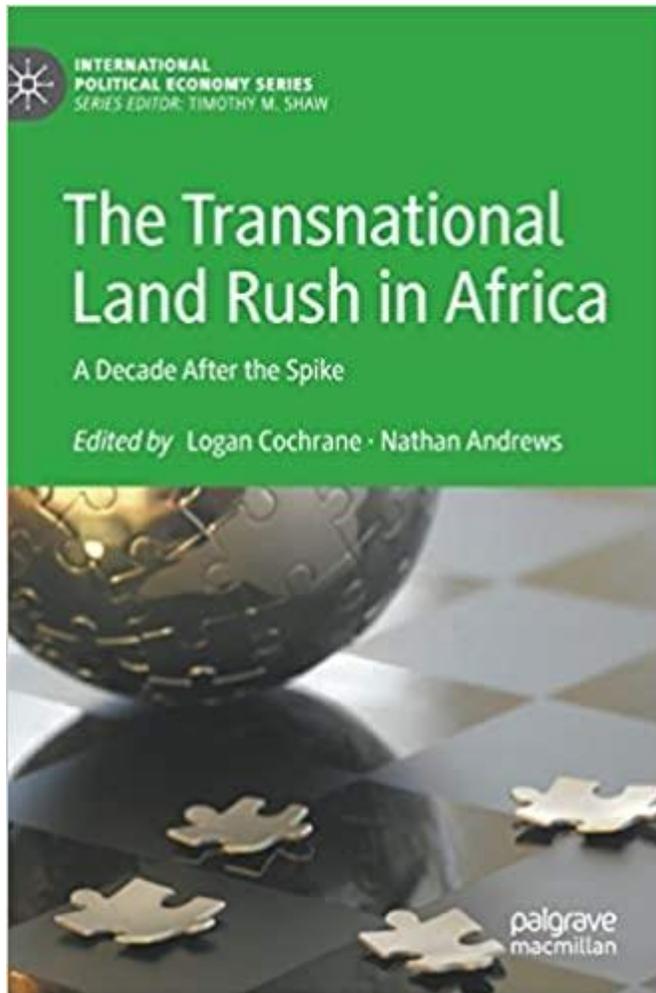


Dr. Nathan Andrews Publishes New Book

June 22, 2021



Nathan Andrews and Logan Cochrane have a new co-edited book, Cochrane, Logan & Nathan Andrews eds. (2021). *The Transnational Land Rush in Africa: A Decade After the Spike* (Palgrave Mcmillan's International Political Economy book series).

About the book: This volume provides up-to-date information on what has happened in the African 'land rush', providing national case studies for countries that were heavily impacted. The research will be a critical resource for students, researchers, advocates and policy makers as it provides detailed, long-term assessments of a broad range of national contexts. In addition to the specific questions of land and investment, this book sheds light on the broader international political economy of development in different African countries.

Link

Where Are They Now?

May 13, 2021



Charelle Gribling (MA INTS 2017; BA INTS/POLS 2011)

After completing my MA in Global Studies, I moved to Toronto to embark on a career in International Development. To get my foot in the door, I began working at Plan International Canada as a fundraiser and then moved to their Donor Care Department in 2017. Later that year, I began to work with the Programs team. After gaining some experience, I made a transition and now work for Children Believe – a smaller organization, but one that still does amazing work.

I currently work alongside the CEO, and one of the things I love about my job is that I am not limited to working with one team; rather, I am afforded the ability to work with the entire organization including our country offices in Nicaragua, Paraguay, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, and India.

Most recently, I worked with a cross-functional team to plan and execute a virtual panel for International Development Week, called "Overcoming Barriers to Education for Girls in Sub-Saharan Africa in a COVID-19 World." The panel was moderated by CBC's Susan Ormiston, and included addresses from Graça Machel (former first lady of South Africa), Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka (former Deputy President of South Africa and current Executive Director of UN Women), Leslie MacLean (Deputy Minister of International Development, Global Affairs Canada), Antoine Chevrier (Director-General of Pan-African Affairs, Global Affairs Canada), and two incredible young women from sub-Saharan Africa. The panel was a resounding success with over 300 attendees from over 40 countries, including journalists from CTV, CBC, and TVOntario as well as representatives from UNICEF, the United Nations, Canadian embassies, Oxfam, World Vision, Plan International, and many others. The aim of this event was not only to spotlight what the

sector can do to help adolescent girls in Sub-Saharan Africa gain access to inclusive and quality education, but also to really help raise young women's voices – and it did just that.

It is because of my time at UNBC that I was able to break into this sector and succeed. While completing my undergrad (joint INTS/POLS) I could never decide whether I enjoyed INTS or POLS better. The great thing about my current role is that I get to experience the best of both worlds! I help facilitate and foster high-level relationships between the Government of Canada and Children Believe by calling upon my knowledge of our government as well as the field of international development. Throughout my years at UNBC, I often found myself feeling fatigued and even jaded, while reading and learning about the great needs of the many less fortunate people in the world. While witnessing these hardships in real life is no less disheartening, my theoretical education helped prepare me for my firsthand education.

Actress Rachel Mwanza Guest-Stars in UNBC French Class

March 31, 2021



INTS 272, Intermediate French, welcomed [Rachel Mwanza](#) to class via Zoom on 31 March 2021. Ms. Mwanza is best known for her role as Komona in the award-winning film [War Witch \(Rebelle\)](#), directed by Canadian Kim Nguyen. *Rebelle* is the story of a child soldier in the Congo civil wars, the bloodiest conflict since the Second World War. Mwanza moved to Montreal six years ago.

Instructor Gerry Chidiac incorporated the history of the DRC in his French courses to give his students a wider perspective on “le monde francophone.” This included the study of the impact of colonial exploitation on the current situation of the country.

After having seen *Rebelle*, students found the conversation, which was all in French, enlightening and uplifting. Mwanza has the ability to discuss the hardship she faced as a homeless child on the streets of Kinshasa, the difficulties of her country, along with the challenges of building an acting career as a person of colour, and still maintain a spirit of optimism and joy.

Mwanza's latest film is [Troisièmes Noces](#), a Belgian rendition of the green card story. A young Congolese woman marries an older man and the two develop a warm friendship, despite their differences.

Andrews makes an appearance on the Daily Show

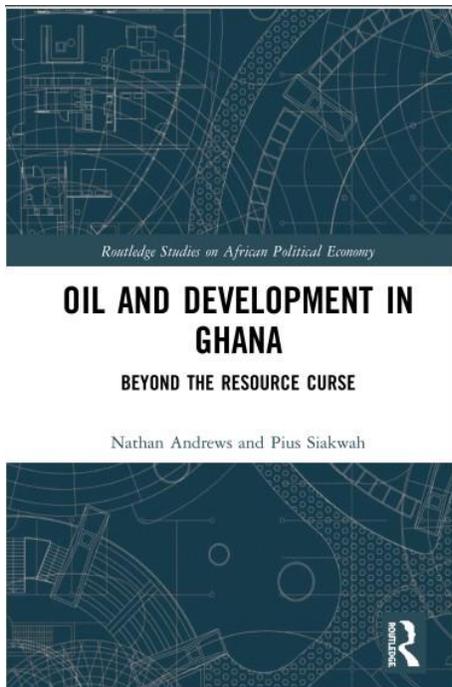
February 9, 2021

Global & International Studies Nathan Andrews makes an appearance on the Daily Show with Trevor Noah to contribute to discussions of how to fix American democracy in light of the recent election-related violence at the U.S. Capitol.

[Watch Episode](#)

New Book Published by Dr. Nathan Andrews

December 10, 2020



Nathan Andrews and Pius Siakwah have a new co-edited book with Routledge, *Oil and Development in Ghana: Beyond the Resource Curse*.

Book Information: A comprehensive overview of Ghana's hydrocarbon economy using actor network and assemblage theories to contest the methodological nationalism of mainstream accounts of the resource curse. Drawing upon recent field research on Ghana's oil and gas sector, the authors contend that there is an assemblage of political, economic, social and environmental networks, processes, actions, actors and structures of power that coalesce to determine the extent to which the country's hydrocarbon resources could be regarded as a 'curse' or 'blessing'. This book will be of interest to scholars of African political economy, African development and the politics of resource extraction.

