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UNBC Assumes Major Role in the University of the Arctic



UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC

UNBC President, Dr. George Iwama, was elected to the University of the Arctic's Board of Governors at this summer's Council Meeting in Tromsø, Norway. Dr. Iwama is one of two Canadian members of the eleven member board. The Board of Governors is the highest decision-making body in the University of the Arctic, a consortium of 144 higher education institutions and other organizations from across the Circumpolar North. It is responsible for strategic planning, organizational development and institutional accountability and public and external relations. Also at the Council Meeting, UArctic President, Lars Kullerud, announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between UArctic and UNBC to host the Undergraduate Regional Office for North America. The new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies will be based at UNBC and will be responsible for the organization and delivery of the Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies program at member institutions in Canada and the United States.

Faculty Profile: Stephanie Powell Hellyer

Stephanie first realized her interest in Arctic regions during her undergraduate degree at Laurentian University. There, she had a professor who taught with such enthusiasm that one could not help but to want to learn more about the unique environments and rich cultures of the north. Stephanie completed her graduate degree in International Studies at UNBC, with a focus on the international response to persistent organic pollutants in the Canadian Arctic. While working on her degree, Stephanie worked on various research projects pertaining to north, including effective communication regarding the potential health effects of contaminants in Arctic communities; food security in the Arctic; Aboriginal environmental health,



and decision-making. Stephanie is currently teaching part time in the Northern Studies program at UNBC, as well as working on various research projects pertaining to climate change and aboriginal health the Arctic, local health policies and food security.

Exchange Programs

Finmark University College Master's Exchange Program in Tourism Studies

Finmark University College in Alta, Norway invites applicants for an Exchange Program at the Master's level in Tourism Studies. The program would start in the Winter (January) semester of 2013. Support for the program is provided by the Norwegian High North Fellowship program and covers all expenditures related to travel and study in Norway (approx. \$1545 CAD monthly and \$1670 CAD travel grant). The specific courses on offer in the January 2013 semester are: Tourism Consumption and Practice, Nature-based Tourism, Event Management, and Travel and Tourism Marketing. For more information, contact: Dr. Pat Maher, Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management Program at Patrick.Maher@unbc.ca

Upcoming Conferences



2012 ACUNS' Student Conference on Northern Studies

The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) Student Conference on Northern Studies is a triennial event largely organized by a committee of graduate students. The conference provides a unique opportunity for young researchers to meet and exchange ideas with others who share similar academic interests. Through the organizing experience students also have an opportunity to develop professional experience, forge links with government and community stakeholders, and make national and international connections. This is the 10th tri-annual student conference. It will take place in Val D'Or, QC and is hosted by Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT) from November 1-3, 2012. UQAT is a truly northern university, as shown by its numerous research and teaching activities rooted in the territories of Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Nord-du-Québec and Nunavik. UQAT's professors and students enjoy an international recognition for their work on forest ecosystems, the mining industry, community development, Aboriginal Studies, multimedia creation, international health, teaching and organizational management. For more information see: <http://acuns.ca/website/conferences/>

The Circumpolar Conference on Education for Indigenous People

The Circumpolar Conference on Education for Indigenous People will be held in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada from November 26-30, 2012. Co-hosted by the Government of Greenland and the Government of Nunavut, this conference will bring together over 120 educators, researchers, aboriginal organization representatives, ministers and decision makers from eight countries, three Canadian territories and six Canadian provinces.

Presentation topics for the conference include: Family Community Engagement; Early Childhood Education; and the Delivery of Quality Education Program in all communities, including remote and small schools. For more information, contact the Conference Coordinator, Sara LeBlanc, at SLeBlanc@gov.nu.ca

Job Opportunities

Tides Canada, a national public foundation that works with diverse individual and institutional donors to collaboratively and strategically focus on environmental and social justice issues, is currently seeking a Senior Associate who will help create a new program of philanthropic activity in northern Canada, potentially including all three territories (Yukon, NWT and Nunavut) as well as Nunavik (Northern Quebec) and Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador). The Arctic Senior Associate – a new position at Tides Canada - will be, first and foremost, a bridge-builder: (S)he will help develop and sustain relationships with key institutional and individual donors and northern partners, work with a wide diversity of northern peoples and communities (including at the grassroots) and work with a growing Strategic Programs team to implement granting programs and services. The ideal candidate will have experience living and working in northern communities and extensive knowledge of Arctic issues and regions (including human and environmental dimensions). This person will bring exceptional analytical and communication skills, along with on-the ground community-focused experience. Knowledge of philanthropy generally, and particularly within Canada, is a significant asset.

For the full job posting see: <http://tidescanada.org/about/careers-at-tides-canada/>

Tides Canada will begin reviewing applications on September 18th, 2012, but the position will remain open and posted on its website until filled.