



NRESi WEEKLY NEWS

October 6 - 10, 2014

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students
who participate in the
Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute
and NRES Graduate Programs

NRESi NOTES

FROM THE DIRECTOR & RESEARCH MANAGER

Hello everyone,

For those of you who have been looking forward to viewing past colloquium presentations, the wait is over! The talks from September, including the special lecture from Eric Peterson at the Hakai Beach Institute (Sept 16), are now posted to NRESi's website and can be found [here](#).

We have received a number of interesting suggestions for this year's Annual Lecture! The Steering Committee is exploring speaker availability and planning for this year's Annual Peace Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program Special Lecture is also underway. As in previous years, both events will be held in the winter semester. Stay tuned for more details.

NRESi members will recall our AGM discussion about developing an Advisory Panel, with external participation and insight from UNBC (outside the NRESi membership), as well as those from the broader community. This is to help identify opportunities, meeting at least once a year to discuss key questions and topics. We will continue to keep you informed, as it develops over the coming months.

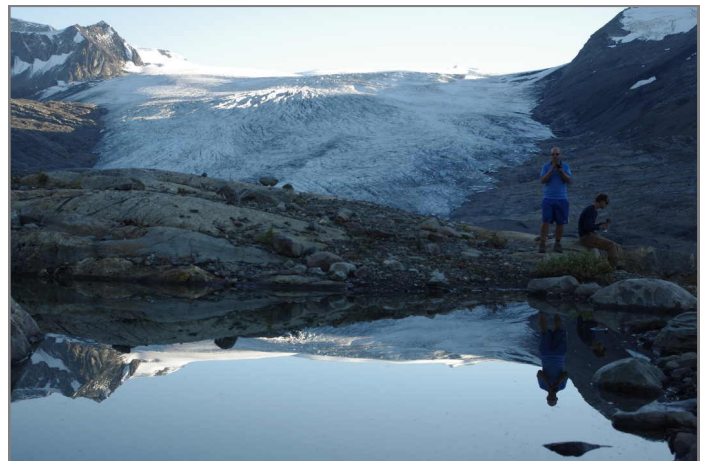
I hope you find lots to be thankful for this weekend!

Leanne Elliott
NRESi Research Manager

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UNBC student field volunteers at Castle Glacier, September 2014:
The Castle Glacier (its unofficial name) is in the Cariboo Mountains, southwest of McBride. Access without helicopter involves a 40km drive along the South Dore valley and a 12km hike over Avalanche Pass.

Photo: R. Wheate



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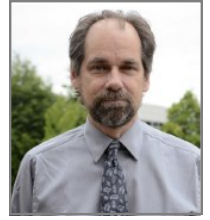
We're on the web at : www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/newsletter

COMING EVENTS

NRESI RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Dr. Ken Brealey

Associate Dean, College of Arts
Faculty, Department of Geography
University of the Fraser Valley



How to map Aboriginal Title: The Case of Tsilhqot'in v. British Columbia

On July 11 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) ruled that the Tsilhqot'in First Nation in the central interior plateau of British Columbia met the test for a declaration of Aboriginal title over some 1700 square kilometres of its traditional territory. The significance of the decision was not only that it was the first such declaration of Aboriginal title in untreated territories in Canada, but that it upheld the 2007 judgment of the British Columbia Supreme Court in which the trial judge determined that such title could be exercised over extensive tracts of land by a semi-nomadic people. The trial court decision relied heavily on the cartographic representation of Tsilhqot'in land use and occupancy regimes in three separate, but ultimately interrelated, mapping projects. All told, the SCC judgment not only confirmed the 'power of maps' to 'make visible' that which had previously been experienced, known and transmitted across the generations through a qualitatively different cultural perspective, but likely contains lessons for 'best practices' in a decolonizing cartography that can be used to support Indigenous land claims.

Friday, OCT 10th, 2014

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Room: Weldwood Theatre (7-238)

To participate remotely: http://www.unbc.ca/nres/nresi_webcast.html

COMING EVENTS

NRESI RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Dr. Alexander Lautensach

UNBC Education, Terrace

Teaching Scientific Literacy for Sustainable Natural Resource Management

Abstract to be posted to NRESi's website next week. Watch [here](#) for updates.

Friday, OCT 17th, 2014

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Room: Weldwood Theatre (7-238)

To participate remotely: http://www.unbc.ca/nres/nresi_webcast.html

ANNOUNCEMENT

A memorial service will be held for **Susan Stevenson** on Thursday, October 23rd at 7pm. It will take place at the UNBC Prince George Campus in the Bentley Centre (7-172).

AWARDS

Sharleen Balogh, co-supervised by Staffan Lindgren and Dezene Huber, won the President's Prize at the recent Entomological Society of Canada annual meeting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The President's prize is awarded to the student with the best oral presentation, as determined by a panel of three judges, in their section. The title of Sharleen's award-winning presentation was "Host selection of lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*) by the Warren root collar weevil (*Hylobius warreni*)".

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Catherine Nolin (Geography) and Alexandra Pedersen (UNBC alum) are the new Co-Editors of the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG) newsletter, Facebook page and Twitter account.

- Website: <http://clagscholar.org>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Conference-of-Latin-Americanist-Geographers>
- Twitter: [@CLAGGeography](https://twitter.com/CLAGGeography)

GRANTS FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY RESEARCH IN THE NORTH

The Northern Scientific Training Program and the Canadian Northern Studies Trust awards program provide funding for students and faculty who are doing research in the north. For more information consult the following websites or contact Gary Wilson, Coordinator of the UNBC Northern Studies Program at wilsong@unbc.ca.