Link: <https://www.routledge.com/Oil-and-Development-in-Ghana-Beyond-the-Resource-Curse/Andrews-Siakwah/p/book/9780367427191>

Arctic Science Special Issue on Knowledge Co-production

October 19, 2020

The **Arctic Science** special issue on *Knowledge Co-production* is live! Together with a team of diverse guest editors, we worked with the Arctic research community to highlight research that braided Indigenous and non-Indigenous knowledge and the ways of working collaboratively. The special issue stems from 3 years of conference sessions and workshops held by the guest editors at ArcticNet. Below are links to the publications, as well as plain language summaries and social media links. All abstracts were translated into 3 languages, English, French and one Indigenous language of choice by authors. It is an open access journal so papers are accessible and free for all. ArcticNet provided funds to support the publication costs (awarded to the guest editors through a proposal).

This special issue showcases some of Canada's strong partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Arctic research communities, that share in their publications enlightening perspectives, paths taken and recommendations towards supporting concepts of Knowledge Co-production.

Author groups include academics, federal agencies (e.g. DFO, ECCC), land claim organizations, NGOs and community knowledge holders across Inuit Nunangat as well as the Gwich'in Settlement Area, with papers applicable throughout the Arctic.

1. You can find the special issue here: <https://www.cdnsiencepub.com/toc/as/6/3>
2. A hub to all the plain language summaries on Medium is here: <https://link.medium.com/smZbH6EIX9>
3. As well, the summaries can be accessed from the *Arctic Science* homepage under Featured Content: <https://www.cdnsiencepub.com/journal/as>
4. Throughout the week we will be sharing papers on the *Arctic Science* [Facebook account](#) and *Arctic Science* [Twitter account](#). We will acknowledge authorship as indicated by the authors.

Hope you enjoy, and do share!

Tristan on behalf of guest editors Lisa Losteo, Kaitlin Breton-Honeyman, Denis Etiendem and Noor Johnson.

Special Issue of 'Globalizations' co-edited by Professor Paul Bowles

October 7, 2020

Professor Paul Bowles has co-edited a Special Issue of the journal *Globalizations* on 'Critical Development Studies and the Study of Globalization(s)'. The articles are available on-line and will be published in print form soon. Professor Bowles, as well as co-authoring the Introduction, has an article in the Special Issue entitled 'The Developmental State and the Study of Globalizations'.

INTS Professor Paul Bowles selected for Fulbright Award

October 7, 2020

Professor Paul Bowles has been selected as the Fulbright Canada Research Chair at the University of California Santa Barbara for 2020-21. He will take up his position sometime in 2021 and will study 'Canada-US relationships in the shadow of China's Rise' through the lens of the longer-run dynamics of global and national forms of capitalism. He will be hosted by the Department of Global Studies at UCSB.

Environmental Change Research Group Updates

June 18, 2020



David Fawcett (research associate, INTS) and Angus Naylor (PhD candidate, University of Leeds) attended the Adaptation 2020 conference in Vancouver along with three Inuit partners on two community-led projects that Dr. Tristan Pearce, David and Angus worked on with the community of Ulukhaktok, NT. Angus and Adam Kuptana presented research findings for *Tooniktoyok*, a project that involves 10 Inuit hunters tracking their activities using participatory mapping to understand the economic costs of subsistence activities. David, April Olifie and Gilbert Olifie presented on *Nunamin Illihakvia: Learning from the Land*, a community-led cultural program that aims to bring together hunters and sewers of different generations in Ulukhaktok to encourage knowledge transmission and Inuinnaqtun language development.

Dr. Tristan Pearce Publishes New Paper

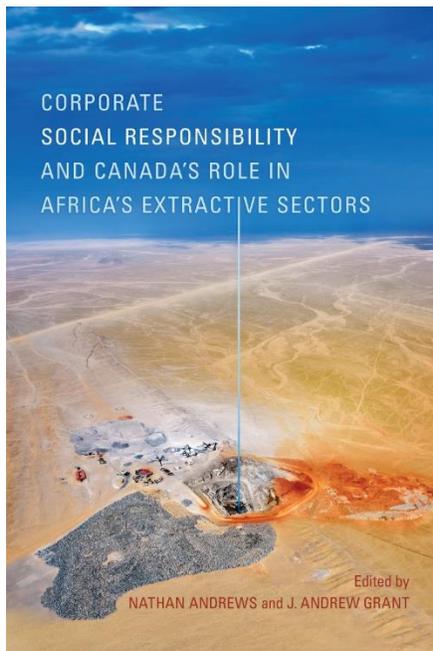
May 7, 2020



Tristan Pearce and co-authors have published a new paper in the *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. The paper titled "Even if it doesn't come, you should be prepared": Natural hazard perception, remoteness, and implications for disaster risk reduction in rural Fiji, examines disaster risk reduction among *iTaukei* living in Nawairuku village, in the highlands of Ra Province, Fiji through a case study of Tropical Cyclone (TC) Winston in February 2016 and a major flood event in December 2016. The paper concludes that preparation is key to surviving a disaster and minimizing harm, that accurate and timely information needs to be communicated in accessible ways to cue preparation, and that climate-proofing housing drawing upon modern and traditional construction methods, and supported by local initiative and external finance is needed to lessen the impact of future disasters.

New Publication for Dr. Nathan Andrews

April 23, 2020



Nathan Andrews and J. Andrew Grant have a new co-edited book with the University of Toronto Press, *Corporate Social Responsibility and Canada's Role in Africa's Extractive Sectors*.

Book information: Africa's natural resource sectors are experiencing unprecedented levels of foreign investment and production. Hailed as a means of reducing poverty and reliance on foreign aid, the role of foreign corporations in Africa's extractive sector is not well understood and important questions remain about the impact of such activities on people and on the environment.

With reference to global governance initiatives aimed at promoting ethical business practices, this volume offers a timely examination of Canada-Africa relations and natural resource governance. Few Canadians realize how significant a role their country plays in investing in Africa's natural resource sector. The editors and contributors consider the interplay between public opinion, corporate social responsibility, and debates about the extraction and trade of Africa's natural resources.

Link: <https://utorontopress.com/ca/corporate-social-responsibility-and-canada-x2019-s-role-in-africa-x2019-s-extractive-sectors-1>

Short letter, big prize

February 12, 2020



Briana Greer was the only non-Japanese entrant to have her work selected for publication in the Shortest Letter in Japan contest.

Writing poetry isn't easy and it's even more challenging in a second language. UNBC Global and International Studies major Briana Greer met that challenge and had her Japanese poem selected for publication in the Shortest Letter in Japan contest.

https://ckpqtoday.ca/2020/02/14/unbc-student-recognized-for-her-japanese-poem/?utm_source=dvr.it&utm_medium=facebook

A poet must demonstrate mastery of a language and the ability to manipulate words to create a work of art.

University of Northern British Columbia student Briana Greer highlighted just that, in her second language no less, when she entered the Shortest Letter in Japan contest. Out of more than 32,000 entries submitted, Greer was the only non-Japanese resident selected to have her work published.

As part of a class assignment for Global and International Studies 321 – Japanese Conversation and Composition 1, Greer submitted an entry to the contest run by the Maruoka City Culture Foundation. She needed to write a letter or a poem on the theme of seasons, and was limited to just 40 Japanese characters.

Greer chose to write a poem about lying next to a fire on a cold winter's day, wishing her sweetheart were with her. As one of 145 winners, Greer's work will be published in the book *The Shortest Letter of Japan: Season*.

"It's an amazing feeling to be recognized with this award and to know that I have a strong grasp of the language," Greer says. "The Shortest Letter of Japan contest is designed to make writers focus and really articulate what they are trying to say."

Greer, a Global and International Studies major, has always been interested in learning more about different cultures. She has been studying Japanese for three years and has reached the point where she feels comfortable writing.

Lecturer Ami Hagiwara often has her third-year students submit entries.

"Japanese is one of the hardest languages to study in the world," Hagiwara says. "Because of the complication of its grammar, it takes at least three years of learning to be able to communicate well with native speakers. Only small numbers of students reach the level needed to be able to take the third-year courses."

Hagiwara believes having one of her students selected for publication demonstrates the strength of the entire class.

"The prize was not just for one person, but all for those who study hard to achieve their goals," she says.

The contest dates back to 1993. Greer is the second UNBC student to have a poem selected for publication. In 2003, Shirley Hung's short letter on the topic of emotion was published.

Greer has received an invitation to attend an award ceremony in Maruoka-Cho, Fukui, Japan on April 26.

Learning Multiple Languages has Many Benefits

February 5, 2020

Here is a video and [column](#) written by our French Language Instructor, Gerry Chidiac, about the benefits of learning multiple languages.

