



## NRES WEEKLY NEWS

Sept. 20 - 24, 2010

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

**Next Friday**

**Dr. Anna Thompson**

Department of Tourism / Centre for Recreation Research  
University of Otago, New Zealand



**Conservation Parks: lands of opportunity for families in the outdoors of Aotearoa, New Zealand**

Dr Anna Thompson (nee Carr) is a senior lecturer in the Department of Tourism. She has worked at Egmont, Tongariro and Aoraki/Mt Cook National Parks with Lands and Survey and then the Department of Conservation. Anna has also been co-owner/operator of two adventure tourism companies. She sits on the NZ Mountain Safety Council National Research Committee, National Ecotourism Advisory Committee and is a director of Te Ana Whakairo (Ngai Tahu Maori Rock Art Centre Trust). Anna is also co-director of the University of Otago's Centre for Recreation Research (<http://www.crr.otago.ac.nz>). The centre aims to develop theoretical and practical knowledge about commercial and non-commercial outdoor recreation in rural, urban and natural areas, both in New Zealand and overseas.

Anna has published in the fields of eco tourism, adventure tourism, entrepreneurship and visitor interpretation. Her PhD examined the management of visitors' experiences of cultural values for land scapes in New Zealand, with a focus on integrating cultural values within interpretation. From 1999 to 2002 Anna worked on a nationwide FRST funded project investigating *Ecotourism in New Zealand: profiling visitors to New Zealand ecotourism operations*. Recent externally funded work includes research for the Department of Conservation in the Hakatere, Ahuriri and Ruataniwha Conservation Parks. With a number of collaborators Anna has also received SPARC funding for two projects - 'Family preferences, experiences and benefits associated with outdoor in Aotearoa' and 'Immigrants and the Outdoors'.

**September 24, 2010**

**3:30 - 4:30 pm**

**Lecture Theatre 7-150**

**AS THERE WILL BE NO TIMBITS, ETC. SERVED, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS!**

The **annual NRES Graduate Student Ice Breaker** will take place on **October 1, 2010**. The event will feature a **Colloquium** given by **Dr. Peter Kevan** (University of Guelph) who was last year's nominee for this lecture by the NRES Graduate Students. The Colloquium will be followed by a poster session and reception in the Winter Garden. The poster session will feature recent work by NRES Graduate Students — any graduate student wanting to present a poster should put their name on one of the sign-up sheets at the Administrative Assistants' desks on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd floor of the Teaching Lab Building (#8). This event is co-sponsored by the Dean of Graduate Programs and the NRES Institute.



**Unable to make it in person? Watch the colloquium at your desk!**

For Elluminate information and link to the webcast: [http://www.unbc.ca/nres/nresi\\_webcast.html](http://www.unbc.ca/nres/nresi_webcast.html)

Log in as "Guest"

## OTHER COMING EVENTS

**GLOBAL FRIDAYS**  
SENATE CHAMBERS  
12:00 - 1:30 pm

September 17, 2010  
Dr. Siobhan Austen, Dept. of Economics & Finance,  
Curtin University of Technology, Australia

“Male Earnings Inequality, Women’s Employment and Family Income Inequality  
in Australia, 1982 - 2007.”

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### 4TH ANNUAL UNBC HOMECOMING — ALUMNI CONNECTIONS SPEAKERS SERIES

**Wednesday, September 22, 2010 6:00 - 8:00 pm Weldwood Theatre (7-238)**

**James Adamson (BSc '04, Geography)**

James has been working on water supply and hydrogeology projects in Haiti since 2006. He survived the devastating earthquake that shocked the country in January and is travelling from Haiti to share his experiences with the relief and rebuilding efforts.

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### CDI COMMUNITY SPEAKERS SERIES

The Community Development Institute



University of Northern British Columbia

**Tuesday, October 5, 2010 7:00 pm Room 7-150**

**Ramona Rose, MA, MMst, Head, Archives & Special Collections,  
the Northern B.C. Archives and Special Collections at the  
Geoffrey R. Weller Library, UNBC**

Ms. Rose’s presentation will focus on collaborative efforts to preserve First Nations community-based archival materials at UNBC, the ‘in trust’ holding agreements created, and collaborative working relationships forged. The presentation will consider also future needs for the continuing development of First Nations archives.

