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Northern Studies Majors Receive University of the Arctic Certificates

At this year's University of the Arctic Annual General Meeting in Edmonton, two UNBC Northern Studies students will take part in a graduation ceremony with 38 students from across Canada and the Circumpolar North. **Clarence Hofsink**, who will be graduating from UNBC this spring with a Bachelor of Arts in Northern Studies and Political Science, will receive a *Confirmation of Completion* certificate for finishing the University of Arctic's Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies core courses and an Advanced Emphasis in Autonomy and Self-Government.



Kelly MacNeil, a regional student from Terrace who is doing her Bachelor of Arts in Northern Studies with a minor in Environmental Studies, will receive a *Confirmation of Achievement* certificate for completing the Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies core courses. Kelly is currently working on her Advanced Emphasis in History and Development. When asked about her UArctic experience, Kelly remarked that the "on-line classes reflected the international scope of the Northern Studies program and illustrated the paramount importance to me of contemporary research and education that is both *in* and *on* the North."

The students will be joined in Edmonton by the Northern Studies Coordinator, Gary Wilson, who will be representing UNBC at the Annual General Meeting.



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Networks and Research

- * **Young Researcher Funding for the 5th Northern Research Forum Open Assembly**
The Northern Research Forum announces special funding for young researchers to attend the 5th NRF Open Assembly, "Seeking Balance in a Changing North," Anchorage, Alaska, 24-27 September 2008.

Eligibility: Young researchers and professionals, primarily advanced graduate students and those who have recently passed their MA or PhD, are eligible to receive full or partial travel funding from the NRF in order to participate in the Assembly. Applicants should submit a brief statement of interest, a one-page resume, and a presentation abstract. **The deadline for funding applications is 15 May 2008.**

For general information on the NRF and for assembly updates, please visit: www.nrf.is or email nrf@unak.is.

Or contact: Amy L. Wiita, NRF Steering Committee, YR representative, Cinza Research, Owner/Principal Research Consultant, 9138 Arlon St., Suite A3-104, Anchorage, Alaska 99507, cinzaresearch@alaska.net

Upcoming Events and Conferences

- * **Seminar on Canada's and Europe's Northern Dimension, Monday May 19th at the University of Oulu, Finland.** Hosted by the Canadian Circumpolar Institute, University of Alberta and the Thule Institute, University of Oulu.

The seminar is the first in a proposed series and is organized in collaboration with the Embassy of Canada in Finland. It will bring together policy-makers and researchers to explore common perspectives and future challenges of Europe's and Canada's northern regions. The seminar program and online registration form can be found at the website of the local organizers: <http://thule.oulu.fi/> .

- * **2008 Annual International Conference of the Wildlife Disease Association August 3-8, 2008, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**

Abstract submission forms and procedures are now available in Call for Papers!
<http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/parasites/WDA08/>

Upcoming Events and Conferences (continued)

- * **"Exploring Domestic Spaces in the Circumpolar North" Conference, October 2-4, 2008** [Tromso Museum](#), Tromso, Norway

This two day seminar will explore the way that indigenous people create homes and homelands for themselves in the circumpolar North.

For details please see www.sami.uit.no.

- * **Two Roundtables on Inuit Governance and Culture, May 13th and 14th, 2008, Burke Museum, Burke Room, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington**

Please note that you must RSVP for the following events. To reserve your spot, contact Timothy Pasch at tpasch@u.washington.edu and let him know your name, institutional affiliation, and whether you want to attend one or both events. Twenty-five seats are available for each event.

- 1. Tuesday, 13 May 2008, 5:30-7:30pm**
"Inuit Self-Government in the Canadian Arctic: The Creation of the Nunavik Regional Government – Innovation and Challenges" - Donat Savoie
- 2. Wednesday, 14 May 2008, 5:30-7:30pm**
"Preserving Inuit Culture and Language – the Avataq Cultural Institute in Nunavik, Québec" - Elisapi Novalinga

Newsletters

- * **Shared Voices - Monthly Newsletter for the University of the Arctic**

This newsletter is sent periodically to keep those interested in UArctic informed about its activities and development. You can subscribe to receive Shared Voices announcements on the [UArctic Shared Voices](#) website.