UNBC Discovery Days

October 26, 2019



Faculty and students from the Department of Global and International Studies participated in Discovery Days on October 26th. They highlighted to prospective students how the degree program equips its students to understand and contribute to life in the global 21st Century. Shown here are faculty members Dr. Tristan Pearce and Ami Hagiwara, graduate students Abby Dooks and Fiyako Sipe and undergraduate student Zach Fleck.

Model United Nations (MUN) Club

October 17, 2019



The Department of Global and International Studies is pleased to support the new Model United Nations (MUN) Club on campus.

MUN is a mock exercise simulating debate at the United Nations. Participants are assigned a country and must speak on behalf of its interests to generate solutions to global issues. In doing so, students must apply writing, debate, and improvisational thinking skills

UNBC MUN will be holding practice sessions throughout the 2019/20 calendar year. Future sessions for this fall will include revisiting the Cuban Missile Crisis, where delegates must exercise their diplomatic skills to prevent WW3, and a zombie infestation scenario, where delegates will act as members of the Canadian cabinet to stave off a zombie apocalypse! Practice sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 11am in the NUSC space beside the Thirsty Moose.

UNBC MUN will be sponsoring a delegation to attend MUN UBC in January 2020. Attending conferences grants opportunities to hear from UN officials, network with other students from near and far, and experience the thrill of a formal MUN event.

If you are interested in joining please contact Dr. Jason Lacharite, jason.lacharite@unbc.ca, for more details.

Sustainable Development Goals to be discussed at UNBC Forum

October 7, 2019



Julie Marshall, the Canadian Spokesperson for the [United Nations World Food Programme](#), will be participating in the [SDG Student Training](#) happening at UNBC, Prince George Campus on October 19. Organized by the UNBC Sustainability Office and the Prince George Public Interest Research Group, the Department of Global and International Studies is pleased to support this event and encourages students to attend.

Welcome Dr. Tristan Pearce to the Department of Global & International Studies

July 4, 2019



Dr. Tristan Pearce

The Department of Global and International Studies is delighted to welcome Dr. Tristan Pearce as a faculty member and Canada Research Chair in the Cumulative Impacts of Environmental Change. This something of a homecoming for Tristan as he graduated from UNBC with a BA in International Studies in 2003. Since then he has completed Masters and Doctoral degrees at the University of Guelph and comes to us from a position at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. A prolific publisher, grant receiver and supervisor, Tristan's research analyzes how communities adapt to climate change with a particular focus on Indigenous communities in the Arctic. For further details of Tristan's appointment see [link to UNBC media release].

With Dr. Pearce's appointment, the Department of Global and International Studies now has expertise in the Arctic, Africa, Asia and Latin America. The Department has university and national research and teaching award winners and brings together faculty members from multiple disciplines. The Department offers a BA in Global and International Studies and works with other units to offer a number of Joint Majors and a MA in International Studies with a focus on Global Development and Environment. <https://www.unbc.ca/releases/51413/unbc-welcomes-new-research-chair>

Authors Win Provincial Political Science Award

June 17, 2019



Political Science Professor Dr. Tracy Summerville and Political Science Assistant Professor Dr. Jason Lacharite have won a provincial award for their book, *The Campbell Revolution*

Congratulations to Political Science Assistant Professor Dr. Jason Lacharite, and Political Science Professor Dr. Tracy Summerville for winning the British Columbia Political Studies Association 2019 Lynda Erickson Prize for their book, *The Campbell Revolution*.

The Lynda Erickson Prize recognizes the best political science edited book by a B.C. author or authors published in the preceding two years.

INTS Professor Receives Research Award

June 12, 2019



Vera and Nathan Andrews

Dr. Nathan Andrews received the University Excellence in Research Award at UNBC's Convocation, May 31, 2019.

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

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May 30, 2019



The Department of Global and International Studies will be well represented at this year's Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences being held at UBC in late May and early June. Faculty members Dr. Nathan Andrews, Dr. Paul Bowles, Ami Hagiwara and Dr. Heather Smith will all be presenting their research. The Congress, now in its 88th year, hosts over 70 scholarly associations and brings together over 8,000 academics, researchers, policy-makers, and practitioners to share findings and ideas.

Professor attends Academic Workshop in England

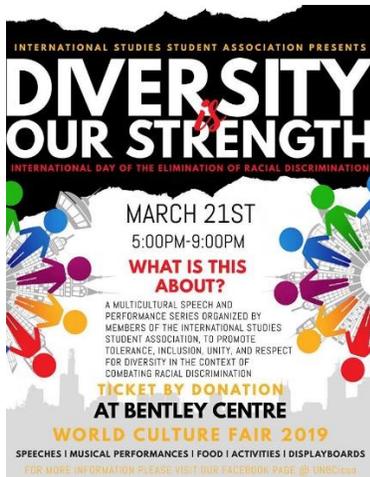


March 26, 2019

Global and International Studies Professor Paul Bowles recently attended a prestigious two-day academic workshop, Political Economy on Trial: Reflections After a Decade of Unforeseen Developments. This landmark 'state of the field' workshop was held at Sheffield Town Hall, England, and was an opportunity for political economy as a field to reflect on its own blind spots. Contributions from the workshop will be captured and shared in two simultaneously published special issues of *Review of International Political Economy* (RIPE) and *New Political Economy* (NPE). Professor Bowles is an Editorial Board Member of RIPE.

ISSA World Cultural Fair

March 21, 2019



INTS 490 class project video for the World Cultural Fair.

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Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy

March 18, 2019



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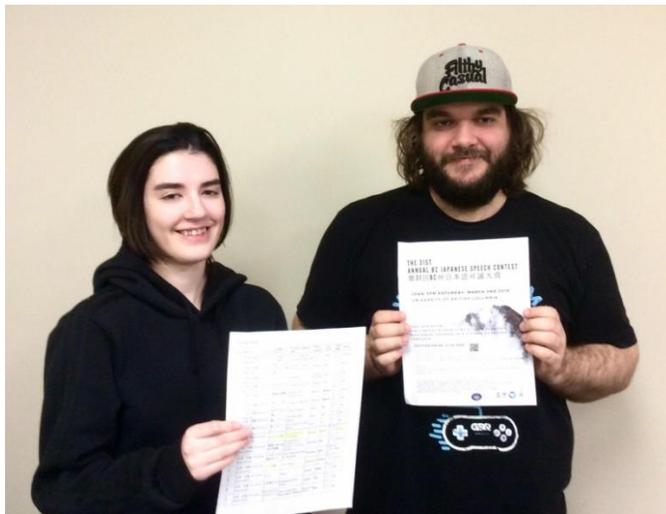
Global Policy and the Discontented

Graduate student Diana Carolina Reyes presented her research work at the conference *Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy 8: Global Policy and the Discontented*, organized by the Department of Political Science at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. The conference brought together around 30 graduate and PhD students from across Canada whose research speaks to the questions raised in the fields of Globalization and Policy studies. Furthermore, the conference counted with the participation of faculty members of McMaster and other universities, who shared their research and knowledge on global issues and public policies. The conference provided a space for the exchange of knowledge and academic discussion on issues of global importance such as power and diplomacy, international migration, resource extraction, health policy, environmental governance, security, among others.

Diana Carolina is a UNBC student in the MA of International Studies with an orientation in International Development. Her research *Migrant Children Returned to Honduras: A Human Rights Perspective*, examines what are the conceptual and practical challenges experienced by organizations in Honduras to meet the needs and promote the human rights of Honduran migrant children who are returned to their country of origin. The purpose of this research is to generate relevant information to contribute to the improvement to national policies and institutional practices oriented to reintegrate returned migrant children in Honduras.

Finalists of the 2019 Annual BC Japanese Speech Contest

February 28, 2019



As a part of their assignments, five students in INTS 322 wrote their speech and we had a “in class speech contest.”

After that, all of the students applied the BC Japanese Speech Contest, and two were selected as the finalists.

Unfortunately, since both of them are taking TESOL course which has all day long class on Saturdays, they cannot go to the contest.

In the intermediate level of the University/Open category, there are only nine finalist. Even though our students could not present their speech at the contest, they were selected as the top nine in BC.