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**4th Annual Dr. Max Blouw QRRC Open House — Saturday, October 2nd starting at 10:00 am. Research talks by UNBC faculty and students will be followed by a BBQ and site tour. If you are interested in attending and would like to travel with other UNBC folks please contact Phil Owens (owensp@unbc.ca) by Monday, September 27th.**

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## GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. Sean Henderson is a candidate for the degree:

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

Mr. Henderson will be defending his thesis entitled:

“Evaluating Alternative Approaches to Using Carabid Beetles (Coleoptera: Carabidae) as Bioindicators in Coastal Forests”

Supervisor: Dr. **Staffan Lindgren**

Date: **September 17, 2010**

Time: **9:00 am**

Room: **Senate Chambers**

**We’re on the web at : [www.unbc.ca/nres/newsletter](http://www.unbc.ca/nres/newsletter)**

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

**PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO MICHELLE KEEN: [keenm@unbc.ca](mailto:keenm@unbc.ca)**

## OTHER COMING EVENTS

### UNBC FISH & WILDLIFE STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

On **Wednesday, October 6th**, **John Neville (President of BC Nature)** will present a special NRESI Colloquium entitled *"Voices of the Night: the Owls of British Columbia"*. John's talk will begin at **7:00 pm** in **7-238 (Weldwood Theatre)** and is co-sponsored by the UNBC Fish and Wildlife Student Chapter of TWS and by the Prince George Naturalist Club. Please note that this talk will not be available over the web (via Elluminate) because of the integral use of sounds throughout the presentation.

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Northern research provides students with the opportunity to explore exciting new places, meet fascinating people and study topics of global significance. The UNBC Northern Research Group (NRG) will host a Northern Slideshow on September 23rd in the Canfor Theatre in celebrate northern research conducted at UNBC. If you are involved in northern research, you are invited to participate in this slideshow. Each participant will have five minutes to present photos that illustrate why they are excited about northern research. Please email the NRG Coordinator ([ostertag@unbc.ca](mailto:ostertag@unbc.ca)) if you would like to take part! Refreshments will be served.

The UNBC Northern Research Group (NRG) was formed in 2008 in order to increase connectivity among students involved in northern research at UNBC. The NRG is also committed to carrying out education and outreach activities at UNBC and further afield. All UNBC students (undergraduate and graduate) with an interest in northern research are welcome to attend the northern slideshow and join the NRG.

#### Mark your calendars!

- September 23rd - Northern Slideshow (5:00 - 6:00 pm, Canfor theatre)
- October/November - Meeting with President Iwama to discuss northern research (date and time TBA)
- November 4th - Planning meeting for UNBC's Polar Day (5:00 - 6:00 pm, Thirsty Moose)
- December 2nd - End of Semester Part (5:00 - 6:00 pm, Thirsty Moose)

**For more information contact Sonja Ostertag: [ostertag@unbc.ca](mailto:ostertag@unbc.ca)  
Stay up to date on NRG activities, join the listserv! [nrg-list-join@unbc.ca](mailto:nrg-list-join@unbc.ca)**

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## PUBLICATIONS

Hernández-Henríquez, M.A., Mlynowski, T.J. and **S.J. Déry** (2010) "Reconstructing the natural streamflow of a regulated river: A case study of La Grande Rivière, Québec, Canada," *Can. Water Resour. J.*, 35, 301-316

**Garcia, O.** (2010) Models and limits to predictability. Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute Occasional Paper No. 6 (Prince George, BC: University of Northern British Columbia)  
Available from: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres/occasional.html>

## TRAVEL / CONFERENCES / FIELD WORK

**Oscar Garcia** is spending 1 month sabbatical at the Department of Agroforestry Sciences, University of Huelva, located in La Rábida, Spain. He is collaborating in research on the "dehesa" system, open oak woodlands traditionally managed for the production of acorns, firewood, and grass, in conjunction with pigs or cattle.

**Catherine Nolin** (Geography) and three UNBC graduate students (Cristian Silva, Nathan Einbinder, and Alexandra Peterson) traveled to Guatemala to meet up with two fellow UNBC graduate students (Claudette Bois and JP Laplante), August 21st to 31st. The group worked with Grahame Russell of Rights Action on a fact-finding mission related to human rights abuse allegations from several indigenous communities located in close proximity to the Canadian-owned Fenix nickel mine. The group received testimonies of men & women in several communities over three days and presented the testimony to representatives at the Canadian Embassy in Guatemala City on August 30th.

To access the group's Formal Human Rights Violation Complaint, presented in May, go to:  
[http://www.unbc.ca/assets/geography/guatemala\\_2010/2010\\_07\\_guate.unbc\\_ra\\_formal\\_hr\\_complaint\\_final.pdf](http://www.unbc.ca/assets/geography/guatemala_2010/2010_07_guate.unbc_ra_formal_hr_complaint_final.pdf)

To access Catherine's photo essay of the August delegation, see:  
<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=481037&id=532435594&l=87d8214ef0>