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Paul Koke MA International Studies, Global Environmental Policy, 2008/2009

Paul Koke completed his MA in the International Studies, Global Environmental Policy program at UNBC in November 2008. His major research work focuses on environmental impact assessment processes, and the socio-economic and environmental impacts related to large-scale mineral development projects in northern Canada and Alaska. Immediately following completion of his MA, he taught the NORS 101 course- "Introduction to the Circumpolar North".



*Paul Koke, MA, International Studies
2008/2009*

His experience studying in Northern BC has influenced Paul to begin his professional career in the North. He recently accepted a technical and environmental planning position with a consulting firm, based in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. He has been working primarily in environmental management, as well as community and development planning. Much of the work has involved socio-economic research and community consultation in First Nations communities throughout the NWT. The position has entailed considerable travel in the region, including recent visits to several small (approx. 100 people) fly-in only communities, such as Trout Lake, NT to meet with local First Nations and discuss economic development projects.

Publications

* **Canada's Relationship with Inuit: A History of Policy and Program Development**

The Research and Analysis Directorate of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, in conjunction with the Inuit Relations Secretariat, have published a book on Canada's relationship with Inuit. This book provides an overview of the Federal Government's Inuit policy and program development from first contact to 2006. Topics that are covered include the 1939 *Re Eskimo* decision that gave Canada constitutional responsibility for Inuit, post World War II acculturation and defence projects, law and justice, sovereignty and relocations, the E-number identification system, Inuit political organizations, comprehensive claim agreements, housing, healthcare, education, economic development, self-government, the environment, and urban issues.

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* **The Government of Canada's Northern Strategy** is available for download on the internet at: <http://www.northernstrategy.ca/index-eng.asp>

Upcoming Events and Conferences

* **The 6th [ArcticNet](#) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM2009)** will be held from December 8-11, 2009 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel and adjoining Victoria Conference Centre in Victoria, British-Columbia.

The ASM is the major ArcticNet networking event of the year and the largest annual Arctic science meeting in Canada. All ArcticNet Network Investigators (NIs) are expected to attend the meeting and to encourage their student's participation. The meeting is also open to anyone with an interest in the impacts of climate change in the Canadian Arctic and the work of ArcticNet and its partners.

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations are now being accepted by filling the on-line abstract submission form available on the [ASM2009 website](#). Posters presented by ArcticNet graduate students will be eligible for the ArcticNet Graduate Student Poster Awards. **The deadline for abstract submission is 25 September, 2009.**

* **The 2010 State of the Arctic Conference** will be held at the Hyatt Regency Miami at the Miami Convention Center, Miami, Florida, March 16-19, 2010. For more information please contact: Helen V. Wiggins, Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS) (helen@arcus.org) or see the following website:

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