UBC Hosts Dr. Andrews for a Book Talk

February 8, 2019

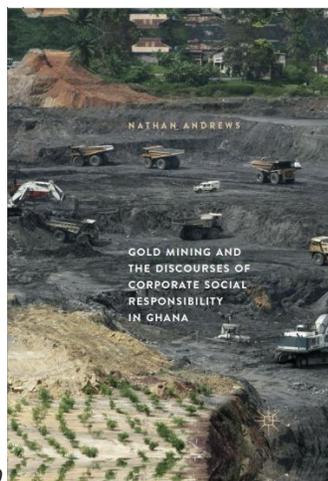


Website: <https://sppga.ubc.ca/events/event/gold-mining-in-ghana-ambiguities-of-social-responsibility-justice-human-rights-and-development/>

RSVP: <https://goldmining.eventbrite.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2298725260455264>

Dr. Nathan Andrews Publishes New Book



January 17, 2019

[Nathan Andrews](#) has published a new book, *Gold Mining and the Discourses of Corporate Social Responsibility in Ghana*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2019. This book critically examines the practice and meanings of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and how the movement has facilitated a positive and somewhat unquestioned image of the global corporation. Drawing on extensive fieldwork material collected in Ghanaian communities located around the project sites of Newmont Mining Corporation and Kinross Gold Corporation, the monograph employs critical discourse analysis to accentuate how mining corporations use CSR as a discursive alibi to gain legitimacy and dominance over the social order, while determining their own spheres of responsibility and accountability. Hiding behind such notions as 'social licence to operate' and 'best practice,' corporations are enacted as entities that are morally conscious and socially responsible. Yet, this enactment is contested in host communities, as explored in chapters that examine corporate citizenship, gendered perspectives, and how global CSR norms institutionalize unaccountability.

Link: <https://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9783319923208#aboutBook>

New Website for Careers for Students in Global & International Studies and International Development

December 21, 2018



Here is a webpage with career opportunities for Global & International Studies and International Development graduates.

[After-School Development](#)

Guest Seminar at the University of Bristol

December 3, 2018

Professor Paul Bowles recently presented a Guest Seminar to the Global Political Economy and International Development Faculty Research Groups at the University of Bristol, UK. He talked about his work on Social Licence and natural resource development.

Global and International Studies Part of New Asia Pacific Network

October 31, 2018

Global and International Studies was represented at the inaugural meeting of the Canada Asia Pacific Policy Project (CAPPP) held at Thompson Rivers University on October 26th. CAPPP is an initiative taking place as part of the

Interior University Research Coalition involving UNBC, TRU and UBCO. INTS Chair Professor Paul Bowles and graduate Co-Chair Professor Fiona MacPhail were in attendance. INTS faculty Dr. Jason Lacharite and graduate faculty Professor Baotai Wang are also members of CAPPP which aims to foster research collaboration on Asia and to promote “Asia competencies” for students through various initiatives such as student exchanges. More meetings are planned in the coming year.

INTS Professor Leads Student Seminar at Queens University

October 19, 2018



Student Seminar: From Fieldwork to Finishing your Thesis / Dissertation

Dr. Nathan Andrews
Department of Global and International Studies
University of Northern British Columbia

Friday, October 19, 2018
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Mackintosh-Corry Hall, Room B313



Dr. Nathan Andrews is an Assistant Professor of Global and International Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia. Originally from Ghana, he is a 2018-19 Faculty of Arts and Science Visiting Scholar at Queen's. Dr. Andrews is an interdisciplinary scholar whose impressive scholarly output has been recognized by awards from the Trudeau Foundation, the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, and SSHRC, among others. He was selected as a Finalist for a 2017 SSHRC Talent Award. Dr. Andrews has authored or co-authored several journal articles and book chapters on topics ranging from foreign aid policy to International Relations theory to corporate social responsibility and natural resource governance to economic development. He has co-edited four volumes including *Corporate Social Responsibility and Canada's Role in Africa's Extractive Sectors* (University of Toronto Press, 2019) and authored two books including *Gold Mining and the Discourses of Corporate Social Responsibility in Ghana* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).

Open to students across departments, this seminar will provide the opportunity for students to discuss their theses / dissertations and received feedback and advice from Dr. Andrews on aspects ranging from refining research questions to the logistics of conducting fieldwork including in-person interviews to finishing their projects on time. The seminar will begin with brief introductory remarks based on his recent fieldwork in West Africa on governance and human rights challenges in natural resource sectors.

Dr. Nathan Andrews lead a Student Seminar at Queen's University entitled "From Fieldwork to Finishing your Thesis/Dissertation.

This seminar provided the opportunity for students to discuss their theses/dissertations and receive feedback on aspects ranging from refining research question to the logistics on conducting fieldwork including in-person interviews to finishing their projects on time. The seminar began with brief introductory remarks based on Dr. Andrew's recent fieldwork in West Africa on governance and human rights challenges in natural resource sectors.

Members from UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic Sustainable Resources and Social Responsibility visit UNBC

October 11, 2018





Members of the UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic Sustainable Resources and Social Responsibility recently visited UNBC. INTS faculty member Dr. Nathan Andrews, graduate Co-Chair Professor Fiona MacPhail and INTS graduate student Kate van Dam shared some of their research with them. The group then travelled by train to Prince Rupert and Kitimat. INTS Chair Paul Bowles was elected as the Co-Lead for the Network for 2018-2019; the Lead is Professor Karin Buhmann of the Copenhagen Business School who specializes in Business and Human Rights.

Congratulations to the 2018 INTS Graduates!

May 25, 2018



MA International Studies - International Development
Michelle Elizabeth Metzger

Honours International Studies and Political Science
Sophia Iliopoulos

BA Global and International Studies

Echioma Nobel Ezedebego
Rosemary Jamal Goyayi

BA International Studies

Robert John Leatherdale
Kandice Camille Morgan

BA Global and International Studies/Political Science

Dara-Mae Felker Campbell

BA International Studies/Political Science

Adaeze Francena Loveina Obeta
Ana Paola Saenz Del Campo

MA International Studies Revised and Re-launched!

April 17, 2018

We are delighted to announce that revisions to the MA in International Studies have been approved by UNBC's Senate. The revisions bring both sharper focus to the program as well as offering students more choice. With a new focus on **Global Development and Environment** we bring together two of the most pressing issues of our time under one program.

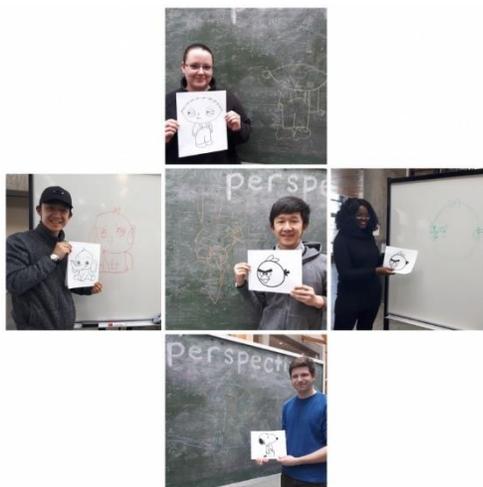
The changes are described in full on UNBC's graduate calendar page <https://www.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate/international-studies> and on the Departmental webpage: <https://www.unbc.ca/international-studies-graduate-program>. We encourage you to consult both of these to see the new program that you can experience. Applications for 2019 are now open.

Paul Bowles, Co-Chair MA International Studies

Fiona MacPhail, Co-Chair International Studies

ISSA hosts World Culture Fair

April 12, 2018



The International Studies Student Association held an event called World Culture Fair on March 19th and 23rd. The event targeted the entire UNBC community, encouraging individuals to participate in various activities. The activities focused on encouraging cultural diversity, to engage participants in some fun and new activities and to test their knowledge of other cultures and countries. The activities included are: a drawing perspective game (see photos above), a country knowledge activity with sticky notes, a trivia quiz, origami, and Chinese/Japanese calligraphy.

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference

April 11, 2018

Global and International Studies Professors Nathan Andrews and Paul Bowles both participated in the International Studies Association (ISA) annual conference held in San Francisco, April 4-7th. The ISA conference is one of the largest gatherings of International Studies scholars in the world and attracted over 5500 participants. Dr. Andrews gave two presentations on his work on extractive industries in Africa. Dr. Bowles participated in an 'Author meets Critics' book panel and attended the Editorial Board meeting of the Review of International Political Economy.

<http://www.isanet.org/>

30th Annual BC Japanese Speech Contest

March 13, 2018



Two finalists from UNBC: Hannah Coleman, and Karrie Cookhouse

Two UNBC students, Hannah Coleman (beginner category) and Karrie Cookhouse (intermediate category) were selected as the finalists to perform in the annual Provincial Japanese Speech Arts Contest. The contest was held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Halpern Centre, Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. Congratulations to both! And thanks to INTS instructor Ami Hagiwara for again making this possible.

