

A Message from our Acting FNST Chair Dr. Gary Wilson



Happy New Year! 2018 promises to be a busy and exciting year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr. Agnes Pawlowska-Mainville back after a year on leave. I would also like to wish Dr. Ross Hoffman safe travels as he continues his sabbatical in New Zealand. Many of you have already met Dr. Dustin Louie, an Assistant Professor at the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary and UNBC's inaugural Aboriginal Scholar in Residence. Dr. Louie will be visiting UNBC and the region throughout the Winter term. We are also getting ready to welcome our newest cohort of graduate students as they embark on the next chapter of their academic careers in September. On behalf of everyone in the First Nations Studies Department, best wishes and good luck in the year ahead.

Subscribe to the FNST List Serve



This list serve is designed to provide a venue for those interested in Indigenous issues. This is a one-way broadcast from the UNBC First Nations Studies Department to registered members highlighting "Events, News, and Job Opportunities" locally at UNBC and in the Community/ies.

To subscribe please e-mail Gina MacDonald at gina.macdonald@unbc.ca with your subscription request.

To have your news/event/opportunity passed through our list serve, please send us your announcement with an appropriate title in the e-mail. Please note that for the purpose of our mandate and respect of other people's time, we will be screening the amount/types of e-mails we send out.

Cross-Cultural Indigenous Knowledge Exchange (CCIKE)

The Cross-Cultural Indigenous Knowledge Exchange program (CCIKE) provides up to \$9200 in internships for UNBC students to travel to the Maori education institution Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi in New Zealand. This international collaboration focuses on Indigenous issues and we accept applications from undergraduate and graduate students that are interested in community economic development, social and cultural well-being, language revitalization, knowledge protection, law, health and healing, environmental issues and everything else that focuses on Indigenous issues. For more information about the CCIKE opportunity for students as well as eligibility criteria, please see: <http://www.unbc.ca/ccike>. Deadline for the next intake is February 23, 2018.

"Kia Ora! From September 1st 2017- December 1st 2017, I travelled to Whakatane, Aotearoa (New Zealand) as part of UNBC's Cross Cultural Knowledge Exchange with Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi. While there, I had the opportunity to intern at a Maori community health services organization and with Maori Health Services at the Whakatane hospital. I was also able to attend a number of symposiums, workshops and cultural events. Through my experiences I learned a great deal about Maori culture both historically and presently. The most profound lessons I learned were how health can be improved through relationships with the land, the ancestors and family. I was also able to witness the importance of language revitalization in establishing those relationships. I loved my time away on this exchange and encourage other students to apply. The land and people of Aotearoa are so beautiful, kind and welcoming. I am already planning a return trip." Barbara Armstrong



CCIKE Student Barbara Armstrong

For more information or to apply please go to <http://www.unbc.ca/CCIKE>.

Indigenous Mentorship Network – UNBC NODE

Indigenous Mentorship Network of the Pacific Northwest (IMN-PN) is a network of Indigenous and allied academics, professionals and communities that support Indigenous students to pursue:

- Indigenous wellness research and knowledge translation
- Academic cultural and professional mentorship
- Experiential learning and training activities
- Local, national and international networking
- Financial support for research and travel

UNBC is the northern node of this network. An important activity of the network is to provide awards and stipends to Indigenous students and researchers pursuing Indigenous wellness-related research in British Columbia and the Yukon. Awards and stipends are for undergraduate and graduate students (mentees) who have an academic mentor at an eligible university (UNBC being one of those). Stipends are also available for New Investigators. Conference/community travel grants are available for graduate students and New Investigators. The first Call for Applications is due **mid-February, 2018** although applications will be accepted past that date. Faculty interested in being part of Network at UNBC or students wanting to learn more about mentorship and funding opportunities may gain this information at a Network Discussion Meeting being planned for **mid-March 2018** – watch for announcements.

For more information, please contact: Dr. Margo Greenwood, Dr. Henry Harder, Dr. Tina Fraser, Dr. Judy Thompson, or Dr. Sarah de Leeuw.

Quesnel Campus

The First Nations Language Diploma in Tsilhqot'in began in Williams Lake on January 5, 2018 with 14 students registered for the program. Classes are being held at the newly renovated Cariboo Community Church, providing students with a clean, warm and friendly space.

Spring / Summer 2018 Quesnel Courses

FNST 306-3 / WMST 306-3 Indigenous Women:
Perspectives
Instructor: Titi Kunkel

FNST 421-3 First Nations Songs & Poetry
Tsilhqot'in Instructor: TBA

FNST 422-3 First Nations Speeches & Stories
Tsilhqot'in
Instructor: TBA

FNST 325-3 First Nations Language Mentoring
Instructor: TBA

For more information, please visit our webpage:
<http://www.unbc.ca/south-central> or contact us at
1-800-627-9931

Exciting Things Happening Around UNBC

First Nations Centre News

NEW! **Campus Cousins** Program- Hadih! Tansi! Weytk! Jah! Hello! We are Aboriginal UNBC Students who work through the UNBC First Nations Centre to Improve the Quality of Life for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students while building community connections on campus through social events and project partnerships. For more information, please e-mail campus.cousins@unbc.ca.

The First Nations Centre has **Metis Elder's visit** every Wednesday from 1-3pm where they do all kinds of crafting projects with students. We also have our monthly **Potlucks** the second Wednesday of every month. Our **Writing Tutor**, Brittaney, is in the First Nations Centre Monday's from 2:30-4:30pm and Wednesday's from 10-12pm. Our **Math Tutor**, Alicja, is in the First Nations Centre on Tuesday's from 1-2pm and Thursday's from 10:30-11:30am. We also have **Math Support** with Jean in the First Nations Centre on Tuesday's from 12:30-1:30pm.

12th Annual 'Ut'loo Noye Khunni Weaving Words Celebration

- Youth Event featuring Mob Bounce
- Reading & Workshop with Joshua Whitehead
- Workshop with Clayton Gauthier
- Elders' Storytelling Showcase
- Performance by Marcel Gagnon
- Story time with Caitlin Nicholson and Leona Neilson
- Art Installation at the Omineca Arts Centre
- Discussion Panel on Reconciliation in Canada
- Performance by Kym Gouchie
- And so much more...

For more information please email: storyteller@unbc.ca or visit us on Facebook @weavingWordsCelebration

March 1 – 3

Contact Us:

Dr. Gary Wilson, Acting Chair 250-960-5514
Dr. Ross Hoffman 250-960-5242
Dr. Pawlowska-Mainville 250-960-5434
Dr. Judy Thompson 250-960-5766
Dr. Rheanna Robinson 250-960-5294
Tannis Reynolds 250-960-5434

gary.wilson@unbc.ca
ross.hoffman@unbc.ca
tannis.reynolds@unbc.ca
judy.thompson@unbc.ca
rheanna.robinson@unbc.ca
tannis.reynolds@unbc.ca

Admin 3066
On Sabbatical
Admin 3015
Admin 3011
Admin 3020
Admin 3004



2017 Prince George Campus Spring Course Offerings

FNST 100 Aboriginal People of Canada Tannis Reynolds

Spring Registration Open Soon