

Northern Research Links:

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Documentary Film-maker Niobe Thompson to Visit UNBC

Niobe Thompson, a documentary film-maker with Clearwater Media in Edmonton, will be visiting UNBC's Prince George campus on Thursday January 15th. He will be showcasing two of his most recent films: *Inuit Odyssey* (2009) and *Tar Sands: The Selling of Alberta* (2008). Before he joined Clearwater Media as a Partner in 2006, Dr. Thompson obtained a PhD in Anthropology from Cambridge University's Scott Polar Research Institute. He was also a Killam Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Alberta, spent three years as a human rights researcher in Africa and South Asia, and worked as a forest fire fighter in northern Canada. He has experience presenting for documentary in a variety of projects, including *Where Time Begins* (SRC, 2005) and *Medicine Men* (Channel 4/Discovery, 2007). His most recent book, *Settlers on the Edge*, is based on five years of research in the Russian Arctic.



On January 15th, Dr. Thompson will be hosting two showings of *Inuit Odyssey* (10:00 – 11:20 am, location: TBA; and 1:00 – 2:20 pm, location: TBA). These showings will be open to all faculty, staff and students. A public showing of *Tar Sands: The Selling of Alberta* will take place at 7 pm (location: TBA). For more details, contact Gary Wilson (wilsong@unbc.ca).

Inuit Odyssey (60 minutes) takes a journey across the North and a millennium back in time, tracing the origins of the modern Inuit in an extraordinary Arctic Odyssey from Siberia to Greenland. What is discovered along the way overturns our stereotypes of the “peaceful Eskimo” and sheds new light on the first meeting of Asiatic and European settlers in the New World

Tar Sands: The Selling of Alberta (60 minutes) captures the intersecting storylines of a remarkable cast of characters eager to cash in on the oil boom in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Up for grabs - a stake in a \$100 billion energy bonanza and Canada's economic sovereignty.



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Canadian Northern Studies Trust Awards (2009-2010)

Application Deadline January 30, 2009

- * **ARCTIC CO-OPERATIVES AWARD 1 X \$2,500:** Sponsored by Arctic Co-operatives Limited and the Arctic Co-operative Development Fund, this award is valued at \$2,500. It will be offered to students enrolled in college or university pursuing studies that contribute to the understanding of the cooperative movement in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic regions of Nunavut and the Northwest Territories.
- * **CANADIAN POLAR COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIP 1 x \$10,000:** This Scholarship valued at \$10,000 is sponsored by the Canadian Polar Commission. Applications are invited from doctoral candidates who (a) will engage in research culminating in a thesis (b) will have an interdisciplinary emphasis to their research (c) are enrolled in programs that show excellence in research in the Polar north and (d) are willing to communicate results in a major national or Northern forum.
- * **CARIBOU RESEARCH AWARD 1 X \$1,500:** Sponsored by The Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, this award valued at \$1,500 is offered to students enrolled in college or university pursuing studies that contribute to the understanding of barren ground caribou in Canada and their habitat. Preference will be given to students who normally reside in the communities of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq range.
- * **CNST SCHOLARSHIP 1 X \$5,000:** This Scholarship valued at \$5,000 is sponsored by The Canadian Northern Studies Trust. Applications are invited from doctoral candidates who will (a) engage in research culminating in a thesis (b) include direct northern field research or experience as part of their studies, and (c) whose programs are relevant to northern challenges or issues.
- * **GARFIELD WESTON AWARD FOR NORTHERN STUDIES (DOCTORAL) 7 X \$40,000:** The W. Garfield Weston Foundation is sponsoring seven scholarships, valued at \$40,000 each, for students enrolled in a doctoral program in the natural sciences pursuing northern research. Preference will be given to applicants who (a) have a clearly defined research project that includes significant research time spent in the Canadian north (b) demonstrate excellence in northern research (c) are able to show the relevance of the research to northerners and northern scholarship and (d) exhibit a willingness to communicate research results within the scientific community, and in northern or national meetings.
- * **GARFIELD WESTON AWARD FOR NORTHERN STUDIES (MASTERS) 7 X \$15,000:** The W. Garfield Weston Foundation is sponsoring seven scholarships, valued at \$15,000 each for students currently enrolled in the first thirteen months of a masters program in the natural sciences pursuing northern research. Preference will be given to applicants who (a) have a clearly defined research project that includes significant research time spent in the Canadian north (b) demonstrate excellence in northern research (c) show the relevance of the research to northerners and northern scholarship and (d) exhibit a willingness to communicate research results within the scientific community, and in northern or national meetings.
- * **NORTHERN RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP 4 X \$10,000:** The Northern Scientific Training Program is sponsoring four scholarships, valued at \$10,000 each, for students identified as long-term residents of Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon, or the Provincial North, currently enrolled in master or doctoral-level programs at a Canadian university.