"Doing this speech contest was a huge challenge for me, but I am so glad I did it. It's an irreplaceable experience. Thank's to everyone who lent me their help, because of them, I was able to gather the confidence to do my best. If you're serious about expanding your Japanese skills, I definitely recommend it!" ~ Hannah Coleman ~

INTS Alumna's Passion for International Affairs

March 6, 2018



My name is Nicole Halseth. I graduated from the International Studies program at UNBC in 2014, and my time spent there allowed me to pursue my passion for international affairs, while engaging with an incredible community of people.

After graduation, I spent a year teaching English in Japan through the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. I was placed in the rural town of Niimi, Okayama, a short (bullet train) ride away from Osaka. As I studied Japanese at UNBC, doing the JET program in such a small community really allowed me to build on my language skills and engage with the local culture. It also gave me the chance to explore Japan, and learn more about such a beautiful and diverse country.

In 2015, I moved to Ottawa, our nations' capital, to complete a Masters' degree in International Affairs with the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University, where I specialized in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. My Masters allowed me to build on the skills and knowledge I had gained at UNBC, and learn how to apply them in policy and practice. It also allowed me to pursue in-depth research on the participation of non-Arctic states within the Arctic Council and participate in the Model Arctic Council (yes, it's a real thing), at Dartmouth College. Finally, through Carleton, I completed two great coop terms with the federal government; working in the International Affairs teams at both Environment and Climate Change Canada and Natural Resources Canada.

Both coop positions provided hands-on learning opportunities and let me pursue my personal interests in international affairs and environmental policy. At Environment and Climate Change Canada, I helped prepare Canada's delegation to the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakech, Morocco. I also took a leading role in managing Canada's international climate finance in developing countries; overseeing programs in Mexico and Chile to reduce air pollution in communities through waste management and cleaner oil and gas facilities.

At Natural Resources Canada, where I now work as a permanent Policy Analyst, I plan international events and engagements that support Canada's natural resource sectors. Notably, I have helped plan two major trips for the Minister of Natural Resources, Jim Carr; to India in September 2016, and to China in June 2017. Both trips strengthened the relationships between our companies, and expanded opportunities for trade and investment with these rapidly growing economies. It is a fast-paced, ever changing position that constantly challenges me to think of the bigger picture while never downplaying the details.

My time at UNBC gave me an understanding of the key dynamics underplaying international relations, and I have taken this with me in the years following my graduation. It showed me the importance of understanding how the

environment interacts with people and politics. Most importantly, it showed me that nothing is more important than building strong people-to-people relationships, which are at the heart of all things international. UNBC gave me the opportunities I needed to pursue my passion, and make it a career.

Global and International Studies Professor to take up Research-in-Residence Fellowship at University of Illinois

February 20, 2018

Professor Paul Bowles, the Acting Chair of the Department of Global and International Studies, will be a Research Fellow in residence at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana from February 25 to March 15, 2018. Dr. Bowles will be one of six Fellows, and one of only two Canadians (the others being from Denmark, the UK, Germany, and Hungary) invited to spend research time at Illinois and to present at a Symposium on 'The Other Border', analysing aspects of the Canada-U.S. border, organised by the University of Illinois's International Forum for U.S. Studies. Details of the Symposium, to be held on March 8-10, can be found at <http://www.ifuss.illinois.edu>

INTS Major on Exchange in Osaka, Japan

February 14, 2018



Hello! My name is Yeva Mattson and I'm a Global and International Studies Major in UNBC. I am currently studying in Osaka, Japan and I cannot recommend it enough. Japan is a beautiful country with a rich history and culture. Its people are very welcoming and I've made lots of friends while here. Japan is such an awesome place from the diverse delicious food to the amazing architecture to the difficult yet interesting language. The staff of Osaka International University are always available to help students and people even on the street are happy to lend a hand if you get lost. I've enjoyed festivals and tours and simply walking around my neighborhood. It's never a quiet moment! I highly recommend doing a year abroad for schooling to experience a new place and culture. Just remember, don't focus wholly on school! You have to enjoy where you are, meet new people, and try new things!

Writing Tutors Available for INTS Courses

January 23, 2018

The Department of Global and International Studies is pleased to announce the availability of two Writing Tutors specifically designated to INTS courses. If you are registered in any INTS course in the Winter 2018 semester and would like help with any assignments please take advantage of this opportunity. The two tutors are Kate van Dam and Elizabeth Adefowokan, both graduate students in the INTS program. Elizabeth will have office hours on Mondays 8.30-10.30 a.m. and Kate on Thursdays 1-3 p.m. The Office is Admin 3073A. You don't need an appointment; just drop by and ask for assistance.

Congratulations to Michelle Metzger

January 8, 2018



Michelle Metzger

In December Michelle Metzger successfully completed her Master's Degree in International Studies - International Development Stream. Michelle's Thesis is entitled: "Food Sovereignty in Canada: Emerging Actors and Competing Ideas in National Agri-Food Policy Making".

INTS Alumna Attends Graduate School

December 13, 2017



My name is Kim Tran and I graduated from UNBC in 2016. I joint majored in International Studies and Political Science and minored in Economics. I had the pleasure to attend graduate school at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario after I finished at UNBC.

Wow, where to even start! Graduate studies are a lot harder than undergraduate for sure, but after the program, the rewards are definitely worth it. I learned so much about the interdisciplinary nature of globalization and how it is important to our world today. The INTS undergraduate program at UNBC set me up to further my education by providing me with a foundation of the skills I would need for a Masters program. UNBC offers such a wide range of INTS courses to take which aided in my understanding of globalization since it encompasses many areas of research.

INTS can be applied to different graduate studies as it is related to the real world. For example, some Globalization courses that were taught included subjects in: cultural studies, political economy, philosophy, religion, social policy, and many more. The program itself is one year, course-based from September to April. Following that, from May to August, is when you finish a major research paper of about 40 pages (~10,000 words). I owe my teachers at UNBC for encouraging me to do graduate studies and for passing on their knowledge to me when I was at school there. Thank-you UNBC!

For more information on this program, please visit:

<https://globalization.mcmaster.ca/programs/master-of-arts-in-globalization-studies>

UNBC Welcomes Dr. Nathan Andrews to the Department of Global & International Studies

September 28, 2017



Dr. Nathan Andrews

Dr. Nathan Andrews began working at the UNBC in September 2017 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Global and International Studies after having completed a PhD at the University of Alberta and a Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship at Queen's University, during which time he became a 2017 SSHRC Talent Award national finalist. His ongoing research explores the international political economy of natural resource extraction, examining angles such as corporate social responsibility, community development/wellbeing, sustainable livelihoods, social justice, human rights, and local content policies, among others. He is also interested in global norms that govern the activities of transnational corporations, such as the UN Global Compact, UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. His peer-reviewed publications on some of these topics appear in such journals as *Resources Policy*, *Business and Society Review*, *Africa Today*, *World Development*, and the *Journal of International Relations and Development*. In addition to the specific focus on resource extraction, Dr. Andrews is also interested in broad international development topics which has resulted in two co-edited volumes titled *Africa Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: Exploring the Multi-dimensional Discourses on 'Development'* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013) and *Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Retrospect: Africa's Development Beyond 2015* (Springer, 2015). At the moment, Dr. Andrews is completing a book manuscript based on his doctoral dissertation for Palgrave Macmillan. In the near future, he plans to expand his work on Africa to examine its connections with sites of resource extraction in Canada's north – particularly the ramifications of oil and gas exploration for indigenous and First Nations communities. While always inspired by different research trajectories, Dr. Andrew is also very excited to be teaching courses on research methods, international regimes, and development as part of the global and international studies program.

Global & International Studies Professor Publishes New Book

September 11, 2017

ROUTLEDGE CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES SERIES

THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO
CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

EDITED BY HENRY VELTMEYER AND PAUL BOWLES



[Paul Bowles](#) has recently published a new co-edited volume, *The Essential Guide to Critical Development Studies*, Routledge, July 2017 (with Henry Veltmeyer). *Critical Development Studies* challenges mainstream approaches to development and places class, imperialism and gender at the centre of discussions of development processes and the search for alternatives. The book contains 37 chapters with contributions from leading scholars in the field from around the world. Each contributor supplements their overview with a guide to the critical development studies literature on the topic, thereby providing scholars and students not only with a precis of the key issues, but also a signpost to further readings. The book has been published in both hardback and paperback; if you order online you can get a 20% discount by using code FLR40. And just in time for Christmas!!

