



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

October 6 - 10, 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

NRES Graduate Student Poster Session / Fall Social



Friday, October 3rd
 3:30—5:30
 Winter Gardens

Light refreshments provided

This FRIDAY

Chief Roland Willson, West Moberly First Nations

A Critical Balance: Land Use Conflicts and West Moberly First Nations

In the Treaty-8 Territory of BC the First Nations are faced with massive resource development challenges from forestry, oil and gas, large scale hydroelectric facilities, pipelines, and windfarms, while struggling to keep the balance between development, economic and business opportunities, the protection of the Treaty rights and self preservation of their community.

Chief Willson will address the challenges his community faces and some of the work that they are doing to preserve land, culture and community.

Light Refreshments will be Served
 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Friday, October 10, 2008

Lecture Theatre 7-212

Next FRIDAY

OTHER COMING EVENTS

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 2**, room 7-150 at the UNBC campus and in **McBride 7:00 pm, Friday, October 3** 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?"**

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

COMING EVENTS (cont'd)



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. Please contact **Ellen Petticrew** (ellen@unbc.ca) or **Phil Owens** (owensp@unbc.ca) if you have any questions.

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

Guatemala 2008

Violent Development: Canada's Connection to Mining, Human Rights and Social Justice in Guatemala

An evening of images, reflections and dialogue led by **Catherine Nolin** and 9 UNBC participants who traveled to Guatemala in May 2008. Topics to include the impacts of the Canadian mining companies Goldcorp and Skye Resources, the Indigenous right to say 'no' to mining and hydro development, Maya land claims and positive alternative development and economies such as ecotourism and fair-trade cooperative agriculture.

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Canfor Theatre (6-213)

Coffee and Snacks

UNBC Geography



TRAVEL

Paul Sanborn will travel to Edmonton this weekend to pick up a unique collection of over 1700 soil thin sections. Under a loan agreement with the University of Alberta, UNBC will house the "Steve Pawluk Collection" and make it accessible to students and visiting researchers. During his long career at U of A, Dr. Pawluk pioneered the use of soil micromorphology in studies of soil genesis in western and northern Canada.

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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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