorage), Nicole Tozzi (University of Alaska Fairbanks).