Link: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Essential-Guide-to-Critical-Development-Studies/Veltmeyer-Bowles/p/book/9781138049970>

Congratulations to Dr. Ken Wilkening on his Retirement

August 15, 2017



Dr. Ken Wilkening joined the International Studies Department in 2000. He went on to become Chair of International Studies in 2007. As a researcher, Ken focused on questions of the science-policy interface of international/global environmental problems, especially related to the atmosphere. His book, *Acid Rain Science and the Politics of Japan: A History of Knowledge and Action Toward Sustainability* (MIT Press, 2004) is a key contribution to the field of global environmental politics. His commitment to sustainability was also expressed locally as he was actively involved in the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, the Green University Committee, and the Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable. He was an award winning teacher, having won the UNBC Excellence in Teaching Award in 2005, and was nominated an additional three times. And last but definitely not least, Ken was an outstanding colleague and department chair. Collaboration, kindness, balance and collegiality were the hallmarks of his leadership and he will be missed.

BC Japanese Speech Contest Finalist

March 23, 2017



Aalam Sandhu

Ami Hagiwara, Japanese Language Instructor

The 29th Annual BC Japanese Speech Contest was held on March 4, 2017 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. This year Aalam Sandhu, a third-year student in Japanese, was chosen as a finalist in the intermediate category. Only the top eight students in BC were selected as finalists in this category this year. Aalam worked very hard on his speech and his effort was rewarded with a second place. Judges and other Japanese instructors commented on how well he expressed himself. Participating in this contest is an excellent way to expand on and test (in the "real world") what one has learned in the classroom.

Aalam Sandhu, International Studies Major

It was an honour to be selected to participate in the B.C. Japanese Speech Contest and an incredible experience from start to finish. It was amazing to listen to other students' speeches and see what they were passionate about.

I was nervous when I stepped up to the podium but was also happy because it was the moment I had been working for. After I delivered my speech, I was satisfied because I had done my absolute best. I never expected I would get second place. I am truly grateful that I was given the opportunity to compete. I would like to thank Ami-sensei for her patience and for helping me practice every day. I also thank everyone in the Department of Global & International Studies for their support in getting me to the competition, and Kim Tran, a participant last year, for sharing her speech contest tips with me and helping me with extra practice every day.

**Stephanie Powell-Hellyer's Innovative Teaching in INTS 298,
Globalization and Religion**

February 22, 2017



Let me, as department chair, give you insight into how one of our instructors, Stephanie Powell-Hellyer, developed a novel class assignment for her fall 2016 special topics course entitled "Globalization and Religion". By chance, Stephanie heard that an elementary school teacher in Prince George wanted to creatively engage her students in learning about First Nation Creation Stories. Stephanie saw in this an opportunity to link what this teacher wanted to what her students were learning in the globalization and religion course. Stephanie presented to her INTS 298 students the option of doing a First Nations Creation Story project as an alternate to a term paper. Four students immediately stepped forward. She then needed to develop with them a way for university students to teach elementary school students (grades 3 to 5) about First Nations Creation Stories. Stephanie first set her students to researching different Canadian Creation Stories. In the meantime, she clarified with the school Principal what was needed to fulfill their curriculum requirements for this topic.

She also consulted with UNBC's Dr. Tracy Summerville about how to formulate this type of unique student-to-student project. Stephanie proposed to use an interactive, art-based activity. In the end, the UNBC students each told a Canadian First Nations Creation Story to the children, who helped act it out and who then also painted the story on tiles that were put together in a large mosaic. It was clearly a challenge for the UNBC students to, instead of presenting to peers, present to young kids. But they pulled it off in brilliant fashion. Everyone seemed pleased with the final result. Both Stephanie and the four students stepped out of the box of typical university assignments to devise a novel, art-based, interactive, "university student to elementary student" learning exercise.

Adrian Walraven, INTS Alumnus (1999), Shares with Students his Global Experiences Working with the Government of Canada

December 19, 2016



On November 23, 2016 Adrian Walraven, an International Studies (1999) alumnus, visited UNBC to talk with INTS students about his work for the Government of Canada. In the morning, he was a guest speaker in INTS 100 (Introduction to Global Studies) and in the afternoon he hosted a session on “What can I do with an INTS degree?” for students interested in pursuing careers in Global Studies. Mr. Walraven has worked with CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) and Global Affairs Canada. His posts include Ukraine (he arrived in Kiev on the day of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States), Russia, CIDA’s Kandahar unit in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Indonesia. He now works for INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) on aboriginal issues in the Arctic. Mr. Walraven stressed to INTS students the importance of understanding the social and cultural complexities of the regions of the world. Using examples from his experiences in the Middle East, he further highlighted the importance of recognizing regional variations of ethnic and religious populations and the implications of religion for international relationships. He underscored the potent impact of the media and social media on public perceptions of these populations and the need for awareness of potential bias. Finally, he encouraged students to spend time understanding global trade and finance and how they relate to the pros and cons of globalization.

INTS Major Builds Libraries in Ghana

October 5, 2016



Let me introduce myself and tell you about my experience building libraries in Ghana. It was a hands-on way to learn about development projects. My name is Brett Wieckhoff and I am a Global & International Studies major. I was a volunteer this past summer (2016) with the United Kingdom (UK)-based NGO, Thrive Africa (<http://thriveafrica.ngo>). Thrive Africa has been working in Ghana since 2009 building libraries and assisting orphan caregivers. A friend of mine told me about the organization; she found it advertised on Instagram. My trip began in the city of Kumasi, just four hours north of the capital, Accra. I spent my first two weeks with my volunteer group of some 20 people from the UK, Ireland, Australia, US, Sweden, Portugal, and, of course, Canada in a Thrive Africa group home in Kumasi. Every morning we loaded up a bus with building supplies and headed off to a school that lacked a library. Most of the schools were an hour or two away. At the school we would transform an unused room into a library. We built shelves and tables, decorated the room, and organized the donated books. I helped build five libraries. Thrive Africa has built about 300 libraries since 2010. After the work day we were introduced to Ghanaian culture. We were taken to museums, taught the language (called Twi), and shown Kumasi night life. As well, on weekends we were taken on

excursions around Ghana, including a lake resort on Lake Bosumtwi (the lake is situated within an ancient meteor crater) and Mole National Park (Ghana's largest wildlife refuge) where we went on a safari. My last two weeks were spent in Bolgatanga, a large farming city near the northern border. We arrived during the planting season so helped plant crops for the caregivers who take care of over 400 orphans. Farming in the hot African sun was definitely the hardest work I've ever done, and I don't know how Ghanaian women do it all day long.

Friends and Entertainment in Japan

September 29, 2016



Hello, my name is Karlee Nadorozny and I am a joint major in Economics & International Studies, and I am a fan of Japan and the Japanese language. I have taken Japanese for three years with Ms. Ami Hagiwara, the Japanese language instructor for the Department of Global and International Studies. During my time studying Japanese, I had the opportunity to meet and become friends with many foreign exchange students from Japan. And this summer, I got to meet some of them again. In Japan! I went with Kim Tran, who graduated in 2016 with a joint major in Political Science & International Studies, and Aisha Kore, who is a biomedical student. You can see us in the photo above with Saki Oyama, one of the Japanese exchange students I met. From left to right is Saki Oyama, Kim Tran, Aisha Kore, and myself. This photo was taken in the Asakusa, Tokyo, a famous entertainment district. We also went to another famous entertainment district -- Tokyo Disneyland. I was surprised to learn that some people visit Tokyo Disneyland on a regular basis and dress up as their favorite character. Also when one of the employees in the park comes along as a character, visitors do not make a line but instead stand in a circle and try to get the character's attention to have a photo with it. Like we got the attention of the character in Asakusa in the photo. Friends, characters, and entertainment. I recommend Japan to you.

Alex Schare, INTS Graduate, Receives NRES PhD

May 2, 2016



The world is a beautiful mess. It is fascinating yet can be terrifying; it is strangely synchronized yet can seem ready to split at the seams at any given moment. How could one not be mesmerized by it?

Personally, I have always been fascinated by the 'bigger picture' of the world, its people, its environment, and its politics. I spent the first 16 years of my life living in Germany, right in the beating heart of Europe, where driving a couple of hours in any given direction will inevitably take you into a different country with new and exciting things to see. This instilled a curiosity about the world in me that I carry and treasure to this day. When I moved to Canada with my family, my horizons broadened even more with the inclusion of the Canadian perspective. From a European perspective, Canada can seem almost insular, being separated from much of the rest of the world by two massive oceans. However, I soon came to realize that Canada is anything but insular, and that it very much has its place on the world stage. Wanting to learn more about world affairs, I soon found myself gearing up to start my university studies at UNBC, signed up for the Bachelor's program in International Studies and Political Science.

