



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

Sept 29—Oct 3, 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



This *FRIDAY*



Laura Cornish
The Climate Project - Canada

Climate Change Impacts in BC

I will provide an overview of climate change impacts in BC and offer local solutions to climate change for communities, businesses and households.

I will also discuss strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, waste, transportation, agriculture and energy with examples of initiatives in British Columbia and in other jurisdictions.

Light snack will be Served

Friday, September 19, 2008

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Lecture Theatre 7-212

NRES Graduate Student Poster Session / Fall Social

Friday, October 3rd

3:30—5:30

Winter Gardens

COMING EVENTS

Global Fridays
Senate Chambers
12:00—1:30 pm

October 3, 2008

Angèle Smith, Assistant Professor
Anthropology Program, UNBC

**New Transnational Landscapes:
Mapping the Social Spatiality of Asylum Seekers in Ireland**

Community Speaker's Series

The CDI is pleased to announce that the fall 2008 Community Speaker's Series event will be held in **Prince George 7:00 pm, Thursday, October 02**, room 7-150 at the UNBC campus and in **McBride 7:00 pm, Friday, October 03** at the Robson Valley Community Center, 441 Columbia Street, McBride.

Kathy Lewis, Chair of Ecosystem Science and Management at UNBC, will be our speaker. The title of the presentation is: ***"Forestry – a dying profession or an opportunity for rebirth?"***

For information on past Community Speaker's Series presentations please visit:

http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/speakers_series.html

If you have questions, please contact: Don Manson at manson@unbc.ca or phone (250) 960-5018

2nd Annual QRRC Open House — Saturday, October 4th starting at 10:30 am. Research talks by UNBC faculty and students will be followed by a BBQ and site tour. If you are interested in attending and would like to travel with other UNBC folks please contact **Ellen Petticrew** (ellen@unbc.ca) or **Phil Owens** (owensp@unbc.ca) by Monday, September 29th.

Railway and Forestry Museum New Lecture Series

**BC's Inland Rainforest:
Why are we turning 1000 year old Cedars into Garden Mulch?**

David J. Connell, PhD
Assistant Professor, School of Environmental Planning, UNBC

The inland rainforest of the upper Fraser River valley, which rivals the well-known rainforests of coastal BC, is a globally unique treasure in Prince George's backyard. Until recently, its thousand-year-old cedars have been harvested to make split rail fence posts and other wood products, including garden mulch. The threat of renewed harvesting looms large. Meanwhile, the Ancient Forest Trail has revealed the magnificence of the inland rainforest to thousands of visitors since it opened in June 2006. The purpose of this presentation is to generate discussion about the potential of the many non-timber uses of the inland rainforest, including conservation, tourism, recreation, promotion, and cultural values.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Cocktail Reception: 6:00 pm

Lecture: 7:00—8:00 pm

Admission: \$10 plus tax

Please call 250-563-7351 to reserve a seat (seating is limited)
and for more information on this lecture and upcoming lectures.

PRESENTATIONS

On **Wednesday, October 1st at 6:00 pm**, the UNBC Fish and Wildlife Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society will host a presentation by **Dr. Russ Dawson** in 7-152 entitled “**Quality of Mates, Nutrients, and Nests of Birds: Student Research in the Avian Ecology Lab**”. Dr. Dawson’s talk will highlight the first fall meeting of the Student Chapter, which has approximately 60 members. The presentation is open to everyone; the general meeting of the chapter will follow the presentation.

PUBLICATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Tong, J., **Dery, S., Jackson, P.J.** (2008) “Topographic control of snow distribution in an alpine watershed of western Canada inferred from spatially-filtered MODIS snow products”. *Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss.* 5: 2347-2371.

Lakeman, T.R., Clague, J.J., **Menounos, B.**, Osborn, G.D., Jensen, B.J.L., Froese, D.G. (2008) “Holocene tephra in lake cores from northern British Columbia, Canada”. *Can. J. Earth Sci.* 45: 935-947
doi: 10.1139/E08-035

Stephen Déry has joined the editorial board of the European Geosciences Union’s journal *The Cryosphere*.

VISITORS

Dr. Ian Droppo, from the National Water Research Institute (Department of Environment, Burlington, Ontario) visited both UNBC and the Quesnel River Research Centre last week with **Ellen Petticrew** and **Phil Owens**. He presented a seminar on fine sediment research to the NRES 751 (Processes in Geomorphology) class and spent three days testing some new instrumentation in the outdoor flumes at the QRRC.



Quesnel River Research Centre

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

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