



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

February 11 - 15, 2008

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

COMING EVENTS

NRESI RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES



Dr. Ted Binnema
Associate Professor
History Program
UNBC

Tomorrow

Using Historical Documents to Reconstruct Environmental Change in Northern British Columbia

Environmental scientists recognize that environmental management strategies in northern British Columbia need to incorporate projections of the pace and trajectory of future environmental change. They also understand that knowledge of past environmental change is crucial to the development of these projections. However, scholars have made relatively little use of historical documents in their efforts to reconstruct environmental changes in the region over the past two centuries. This presentation will explore the possibilities for such research based on documents created during the fur trade era, with emphasis on the records of the Hudson's Bay Company dating from 1820 to the early twentieth century. Examples will range from evidence relating to the pine beetle and climate change, to the history of game and fur-bearing animals, including moose and caribou.

Friday, February 8, 2008

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Lecture Theatre 7-150

Light Refreshments will be Served

Next Friday

Tobias Bolch
Geography Program, UNBC

GLACIER CHANGE IN ASIAN MOUNTAINS USING SPACE IMAGERY

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THESIS DEFENCE

Ms. Nancy Elliot is a candidate for the degree:
Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies.

Ms. Elliot will be defending her dissertation entitled:

“INCLUDING ABORIGINAL VALUES IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT THROUGH
ENHANCED GEOSPATIAL COMMUNICATION”.

February 11, 2008
9:00am
Room 6-205 (Conference Centre)
UNBC Prince George Campus

Supervisor: **Dr. Alex Hawley**
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Program

GLOBAL FRIDAYS

February 8
12:00 - 1:30 pm
Room 6-306

Makere Stewart-Harawira
Associate Prof., Dept. of Educational Policy Studies, Univ. of Alberta

*“Singing the World: Indigenous Challenges and Political Ontologies in a
Deeply Bifurcated World”*

3rd Annual NRESI Poster Presentation and Lecture **Thursday, February 28, 2007**

The **Poster Presentation**, starting at **5:30** in the Admin Building Atrium, will feature research by NRES graduate students and NRES Institute members. This year there will be **prizes** for the **best posters**, so please sign up with Elissa or Brenda if you will be presenting a poster.

7:00 pm - Public Lecture
Canfor Theatre 6-213

Dr. David Hik, Executive Director of the Canadian International Polar Year Secretariat
“International Polar Year and the future of Arctic research in Canada”

OF INTEREST

The partnership between UNBC, the Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board, and the Integrated Land Management Bureau received a BC Premier's Award for Innovation and Excellence at the regional ceremony in Prince George on 31 January. **Kathy Parker** accepted the award on behalf of the University.

Brian Aukema has received a Young Professional Award from the Entomological Society of America, with a small cash prize that will remind him to pay his annual dues.

Several UNBC researchers are making presentations and participating in the "Timber Growth and Value Conference in Smithers, Feb. 6-7 (see <http://www.bvcentre.ca/html/Events/Conferences/TimberGrowth/Home.htm>). Presenters include **Brian Aukema, Phil Burton, Craig DeLong, Chris Hawkins**, and **Kathy Lewis**. Organized by the Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management, this conference features the results of projects funded under the timber envelope of research sponsored by the B.C. Forest Science Program.

TRAVEL

Scott Green is traveling to Inuvik, Northwest Territories, on Thursday February 7 for a week of meetings related to International Polar Year research projects. Scott will meet with a number of NWT government researchers in Inuvik, as well as Gwich'in First Nation resource managers in Tsiigehtchic and Fort McPherson. On Monday February 11, Scott will conduct an open "town hall" meeting about IPY research plans at the community recreation center in Fort McPherson, a predominantly Gwich'in community.

PUBLICATIONS

Fettig, Christopher J.; Christopher P. Dabney; Stephen R. McKelvey; **Dezene P.W. Huber**. 2008. Nonhost angiosperm volatiles and verbenone protect individual ponderosa pines from attack by western pine beetle and red turpentine beetle (Coleoptera: Curculionidae, Scolytinae). *Western Journal of Applied Forestry*, 23(1): 40-45.

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