So it was in the fall of 2004 that I found myself at the UNBC campus in Prince George. UNBC was the smallest university I considered in my research. However, being small does come with advantages. Class sizes are small (my biggest class had perhaps 100 students), professors are generally very accessible, and UNBC offers generous scholarship opportunities. Throughout my time in the INTS program, I learned not only about theory, but also the more practical implications of how everything in the world is connected, in most sectors and on most levels. I also learned that while the world is faced with a seemingly limitless array of issues, there are almost as many approaches to addressing these issues, and that although the approaches can seem incongruent, they may all have their individual merits.

After finishing my BA studies, I decided to remain with the INTS program and start a Master's degree. For this program, I studied the greenhouse gas emissions of air travel in BC, and how they can be reduced. This, in turn, was somewhat of a Pandora's box, because no sooner had I finished my MA than I knew that there was so much additional research that could be done into transportation, a sector that is vital for society but also contributes significant greenhouse gas emissions.

I have recently defended my PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, researching the greenhouse gas emissions of all interurban transportation in BC, and how changes to the transportation system can help the province to achieve its legislated 2020 and 2050 emissions reduction targets. You may wonder what that has to do with INTS at UNBC, but to me, the answer is: a lot. The global climate is something that every person on Earth should be

concerned about, and it requires solutions that are both global in outlook but local in being cognizant of individual context. As such, I feel that INTS has given me the basis to ground my knowledge and approaches in, as I now set out to do my part to reduce the impact of human activities on the climate, not only in BC but hopefully on a larger scale as well.

Students Passionately Participate in Japanese Speech Contest

March 5, 2016



Danaya Rankin, Ami Hagiwara and Kim Tran

Ami Hagiwara, Japanese Language Instructor

The 28th Annual BC Japanese Speech Contest was held on March 5, 2016 at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. Almost every year, UNBC sends students to this event. This year, Danaya Rankin and Kim Tran, were chosen as finalists in the beginner and intermediate categories. Only the top seven or eight students in BC are selected as finalists. Danaya and Kim worked hard to perfect their all-Japanese speeches. Rather than winning or losing, the greatest part of the contest is meeting people who love studying Japanese. Neither student was selected as one of the top three but the experience will inspire further flowering of their study of Japanese.

Kim Tran, Joint International Studies and Political Science Major

It was an honour to be selected to take part in the Japanese Speech Contest, again. I also attended last year. It was an amazing, scary, and fun experience. Simon Fraser University is located in a beautiful part of the Lower Mainland: on a hill, away from the city. It was a pleasant location for such an intense event. Although I practiced countless times, it never seemed enough. Nerves piling high as I stepped up to the podium, I delivered my speech, and when it was over a wave of relief washed over me. I did not win but the experience was unbelievable. The most important thing was that I was happy with my performance; I did much better than last year! I reached my goal of being accepted into the contest again and delivering my speech well.

Danaya Rankin, Anthropology Major

Participating in the Japanese Speech Contest was an eye-opening experience. It was incredible to be surrounded by not only students and their teachers, but also members of the public who were passionate about Japanese language and culture. It was a one-of-a-kind event, and a highlight of my university career! It encouraged me to be more open and confident about trying new things. I hope to have more opportunities like this to foster my interest in Japanese

culture and language.

ISSA Hosts 2nd Annual Pub Night

February 26, 2016



The International Studies Student Association (ISSA) held their second annual Pub Night at the Moose on February 26, 2016. This event helped the ISSA raise club funds for their club account. This year it was Pokemon themed. 'Trainers' were able to participate in 8 'gym battles' and compete for prizes. There was also a costume contest and a photo booth. 50 people come to the event and the club raised \$250 for the ISSA to hold other events and socials.

This year the ISSA has held bake sales in support of the Prince George SPCA, a clothing drive for the Prince George Hospice Society Thrift Store, a bowling social, the Golden Keychella Pub Night with funds going to the Jared Parker Memorial Scholarship, and working at the Concession at the NSC.

Our Department joins the Global Studies Association, North America

February 9, 2016



Global Studies Association
North America

UNBC's Department of Global & International Studies has joined the Global Studies Association, North America (<http://www.net4dem.org/mayglobal/index.html>). A Global Studies Association (GSA) (<https://globalstudiesassoc.wordpress.com/>), based in the United Kingdom, was founded in 2000 and the North American branch in 2002.

Here is how GSA and GSA, North America introduce themselves:

"The Global Studies Association (GSA) is a multi-disciplinary scholarly association set up in order to address the vast social, political & economic transformations of global scope which are impacting upon the world today. The GSA provides a forum for scholars to collaborate & explore shared responses to such phenomenon, particularly in the context of globalisation. The commitment to multidisciplinary & to the global context make the GSA unique in its aims & scope & thus offering its members invaluable contacts & connections. In addition, the thematic approach of the GSA allows interests which are not easily accommodated in single disciplinary associations to be fully recognised

& encouraged. Thus individuals who share a common commitment to enhancing understanding of global life can find an intellectual home by working with others in the GSA.”

You can find the listing for our department under GSA, North America’s “Schools” link:
<http://www.net4dem.org/mayglobal/schools.html>.

Jillian Merrick elected as Prince George City Councillor

September 1, 2015



BA Honours INTS, 2007

Here is Jillian’s story from International Studies to Prince George City Councillor in her own words:

In 2002, I had a choice to make. After spending a year abroad on an International Rotary Youth Exchange, I was keen to pursue a career in international development. At the time, only three universities in British Columbia offered an International Studies program: UBC, UVic, and UNBC. I had never been to Prince George before, but the prospect of small class sizes and a more intensive learning experience was appealing. A scholarship offer to attend UNBC sealed the deal.

After completing my first year of studies, I planned to return to my coastal hamlet hometown to live with my parents and sling coffee to save up for the next semester. I loaded my car with all my worldly possessions and traveled the 800+ kilometres back home. When I arrived, I received a life-changing phone call. Dr. Don Munton, founding chair of the UNBC International Studies program was offering me a summer research internship in Prince George. I didn’t even unpack. I just turned the car around and drove back north. It’s been twelve years since that day, and I’ve never looked back.

My career path and life goals have changed significantly since 2002, but my focus on small class sizes and intensive learning remain one of the most important parts of my education. My most memorable moments at UNBC were in tiny

classrooms with less than ten students and professors who challenged us to dig far deeper than the pages of a textbook. During the course of my studies, I branched into an additional focus on Economics, recognizing the influence of economic systems on global relations. I became more involved with community projects and developed a love for work in the non-profit sector.

Since graduation, I've pursued a more 'local' career path, but the theories and principles that I learned the International Studies program still apply. Thanks to my education, I am well equipped to navigate the complex power relationships and legal frameworks inherent in local to global community change - an exercise I find myself performing every day in my new role as a local government elected official.

In 2014, I was elected a City Councillor in Prince George - a city that, prior to attending UNBC, I had never heard of. I am both the youngest city councillor on record and one of only two elected representatives to have earned a degree at UNBC. Perhaps not coincidentally, my Council colleague Garth Frizzell is also an International Studies graduate. While the election was certainly a life changing moment for me personally, I am beginning to recognize it also represents a change for the community as a whole. While students at UNBC may be studying the 'world out there', the impact of that learning can be seen, heard and felt in the local community.

Outside of my political duties, I still continue my work in the non-profit sector. Over the years I've managed many development projects that connect community with watersheds, forests and farmland. Most recently I developed a program to support the viability of the small farm business in northern BC. In a world of global commodity exchange, food production is rife with complex challenges and opportunities. Every day, my real world experiences build upon the foundation learning gained at UNBC.

Over The Edge members attend 77th Student Journalism Conference

March 3, 2015



The Department of Global & International Studies financially supported members of Over the Edge to attend Canada's 77th annual student journalism conference from January 14-18, 2015 in Ottawa where they had a chance to meet CBC's chief correspondent, Peter Mansbridge (in photo with Suln Lee (L) and Kelley Ware (R)). Over the Edge is UNBC's free, student-run newspaper. The conference gave UNBC's student journalists the opportunity to meet with fellow journalists, share skills, and participate in seminars hosted by professionals in the field. Peter Mansbridge was the first night's keynote speaker. He spoke about the importance of investigation and accountability in journalism. Lisa LaFlamme, Chief Anchor and Senior Editor of CTV National News, was another keynote speaker. Her speech was given as if she was talking to her family and friends beside a fireplace. She spoke candidly of the times when she couldn't take a shower for days due to reporting in war zones or when she was present at Saddam Hussain's execution. Attending the conference made us realize that journalism is not only about being able to write well but also about ethics rooted in humanity. Writing flows from human values, emotions, and action.

