



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

October 31 - November 4, 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

THURSDAY, Nov 3, 2011

2011 Doug Little Memorial Lecture

Dr. M.A. (Peggy) Smith RPF

Assoc. Prof., Faculty of Natural Resource Management,
Lakehead University



Giving Voice to First Nations' Views of Land Stewardship: Moving Beyond the Boreal Conservation vs. Development Debate

First Nation views of land in land use planning and stewardship in the boreal forests of North America have been neglected in the high-level, top down policy decisions that are being made to “protect”, “conserve” or “develop” land. These top-down decisions lack understanding of local issues and people and are being made in a global political arena that leaves out local voices. This talk addresses the issue of “giving voice” to First Nations about their views of land stewardship. First Nation voices can potentially help to inform and transform the current debate and policy around conservation and development in the boreal forest. How can First Nation voices, so often ignored in policy decisions, be given prominence in the decision-making processes about conservation and development?

Elluminate link for webcast: http://www.unbc.ca/nres/nresi_webcast.html

THURSDAY, November 3, 2011

7:30 pm

Canfor Theatre (Room 6-213)

Nov. 4, 2011

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Emerging partnerships between Municipalities and First Nations: Community-Based Forest Management in Northern Ontario

The forest community has been the backbone of local economies in many communities in northern Ontario and across Canada. Focused on commodity products such as pulp, paper and lumber, the industry thrived until the early part of this century. However, in recent years it has faced a major downturn that has resulted in extensive mill closures and unprecedented job losses. The emergence of several community-based forest management (CBFM) initiatives in northern Ontario as potential new institutional arrangements for the management of Crown forests will be discussed.

The CBFM approach puts special emphasis on improving the economic and social circumstances of forest-dependent communities in the region. The new institutional arrangements under CBFM involve partnerships between municipalities and First Nation communities dependent on forest resources. Both types of communities have historically experienced a lack of meaningful input to forest management decision-making which has been exclusively controlled by the provincial government, which grants long-term, large area licenses to timber on public lands to forest industry companies.

The CBFM initiatives are being proposed as a response to a provincial-led reform of the forest tenure system to address the faltering forestry sector. The CBFM initiatives are described in relation to proposed governance, First Nation/settler (municipalities) collaboration founded on respect for Aboriginal and treaty rights, and associated community forest-based enterprises.

Friday, November 4, 2011

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Room: 8-164

NO COLLOQUIUM NOVEMBER 11, 2011

GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. Alvaro Palazuelos is a candidate for the degree:

Master of Arts in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Environmental Studies)

Mr. Palazuelos will be defending his thesis entitled:

“Environmental Values and Beliefs in University Students”

Supervisor: **Dr. Annie Booth**

Date: **November 17, 2011** Time: 11:00 am Room: 6-306

GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. Petter Jacobsen is a candidate for the degree:

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Mr. Jacobsen will be defending his thesis entitled:

“*With a Connection to the Land, Our Spirit is Strong*” Tłıch Traditional Knowledge of Climate Change and Impacts for Caribou Hunting: Implication for Traditional Knowledge Research”

Supervisor: **Dr. Chris Johnson**

Date: **November 21, 2011** Time: 1:00 pm Room: Senate Chambers

GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. Eiji Matsuzaki is a candidate for the degree:

Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Forestry)

Mr. Matsuzaki will be defending his thesis entitled:

“Carbon Stocks of Western Redcedar Western Hemlock Stands in Canada’s Inland Temperate Rainforest”

Supervisor: **Drs. Art Fredeen and Paul Sanborn**

Date: **December 7, 2011** Time: 9:00 am Room: Senate Chambers

COMING EVENTS

PEACE OUT — a film by Charles Wilkinson

***** Most Popular Canadian Documentary at the 2011 Vancouver International Film Festival *****

Monday, November 14, 2011

Weldwood Theatre (7-238) UNBC Campus

7:00—9:00 (admission FREE)

Special Presentation by the NRESi Institute and UNBC’s Green Committee

On the top left hand corner of North America an energy bonanza of unimaginable proportions is taking place — far away from the eyes of the world. In Canada’s vast Peace River region the mega-projects include a major new dam, tens of thousands of hydro-fracked shale gas wells, a nuclear power plant, and the Tar Sands. Energy costs. Care to find out how much? **Peace Out** looks at societal attitudes to industrial development in northern BC and Alberta. The film covers a range of developments including BC Hydro’s proposed Site C dam. The film features interviews with Peace locals such as Chief Roland Wilson, Gerry Attachie, Ken Boon, Gwen Johnason, and others.

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

ELSEWHERE ON CAMPUS

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

October 28, 2011
Dr. Ted Binnema, History, UNBC

“The Origins of Aboriginal Land Transfer Treaties: A Global Perspective”

Upcoming Brown-Bag lunch:

The Northern Agriculture Research Initiative is seeking proposals to conduct research within three broad themes: Forage, Pasture and Local Foods. It is anticipated that up to three projects, one from each theme, will be selected. The **request for proposals will be released on November 4, 2011 at UNBC, Room 6 - 307 from noon - 1:00 pm**. Members of the Northern Agriculture Initiative will be in attendance to answer questions and provide additional agriculture related funding information.

UNBC Community Development Institute Community Speakers Series

Dr. Glen Schmidt
Assoc. Professor, School of Social Work, UNBC

“The Social Aspects of Rapid Economic Growth”

As rural and small town places work to facilitate economic growth and development, they must be mindful of the potential costs and effects on the social fabric of their communities. The influx of workers, rapid population growth, localized inflation, pressure on infrastructure, and other changes create tension and raise issues that are not always considered as communities plan for significant growth. This presentation describes a range of social issues that need to be better included in our thinking and planning.

For more information please contact: Don Manson at manson@unbc.ca .

Monday, November 7th
7:00 pm
Room 7-150
UNBC Prince George Campus

Tuesday, November 8
7:00 pm
Recreation Centre
Mackenzie

TRAVEL

On 3 November **Stephen Déry** will present a talk entitled “Climate and environmental changes in the Upper Fraser Basin “ at Environment Canada’s Climate Research Division in Toronto.

Oscar Garcia is travelling to St. Petersburg, Russia, invited to take part in the conference “Ecosystem Design for Multiple Services, with an emphasis on Eurasian Boreal Forests”, 9 - 11 November. He is presenting a keynote talk on “Planning in forest ecosystems: the role of models”.

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

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