**THESIS DEFENCE**

Jessica Place (MA NRES) successfully defended her thesis “Expanding the Mine, Killing a Lake: A Case Study of First Nations’ Environmental Values, Perceptions of Risk and Health”.

Supervisor: Dr. Neil Hanlon (Geography).  
Committee Members: Dr. Gail Fondahl (Geography), Dr. Gary Wilson (Political Studies).  
External Examiner: Dr. Maureen Reed (Department of Geography, University of Saskatchewan).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The government of Canada recently announced funding for the IPY project entitled "Arctic Freshwater Systems". Stephen Dery is one of the co-investigators of this project who will lead research on the role of large-scale teleconnections on the hydrology of the Canadian Arctic. He will travel to Princeton, New Jersey to meet one of his collaborators on this project, Eric Wood, May 21st and 22nd.

NRES graduate student Melanie Grubb was awarded a $1700 USD Geological Society of America Graduate Research Grant to support her MSc. research entitled, ‘Turbidity current dynamics and proglacial sedimentation in Kitsumkalum Lake, Central Coast Mountains, British Columbia, Canada’. Melanie is supervised by Brian Menounos.

**TRAVEL**

Dezene Huber is traveling to UBC on May 14th & 15th for the annual BC Biology Curriculum Arcticulation Committee Meeting.

Stephen Dery will be travelling to Washington DC May 23-24 where he will represent UNBC at the upcoming Arctic Consortium of the United States (ARCUS) Council Forum. Please send him details of any Arctic related research to him so that he can present that information to the Council Forum. Stephen will also present a talk entitled "Changing Arctic Rivers” during the ARCUS workshop.

Oscar Garcia has moved from Albacete to Madrid, Spain, for the last two months of his sabbatical. He is now a Visiting Professor at the Applied Mathematics Department, Faculty of Computer Science, Universidad Politecnica de Madrid.

**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**  
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PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

- Catherine Nolin (Geography) attended the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) in San Francisco, CA from April 18-21 and presented the following:
  
  Paper presentation: "We have to protect the investors": 'Development,' indigenous social exclusion, and modern Canadian imperialism in Guatemala

  Panel presentation: Research on "the colonial present" in Guatemala.

Catherine’s new book, *Transnational Ruptures: Gender and Forced Migration,* was also honoured at the conference by the AAG’s Geographical Perspectives on Women (GPOW) specialty group at an evening reception celebrating new works in feminist geography.

- Ellen Petticrew and Phil Owens attended the European Geosciences Union annual meeting in Vienna, Austria in April 15 - 20. Ellen convened an oral session and Phil gave one talk. Together they presented a total of 5 posters.

  Oral Presentation:
  Owens, P.N. Some thoughts of the European Sediment Network (SedNet) on sediment management issues in transboundary European river basins. European Geosciences Union annual meeting, Vienna, Austria, April 2007

  Posters:
  Petticrew, E.L., Owens, P.N. and Giles, T.R. Wildfire effects on the quantity and composition of fine sediment. European Geosciences Union annual meeting, Vienna, Austria, April 2007.

  Owens, P.N., Petticrew, E.L., Blake, W., Giles, T.R., Moore, R.D., Bol, R. Tracing the sources of fine-grained sediment following a wildfire in Canada. European Geosciences Union annual meeting, Vienna, Austria, April 2007.

  Rex, J.F., Petticrew, E.L. Salmon organic matter and fire sediment flocculation: Implications for nutrient and sediment tracing. European Geosciences Union annual meeting, Vienna, Austria, April 2007

  Williams, N., Petticrew, E., Ofenbock, M., Summer, W. Representative characterization of rivering composite suspended sediments. European Geosciences Union annual meeting, Vienna, Austria, April 2007