



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

January 7, 2005

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. Morgan Cranny

candidate for the degree:

**Master of Science in Natural Resources
and Environmental Studies (Biology)**

will be defending his thesis entitled:

“UNSUPERVISED LANDCOVER CLASSIFI-
CATION IN A TOPOGRAPHICALLY
DIVERSE REGION OF NORTH-CENTRAL
BRITISH COLUMBIA”

Supervisor: **Dr. Roger Wheate**, Geography

Date: January 10, 2005 **Time:** 1:30 pm

Place: Room 6-205

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. David Gustine

candidate for the degree:

**Master of Science in Natural Resources
and Environmental Studies (Biology)**

will be defending his thesis entitled:

“PLASTICITY IN SELECTION STRATEGIES
OF WOODLAND CARIBOU (RANGIFER
TARANDUS CARIBOU)
DURING WINTER AND CALVING”

Supervisor: **Dr. Katherine Parker**, ESM

Date: January 11, 2005 **Time:** 9:00 am

Place: Room 6-205

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

NRES / CSAM RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Dr. Brian Aukema

University of Wisconsin

Dr. Aukema will present a research seminar (title to be announced) as part of the NRES/CSAM Colloquium series, at 3:40 p.m. on Friday, January 14th, in the Weldwood Theatre. Brian is the leading candidate for the Landscape Ecologist position with the Canadian Forest Service, to be based at UNBC, and will be in Prince George for a second look around. So let's be sure to extend some Northern hospitality to Brian and his wife, Kelly Gardner, during their brief visit!

Date: Friday, January 14, 2005

Time: 3:40—4:40 pm

Lecture Theatre - 7-238

Refreshments served at 3:30 pm

THESIS DEFENSE

- ◆ On December 21, 2004 **Andra Bismansis**, candidate for the degree: Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies successfully defended her thesis entitled: "HABITAT RELATIONSHIPS OF BOREAL FOREST BIRDS IN MANAGED MIXEDWOOD FORESTS". Supervisor: **Dr. Kenneth Otter**, Ecosystem Science and Management

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ **Johnson, C.J. and Gillingham, M.P.** 2004. Mapping uncertainty: sensitivity of wildlife habitat ratings to variation in expert opinion. *Journal of Applied Ecology* 41:1032-1041.
- ◆ **Johnson, C.J.**, Boyce, M.S., Mulders, R., Gunn, A., Gau, R.J., Cluff, H.D., and Case, R.L. 2004. Quantifying patch distribution at multiple spatial scales: applications to wildlife-habitat models. *Landscape Ecology* 19:869-882.
- ◆ **Johnson, C.J.**, Boyce, M.S., Schwartz, C.C., and Haroldson, M.A. 2004. Modelling survival: application of the Anderson-Gill model to Yellowstone grizzly bear. *Journal of Wildlife Management* 68:966-978.
- ◆ **Halseth, Greg** (2003) Attracting growth 'back' to an amenity rich fringe: Rural-urban fringe dynamics around metropolitan Vancouver, Canada. *Canadian Journal of Regional Science* 26 (2 & 3), 297-318.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ The **Drop Boxes** in the main hallway on each floor are available for instructor use on a term by term basis (as space allows). Priority for these boxes is for multi-section, quick assignment turnaround courses, and for TA's or instructors who don't have office space. If you fall into one of these categories, you'd like a box, and we've somehow missed you, contact Umesh (see below) as soon as possible with your name, course, and if you are a TA, the faculty for whom you TA. Remaining boxes are available for other courses by request. Again, if you would like to use a box., contact **Umesh Parshotam** as soon as possible. ph:6656 email: parshotu@unbc.ca



A directory of all this term's users is being compiled for posting on each floor's boxes soon. This way, individual boxes do not need to be labeled and users can confirm they are placing assignments in the correct box. Instructors should ask all drop box users to report the course name and number, and

instructor name(s) on the first page of all their assignments, so that wayward assignments can be circulated to the correct instructor. If you wish to label the box with your name and course, please ensure that you remove all these labels and anything you use to attach them. Tape is often difficult to completely remove and on request we can provide you with sticky-tack that is easier to remove.

TRAVELING

- ◆ In early December, **Catherine Nolin** traveled to the University of Alberta in Edmonton, AB at the invitation of the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University and colleagues at the Prairie Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration (PCERII). The Centre for Refugee Studies has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to form a strategic cluster of researchers working on refugee issues and to identify research opportunities for potential future projects.



WELCOME ABOARD

- ◆ Please welcome **Kim Lemky** to the RRT program. Drop by and say hi to Kim in Room 8-239, or give her a call at local 5132.

WELCOME BACK

- ◆ **Gail Fondahl** recently returned from her sabbatical at the Institute of Geography at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Before departing the country, Gail was busy with several university lecture presentations, including:
 - University of Aberdeen: "Law Producing Space in the Russian North," as part of the Social Anthropology, Ethnology and Cultural Studies Research and Graduate Studies Seminar
 - University of Edinburgh: "Law Located: Aboriginal Land Reforms in the Russian North" as part of the Institute of Geography Seminar
 - University of Leeds: "Legal and Local Constructions of Indigenous Geographies in Russia," hosted by the Russian Department.

BOOK PROPOSAL

- ◆ **Ken Otter** has received a book proposal accepted by Oxford University Press. The working citation will be:
Otter, K.A. (ed) *Advances in Evolution and Behaviour: Case studies in the New World Paridae*. Oxford University Press.
This is one of Ken's focuses of his sabbatical next year.

REMINDER:

Share your information about recent publications, grants, and /or other honours you may have received with others interested in NRES issues.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL to Lucille Guiney: guiney1@unbc.ca

We're on the web at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres/newsletter.html>