

Welcome to Northern Studies at UNBC!

As the Coordinator of the Northern Studies Program, I am very pleased to present the inaugural edition of the **The Northern Voice**, a web-bulletin for the Northern Studies Program and northern research at the UNBC. This bulletin will be distributed on a monthly basis throughout the regular term (September-April) and will provide information about the people, activities and events in the area of Northern studies at UNBC. It will also highlight important research and funding opportunities through northern studies organizations such as the Association of Canadian Universities for

Northern Studies (ACUNS) and the Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP), as well as conferences and events taking place in Canada and around the Circumpolar North. If you have any northern news or announcements that you would like to share with the University community, please feel free to contact Debbie Price, the Administrative Assistant for the Northern Studies Program at 960 6668 or price@unbc.ca.

Gary Wilson

Researcher Profile - Gary Wilson, Political Science

Each month *The Northern Voice* will feature a short profile of a faculty member or student who is involved in northern research.

My research and teaching covers a wide range of northern topics. In the past I focused much of my attention on regional politics and intergovernmental relations in the Russian North. More recently, I have broadened the geographical scope of my northern research to include northern Canada and the Circumpolar North. I am particularly interested in Inuit multilevel governance and have published articles on the political

evolution of the predominantly Inuit region of Nunavik in northern Quebec, and on Inuit diplomacy and the Inuit Circumpolar Council, a transnational organization linking Inuit peoples in countries across the Circumpolar North. I am also exploring the political and economic development of the provincial norths and have recently done research on the impact of the new Prince Rupert container port on communities across northern BC.



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Funding Opportunities

Garfield Weston Award for Northern Studies (Masters)

The W. Garfield Weston Foundation is sponsoring seven scholarships, valued at \$15,000 each, for students currently enrolled in a master's program in the natural sciences pursuing northern research. For applications and guidelines see: <http://www.acuns.ca>

Northern Research Internships

NSERC's Northern Research Internships program for senior undergraduate students, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows is now in its fifth year. These internships facilitate extended stays and subsidize the costs associated with research in the Canadian North. For more information see:

http://www.nserc.gc.ca/sf_e.asp?nav=sfnv&ibi=nri

NRESi Colloquium Series (in Room 7-150)

- ❖ February 29, 2008 David Hik (University of Alberta) Room
 - Herbivores in warming subarctic alpine environments
- ❖ March 7, 2008 Stephen Dery (UNBC)
 - Development of Cariboo Alpine Mesonet and preliminary results
- ❖ March 28, 2008 Scott Green (UNBC)
 - Effects of Climate Change on Forests

Other Upcoming Events and Conferences

- ❖ April 9–11, 2008 Second Workshop on Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks. Edmonton, Alberta. **Early registration deadline:** Monday March 3, 2008. **For more information see:** <http://www.arcticobserving.org>
- ❖ June 2-6, 2008 Polar Libraries Colloquy 2008 - Currents of Change: The Future of Polar Information. Timms Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. **For more information see:** <http://www.library.ualberta.ca/ocs2/index.php/plc/>
- ❖ October 23-25, 2008 6th Inuit Studies Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Call for papers deadline February 29, 2008. **For more information contact** Chris Trott trottcg@cc.umanitoba.ca or Peter Kulchyski kulchysk@cc.umanitoba.ca