- * **RESEARCH SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY IN ARCTIC ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:** The Meteorological Service of Canada (a division of Environment Canada) sponsors a unique research support opportunity by providing accommodation, facilities, and services at the High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS) at Eureka on Ellesmere Island, to graduate students at the masters or doctoral level. Preference will be given to environmental research proposals in the physical or biological sciences.

For more information, applications and guidelines please visit: www.acuns.ca

Conference and Conference Travel

- * **Early Career Scientist Travel Grants Available Arctic Science Summit Week 2009 Bergen, Norway, 23-28 March 2009**

Application Deadline: Monday, 15 December 2008

The International Arctic Science Committee will provide travel grants for early career scientists (no more than 5 years after completion of the PhD) presenting papers at the Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) 2009 and International Science Symposium, being held in 23-28 March 2009, in Bergen, Norway. The maximum travel support will be 2000 Euros per person. Some of the travel grants are specially allocated to Russian early career scientists. Applications should include the abstract submitted to the conference, a short but informative CV, and an estimate of travel costs. The deadline for application is Monday, 15 December 2008. Please note that applications will only be considered if the abstract has also been submitted through the conference website (<http://www.imr.no/assw2009>). Applications and all queries should be addressed to: IASC Secretariat, PO Box 50003, 104 05 Stockholm, Sweden, Phone: +46-8-673-9613. Email: iasc@iasc.se

- * **Conference Travel Awards for Aboriginal Research: Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

The CIHR-Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health is pleased to announce a Travel Award to facilitate travel for Aboriginal individuals - research trainees and community members - who will present or provide posters at events in a field relevant to Aboriginal Health Research. Fifteen thousand dollars are allocated for this current Travel Award. A maximum of \$1,500 will be awarded to individual applicants from northern and remote areas of Canada and a maximum of \$1,000 is available to applicants from all other regions of the country. A minimum of two Travel Awards are reserved for applicants from northern or remote areas.

Consistent with the CIHR Guidelines for Health Research Involving Aboriginal People, this travel award is intended for dyads; a dyad comprises two individuals (i.e. one community member, one research trainee - e.g. Master, doctoral student) that are presenting at the conference (oral or poster). The purpose of this award is to support community trainee conference presenters (dyads) with approved projects to travel to a conference where they can present original research relevant to the conference.

More information visit: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36094.html> or contact:

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Newsletters and Publications

The latest issue of the *Arctic Future Newsletter* is posted on-line at

http://www.ookpik.org/peers/arctic_future.aspx

The December, 2008 edition features articles on the following topics:

- * The Compass Points North for the Circumpolar Young Leaders
- * Young Polar Scientists Carry on the IPY Flame
- * Youth Delegation Meets at Arctic Indigenous Languages Symposium
- * Schools on Board: Building bridges between traditional knowledge, the scientific community and youth
- * Students on Ice: A truly polar IPY legacy
- * UArctic: A Commitment to Higher Education and Research in the North
- * A Day in the Life of a CYL Intern
- * Youth Delegates Attend the Senior Arctic Officials Meeting in Norway