More information can be found at: [Northern Scientific Training Program](#) & [Canadian Northern Studies Trust](#)

IN THE NEWS

NRESi members, Phil Owens and Ellen Petticrew, have released some preliminary finding following the Mount Polley tailings pond breach. Read about it [here](#).

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Jasper National Park **Parc national Jasper**
parcs.nat.park.gc.ca **parcs.nat.park.gc.ca**

You are invited! Soyez de la partie!

JASPER NATIONAL PARK Annual Public Forum **PARC NATIONAL JASPER Forum public annuel**

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014 **Le mercredi 15 octobre 2014**
University of Northern British Columbia **University of Northern British Columbia**
Room 5-140D, Library Building **Pièce 5-140D, bâtiment de la bibliothèque**
Prince George, British Columbia **Prince George (Colombie-Britannique)**

Via videoconference from Jasper **Diffusion par vidéoconférence depuis Jasper**

Year in Review 6:30-8:15 P.M. **Bilan de l'année de 17 h 30 à 18 h 15**

- Executive Director, Mountain Parks address
- Superintendent's address
- Questions and answers

- Mot de la directrice exécutive, Parcs des Rocheuses
- Mot du directeur
- Questions et réponses

Presentations 8:15-8:45 P.M. **Exposés de 18 h 15 à 18 h 45**

- Species-at-Risk Overview
- Maligne Valley Proposed Actions

- Tour d'horizon sur les espèces en péril
- Mesures proposées pour la vallée de la Maligne

At the Annual Public Forum, we report back to you on our work in Jasper National Park and future priorities. www.pc.gc.ca/jasper
For more information call: 780-883-0457

Au forum public annuel, nous vous offrons un compte rendu du travail que nous accomplissons dans le parc national Jasper et vous faisons part de nos priorités à venir. www.pc.gc.ca/jasper
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**United Nations Association in Canada
Prince George Branch**
Association canadienne pour les Nations Unies

On behalf of United Nations Association in Canada (UNAC), Prince George Branch, it is my pleasure to invite you to our UN Day Celebration Events:

Public Forum and Dialogue on the Post-2015 Development Agenda
Monday, October 20, 2014 from 11:30am to 1:30pm
UNBC Gathering Place – Room 5-123

UN Day Fundraising Dinner with UNAC President and CEO Kathryn White
Monday, October 20, 2014 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Twisted Cork Restaurant – 1157 5th Avenue

Established in 1946, UNA Canada is a national charitable organization providing leading policy voice on multilateralism in Canada. UNAC's mission is to educate and engage Canadians in the work of the UN and critical international issues that affect us all. The newly formed Prince George branch aims to promote awareness, engage, and help empower local decision makers, businesses, organizations, and community members at large to become active global citizens to help build a sustainable world.

The Public Forum at UNBC will serve as an initial opportunity for our branch to connect with and obtain input from local stakeholders and individuals in Prince George. The forum will be focused on the UN's Post-2015 Development Agenda. Priorities could encompass a wide range of global issues including but not limited to: poverty and hunger, gender inequality, persistent unemployment, violent armed conflicts, faltering education systems, climate change and rising sea-levels. The forum will begin with introductory presentations followed by facilitated discussions. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to network and meet with our local UNAC-PG board members and UNAC's national president and CEO, Kathryn White, who will be travelling to Prince George for the October 20 events. The day will conclude with a fundraising dinner in an intimate setting at the Twisted Cork Restaurant. Tickets for the fundraising dinner are \$30/person and can be purchased by contacting Fabiola at (250) 613-7706 or by email at unacpg@gmail.com.

I will be following up shortly with an email or personal phone call; however should you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me by phone at (250) 962-5565 or via email at unacpg@gmail.com.

Kind regards,
Giulliana Tamblyn
President – PG Branch
UNA Canada

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**UN DAY
CELEBRATION**

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION IN CANADA
PRINCE GEORGE BRANCH

**FREE PUBLIC FORUM AND DIALOGUE ON THE
POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
AT UNBC - THE GATHERING PLACE
ROOM 5-123**

**FOLLOWED BY:
UN DAY FUNDRAISING DINNER
AT TWISTED CORK RESTAURANT
AT 7:00 P.M.**

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT FABIOLA AT (250) 613-7706
OR EMAIL US AT UNACPG@GMAIL.COM**

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A brief outline of his presentation:

I am planning on telling a story, the story of how I discovered perfluorinated chemicals in the environment, then developed the science and policy that eventually lead to them being placed on Appendix B of the Stockholm Protocol for virtual elimination, as well as the banning of 87 chemicals in Canada. It is pitched to a general audience, with minimal technical detail. So everyone should be able to get something from it.



Dr. John P. Giesy, FRSC
Ecotoxicologist

RSC Romanowski Lecture Series

Toxicological Evaluation of Perfluorooctane in the Environment: Anatomy of an Environmental Issue

Thursday, October 23, 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Canfor Theatre

The University of Northern British Columbia
Prince George, British Columbia

Please RSVP to research@unbc.ca

For more information: Meaghan Wyatt meaghan.wyatt@unbc.ca or (250) 960.5820



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SHARE YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES

Do you have a favourite photo, story or update from your research that you would like to share with your fellow members and the broader NRESi community in the newsletter? Send them to Leanne to include in an upcoming edition!

COLLOQUIUM ARCHIVE

Did you miss a colloquium or special lecture? Visit NRESi's webcast archive to catch up! This can be found through the following link: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/colloquium-series/archived-colloquium-series>

ARCHIVE OF PAST EVENTS

Information, links, proceedings, and other information from past NRESi hosted and co-led events can be found at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/special-events>. This site currently includes information about the Forest Tenure events (Annual Lecture and workshop) and a link to the Cumulative Effects Workshop site.

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