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MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, MIZZOU

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Maasai warriors, 1929 - Sutton Collection

UPCOMING: ANTHROPOLOGY DAY 2020

The American Anthropological Association's annual celebration of anthropology and anthropologists is fast approaching with 2020's Anthropology Day on **Thursday, February 20th**. The celebration serves as a day for anthropologists to share their work and missions with the public. It is always held on the third Thursday in February.

"The primary goal of Anthropology Day is to share the wonders of anthropology with the world around us." - AAA

The Museum of Anthropology curators will be on hand in the museum at 10 am and 1 pm to talk about objects and to share artifacts from our education collection. The museum will be open its regular hours of 9am - 4pm to allow visitors to explore collections and discover the depth and richness of Native North American prehistory, cultures and traditions. Additionally, the museum's special exhibit highlights global cultures and anthropology's cross disciplinary characteristics by looking at the use of poisons in various groups across several continents, the modern day applications of those poisons in medicine, and the physiological effects of the poisons on its victims.

Come explore Anthropology with the MoA on February 20th!

NEW DONATIONS TO THE RICHARD L. SUTTON COLLECTION

BY CANDACE SALL



Inuit Boy, 1939

Two donations to the Museum's Sutton Collection in 2019 by Anne Canfield and Dr. Richard N. Sutton III, the grandchildren of Dr. Richard L. Sutton Sr. (1878-1952), add a wealth of information to a collection that their grandfather began donating to the Museum of Anthropology in 1924. The new donations cover later expeditions to Africa and the Arctic and include five spears (seen in the cover photo with the Maasai warriors), thousands of photos, hundreds of lantern (glass) slides, negatives, and the Graflex camera that Dr. Sutton Sr. used.

Dr. Sutton Sr. attended medical school at the University of Missouri and traveled on a series of photography and hunting expeditions in the 1920s to 1930s. Included in the recent donation are photos and films from a 1929-30 expedition to Africa where Dr. Sutton Sr. and his family photographed and filmed people and large game animals, and collected weapons, baskets, and a zebra-skin drum. While the objects themselves are interesting, the addition

of these photos of the men that made and used the objects collected provides new information, greater depth of understanding, and context.

Additional photos are from a 1939 expedition to the Arctic. One shows an Inuit mother with a child in her hood (right) illustrating ways in which babies and small children were carried as well as how to stay warm in such bitter cold.

Ten original 16 mm films of trips to Africa, Asia, and Norway were also included in this year's donations, and were digitized to preserve the films' contents and make them more available. Portions of these films will be shared online; keep an eye out for them in the future!



Richard Sutton Jr. tending a man injured on safari, 1929



REHABILITATING TURNER & SNODGRASS MATERIALS

BY JESSICA BOLDT

The Museum of Anthropology's American Archaeology Division (AAD) maintains archaeological collections consisting of prehistoric and historic artifacts from various sites throughout Missouri. One of the AAD's long-term projects is bringing collections that were excavated before 1990 up to today's curation standards. This includes replacing paper artifact bags with clear zipper-type polyethylene bags. Any information on the original bag is transferred to the new plastic bag, as well as a small strip of polyethylene paper, and labeled in permanent black ink. This helps prevent any information from being lost in the future. Finally, an inventory detailing the contents of each box is created and entered

into an online collection database. This database not only allows the AAD to organize, protect and secure collection information, but also provides researchers fast and efficient access to collection information. The AAD's current rehabilitation project is on Turner and Snodgrass (23BU21A + B), a large collection of material from two adjacent Mississippian-period sites located in the central Mississippi Valley.

To access the Museum's online databases, including the AAD's online Archaeological Collection databass, visit our website and click the Collections + Research tab.

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EDUCATION CORNER

BY AMANDA STALEY HARRISON

Winter is still going strong, but great things are coming up to brighten the short days. Thursday, February 20th, the Museum of Anthropology will be celebrating Anthropology Day by offering a great opportunity to see objects from the museum's education collection during open hours. Visitors will be able to touch and hold several objects, adding a new dimension to their understanding of how the objects are made and the materials used, as well as be able to interact with curators and ask questions about what they see in the museum.

The first after-school workshop of the new year will be held on Thursday, March 12th. Registration opens February 15th. Please visit our website for the workshop topic and information on how to register. A quick reminder that attendees must be preregistered and there is no onsite registration the day of the workshop.

Winter also brings a change in the annual **Smithsonian Museum Day**. Previously held in the fall, the celebration has moved to April 4th. There will be an event at the Museum that Saturday bringing together people from all around the community to celebrate museums. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 4th, 1 pm - 3 pm** for the free event held on the first and second floors of Mizzou North.

WINTER CALENDAR

ANTHROPOLOGY DAY

Thursday, February 20, 2020

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

MARCH AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOP:

Thursday, March 12, 2020

3:45 pm to 5:00 pm

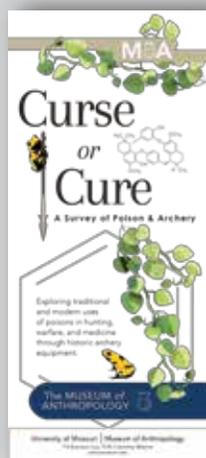
MUSEUM DAY 2020

Saturday, April 4, 2020

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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CURRENT SPECIAL EXHIBIT



Curse or Cure?: A Survey of Poison & Archery

On exhibit
through
2020.

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HOURS
9 AM - 4 PM Tu - Fri
12 PM - 4 PM Sat - Sun

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