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## From the Director



Todd Surovell

Five years ago I was living with Dukha reindeer herders in the mountains of Mongolia when I talked to my colleague Bob Kelly on a satellite phone about taking over leadership of the department. I assumed that role and handed over directorship of the Frison Institute to Jason Toohey, who did an excellent job, despite difficult circumstances. We have since suffered through the worst phases of the pandemic, and we lost George Frison, both things that impacted archaeology at UW. The arrival of the coronavirus largely halted research. The passing of George, who was a fixture in the department for 53 years and engaged in innovative and important Paleoindian and other research, impacted not only UW but the archaeological community at large. Doc expanded our horizons. I am pleased to report that we have moved forward from both challenges. Archaeological research is moving ahead at full speed. The building that houses the department now bears the name of the man, who if not for his efforts, would not be here. I write this from the George C. Frison Building at the University of Wyoming. In years to come, I look forward to sharing with our friends and supporters the archaeological research that the Frison Institute makes possible for Wyoming students, faculty, and other archaeologists. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to award nine research grants just this fall. Below are but a few recent examples of institute funded work.



The bonebed at the Warren Mammoth site in Laramie County. Stay tuned for our findings from this new mammoth site.



MA student McKenna Litynski pipetting while preparing samples for zooarchaeology by mass spectrometry (ZooMS)



Experimental earth ovens created by PhD student Charles Koenig for his dissertation research.



PhD student Sarah Stagg and local field assistants screening materials from an Initial Cajamarca Period (~200 BCE - CE 100) context in Peru.



Assistant Professor Briana Doering and MA student Molly Herron sampling bones from the Colby site museum display for isotopic analysis.



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