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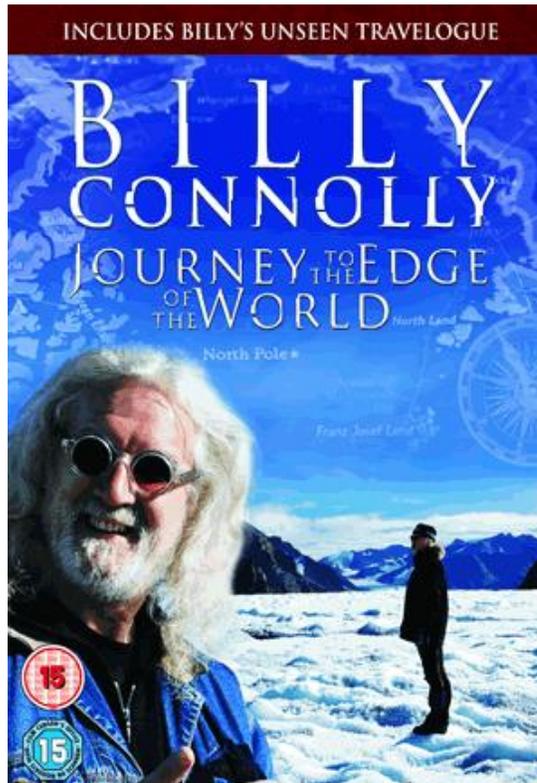
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Fourth Annual UNBC Polar Day



On Friday March 21st, the Northern Studies Program will host the Fourth Annual UNBC Polar Day, a celebration of research and teaching in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. This year's Polar Day will begin on the evening of Thursday March 20th, with a free screening of Scottish comedian and actor Billy Connolly's Arctic travel documentary **Journey to the Edge of the World** (7:00 – 9:00 pm in lecture theatre 7-152).

On Friday morning, stop by and chat with some of UNBC's own polar researchers at the **Polar Café** from 8:30-10:00 in the Doug Little Lounge near the Wintergarden.

This year's keynote speaker for Polar Day is **Patrick Borbey**, **President of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency and Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic Council**. He will be giving a talk entitled: "Canada's Chairmanship of the Arctic Council 2013-2015" from 10:00-12:00 in lecture theatre 7-152. All are welcome! For more information contact Gary Wilson (wilsong@unbc.ca) or Alycia Mutual (mutual@unbc.ca)



International Arctic Conferences at UNBC

This spring, UNBC will host two international Arctic conferences. On May 20-21, the University of the Arctic will hold its **17th Annual Council Meeting**, a gathering of representatives from UArctic member institutions from around the circumpolar north. UNBC is a longstanding and active member of the UArctic, but this is the first time that the council meeting has been held in Prince George. For more information contact Gary Wilson (wilsong@unbc.ca) or see: <http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/uarctic2014/index.htm>.



On May 22-26, UNBC and the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) will welcome over 450 academics, government officials and community leaders to the triennial **International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VIII)**. The theme of the Congress is *Northern Sustainabilities* and it will feature a wide range of events, including keynote addresses from leaders in Arctic research and governance, a series of panels on major circumpolar sustainability projects, academic presentations on Arctic and northern research in the social sciences and humanities, as well as various other extra-curricula activities. For more information contact Cher Mazo (cher.mazo@unbc.ca) or see: <http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/icass2014/>.

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Natalia Loukacheva is a Canada Research Chair in 'Aboriginal Governance and Law' and an Associate Professor of Political Science at UNBC. She is actively involved in numerous Arctic and Polar law related activities and projects, conducts legal and multi-disciplinary research, field-work, teaching, editing, reviewing, consulting and organizing various Arctic related events, and has been speaking/presenting and advocating on Arctic and Polar law related topics since 1996. Her research interests and publications include legal and political issues in the Arctic, Polar law, energy law, Indigenous Peoples' rights and governance in the North. See: www.unbc.ca/research/research-chairs

Unique Master's Program Designed for Northerners

There are many graduate programs that have something to offer Northerners, however, there's only one program in Canada that is uniquely tailored by and for Northerners: the Master of Northern Governance and Development (MNGD) program offered by the University of Saskatchewan's International Centre for Northern Governance and Development.

The MNGD program trains Northerners to lead the future social and economic development of their regions through such measures as strong governance structures. The program was designed in consultation with provincial, territorial, and international northern stakeholders who carefully considered what the world's northernmost regions needed from their future leaders.

One of the most important facets of the program is that much of the course content is delivered via videoconference, enabling Northerners to remain in their communities. Some travel is required; however, financial supports are available to help offset these costs.

Students take classes in such subjects as policy planning and evaluation, resource economics, and Aboriginal self-determination. They undertake applied research internships in northern communities, and a 10-day, fully funded field school in another Circumpolar region of the world. The program culminates with an independent research project.

Applicants must have a minimum 4-year undergraduate degree (any discipline), with at least a 70% average over the last 60 credits units (or equivalent) earned. Students admitted to the program are able to access \$16,000 in funding support to help cover the costs of tuition, student fees, and other expenses. Students may continue working full-time but a reduced work week is recommended. The application deadline to begin this fall is May 1st.

For more information: visit www.usask.ca/icngd or email info.icngd@usask.ca.



Photo taken during the 2013 Master of Northern Governance and Development international field school (Kirkenes, Norway – March 2013)