



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

September 26 - 30, 2011

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

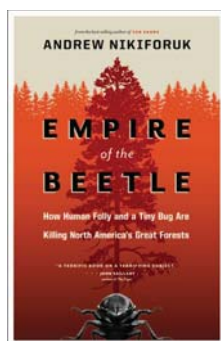
COMING EVENTS

NRESI RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Sept 30, 2011

Andrew Nikiforuk

journalist and author



Empire of the Beetle: How Human Folly and a Tiny Bug are Killing North America's Great Forests

From the late 1980s onwards, the bark beetle — an insect the size of a rice kernel — killed more than 30 billion pine and spruce trees from Alaska to New Mexico. Award-winning journalist Andrew Nikiforuk explains how misguided science, out-of-control logging, bad public policy and a hundred years of fire suppression created a volatile geography that, with the advance of global warming, released the world's oldest forest manager from its natural constraints. He uses first-hand accounts and interviews with entomologists, botanists, and rural residents to understand the real causes behind the epidemic.

Friday, September 30, 2011

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Room: 7-158

Dr. Tracy Summerville

Associate Professor, Political Science Program, UNBC

How do you build science into a community sustainability plan

Friday, October 7, 2011

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Room: 7-158

Dr. Loraine Lavalee

Assistant Professor, Psychology Program, UNBC

**Greed, selfishness, immorality, and ignorance — the four horsemen
of environmental apocalypse?**

Friday, October 14, 2011

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Room: 7-158

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The **5th Annual QRRC Open House** is on **Saturday, 1st October**. This will involve a morning of presentations on research by UNBC graduate students and faculty, and local researchers, followed by a BBQ lunch and tour of facilities. For further information please contact **Phil Owens** (owensp@unbc.ca) or **Ellen Petticrew** (ellen@unbc.ca).

PUBLICATIONS

Shi, X., Groisman, P. Ya., **Déry, S.J.** and D.P. Lettenmaier 2011 "The role of surface energy fluxes in pan-Arctic snow cover changes". *Env. Res. Lett.* 6:035204

Owens, P.N. And Z. Xu 2011 "Recent advances and future directions in soils and sediments research". *Journal of Soils and Sediments* 11: 875-888

Rea, R.V. and **B.S. Lindgren** 2011 "Beaver labor serves up spring sweet for butterflies". *Wildlife Afield* 6: 170-172

Rea, R.V. 2011 "Untangling Some Webs of Naturalism from the Scientific Method". *Wildlife Afield* 6: 162-163

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Chris Opio**, one of five recipients of the University of Alberta 2011 Alumni Award of Excellence. The Award of Excellence is awarded for specific, recent accomplishments of University of Alberta Graduates. The award recognizes Chris' foundation of, and contributions through, the Northern Uganda Development Foundation. Talk about impact factors: to date, NUDF has opened 42 wells, providing more than 50,000 people with access to clean water.

ELSEWHERE ON CAMPUS

GLOBAL FRIDAYS
ROOM 5-183
12:00 - 1:30 pm

September 30, 2011
Philippe Lebillon, Liu Institute & Geography, UBC

"Resource Wars?: the Case of Conflict Diamonds"

TRAVEL

Brian Menounos is traveling to Simon Fraser University on 4 October for a MSc defence.

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

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