Alumna Wins Awards for PhD Research

January 8, 2015



Hello, my name is Miriam Matejova. Dr. Wilkening asked me to tell you my story. He said it may give you ideas and inspiration for your post-INTS and post-UNBC journeys. My Canadian academic journey started when I immigrated to Canada from Slovakia in 2004. I graduated from UNBC with an Honours degree in International Studies in 2009. Then I went on to earn a Master's degree in International Affairs from Carleton University's Norman Paterson School. While in Ottawa, I also volunteered for the United Nations Association in Canada, co-edited a peer-reviewed journal of international affairs (the Paterson Review), chaired the 2011 Model NATO conference, and conducted archival research to co-author a book and articles on Canada's foreign intelligence. I also travelled to Barbados where I spent two months as a project assistant at the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

Upon my return, I began a career in Canada's public service, first working as an analyst at the Canadian International Development Agency and then as an economist at Environment Canada where I served as the national lead in providing economic analysis for federal environmental assessments. My work on Canada's species at risk regulations earned me the 2014 Regulatory Excellence Award for Advancement in Instrument Design.

I also volunteered for a global consulting firm GlobalINT where I conducted research on energy and environmental security largely related to climate change risks. In collaboration with GlobalINT's Strategy Director, Dr. Chad Briggs, I published a book chapter on environmental security and energy in the Arctic.

In 2012, I was awarded UNBC's Alumnus of the Year for Professional Excellence Award. This recognition motivated me to establish my own scholarship at UNBC, the Miriam Matejova Award, currently valued at about \$1,700 per academic year. The award is meant to help new immigrants who are seeking post-secondary education in Canada. I haven't forgotten that I was once a financially struggling immigrant.

I am now a PhD student in Political Science at the University of British Columbia, working under the supervision of Dr. Peter Dauvergne. My research centers on global environmental politics associated with climate change impacts and responses. In particular, I am interested in energy and environmental security in the Arctic and Asia Pacific.

Since coming to UBC in September 2013, I have been awarded a Vanier Graduate Scholarship, a Killam Doctoral Scholarship, and, most recently the Donald N. Byers Memorial Prize as the highest-ranking Killam Doctoral Scholar of 2014. [INTS Note: The Vanier is a highly competitive award. Only about 50 are given out to social sciences and humanities graduate students in Canada each year. The Killam Doctoral Scholarship is "the most prestigious awards available to graduate students at UBC".]

In addition to my research and teaching assistant duties at UBC, I continue volunteering. As a Liu Scholar at UBC's Liu Institute for Global Issues, I organize public lectures, workshops and gallery exhibits, and actively participate in

various student information sessions. I also volunteer as a translator and reviewer for the TED Open Translation Project and, in my free time, write short non-fiction. My creative writing has appeared in the Globe and Mail, Her Circle, and several travel magazines.

ISSA Gift Giving Campaign Fights Poverty in Uganda

November 25, 2014



The International Studies Student Association (ISSA) recent conducted a campaign to raise awareness for the Gift it Twice Program. Gift it Twice is an annual campaign put on by the Toronto-based NGO Raising the Village that works to alleviate extreme poverty in ten remote villages in Uganda. Gift it Twice encourages people to make a charitable donation in someone's name rather than buying a Christmas present. Donations go towards purchasing goats for economic cooperatives, providing necessary educational supplies (including books, chalk, desks, teacher training and school meals), and investing in the gorilla deterrent program to keep villagers and their crops safe. The picture above shows ISSA member and Treasurer Harjit Pannu raising awareness for Gift it Twice in the UNBC Wintergarden.

English Person in Korea (EPIK) Teaching Program in South Korea Zan Tsang, International Studies Major – 2014

October 28, 2014



Greetings from Zan Tsang in South Korea. I graduated from UNBC in May 2014 with a Major in International Studies. I'm currently with the EPIK (English Person In Korea) Teaching program in Daegu, South Korea, in the southern part of the country. I teach 22 classes a week, and am at school from 8:30-4:30 Monday to Friday. I teach grades 3 to 6. The kids here are wonderful! Korea does not hold back when it comes to spending money on education! There are 33 inch Samsung TVs mounted in every classroom and rather than just a PA system, they have a fully functional video broadcasting room that is operated by students (equipment, announcer, lights, etc.). South Korea is a very beautiful country and when I am not teaching, I am busy making new friends, exploring a new culture and country.

Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme - JET Nicole Halseth, International Studies Major – 2014

September 22, 2014



Hello, my name is Nicole Halseth. I graduated from UNBC in May 2014 with a Major in International Studies and Minors in Sociocultural Anthropology and Global Environmental Change. Just a few short months later I moved to Japan to teach English as part of the JET Programme (Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme). JET is run by the Japanese government and is one of the largest exchange programs in the world.

I arrived in Tokyo on August 1st for a brief but intensive job training with over a thousand recent graduates from around the world. It was an absolute whirlwind of activity. After two days immersed in Tokyo's lively Shinjuku district, I was put on a plane with other new JET participants and shipped off to Okayama Prefecture in the south of Japan.

Okayama, a land of peaches and sunshine (despite the semi-persistent typhoons), has been more than I could have imagined. I live and work in the lovely town of Niimi in Okayama Prefecture. Niimi is true countryside, with a bustling population of 30,000 spread out over a vast river valley. I walk out my front door and into fields upon fields of rice

paddies, heavily forested mountains straight out of Jurassic Park (with wild boars and monkeys in place of the T-rex and Velociraptors), and a never ending parade of the (seemingly inexplicably-placed) vending machines. Bikes and trains are the transportation of choice here.

My modest Japanese language abilities have been getting quite a workout. I negotiated phone contracts, internet service, and everyday tasks. In my spare time, I keep busy with community festivals and volleyball, preparing for an English conversation salon at the local college, and travelling as much as possible. So far, I have had the chance to visit magnificent limestone caves and towering castles, eat delicious food, and take my first ride on the bullet train (which, yeah, was pretty cool). On my weekends and vacation days, I have explored Hiroshima, and the neighbouring prefectures of Tottori and Shimane. I hope to visit the historic city of Kyoto during the changing of the leaves in autumn, as well as the sprawling mountains of Nara prefecture during the springtime Hanami: the blooming of the cherry blossoms.

I work full time at three incredibly lively country elementary schools. I wake up early, put on my business suit, and roll, run, shout, sing, and dance for seven to nine hours before going to bed. Then I wake up and do it all over again. The kids are the best part of the job, without a doubt.

The transition to living and working in a new culture has not been without its hiccups. However, life is pretty sweet here, in this land of peaches. I look forward to every second of it.

World University Services of Canada (WUSC) International Forum 2013

December 5, 2013



Five UNBC students attended the World University Services of Canada (WUSC) International Forum in Ottawa in November 2013 as delegates of UNBC WUSC's local committee. A contribution of \$500 from the Department of International Studies helped to make this possible. The International Forum held workshops and debates on contemporary international development issues and offered a chance to make connections with students from local committees across Canada as well as professionals in the field. The highlight of our trip was the "Great Debate" on the final day of the forum. The question asked was: "What is the greatest development priority of our time?" Our UNBC team position suggested that a holistic, multi-perspective approach is necessary for successful development; context matters. We won the debate!

The UNBC WUSC committee helps sponsor a student to UNBC from a refugee camp through the Student Refugee Program. As well, the local committee plans information and fundraising events for development projects around the world. We are continuously trying to increase community awareness through television interviews, social media, and information tables. Joining UNBC WUSC is an excellent opportunity for students at UNBC to gain valuable skills, participate in intercultural exchange, and learn about what it takes to change the world at a local and a global level.

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2013 CIDA Internship in Mexico Meghan Kennedy, International Studies Major – 2011

November 29, 2013



For 6 months in 2013, Meghan Kennedy participated in a CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency; now folded into a new organization called Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, DFATD) internship (specifically, the International Youth Internship Program), sponsored by the Canadian government, in an impoverished, indigenous village called Tlamacazapa in central Mexico. Her title was “Program Officer: Education of Children and Women.” She supported the continued development of the education program of an international non-profit organization called Atzin. In this position, she worked with young “village educators” to teach children who cannot afford to attend school or who are failing grade level in school, and to adult women in order to increase their basic literacy. On a weekly basis Meghan helped the educators plan and conduct their classes, and provided advice, guidance, ideas, and materials. She was also responsible for evaluating students' progress. Meghan says her experience “has been an unforgettable one, providing me with invaluable, on-the-ground community development experience. It has allowed me to learn about and witness the daily struggles faced by people living in poverty along with the challenges faced by the organizations striving to overcome this plight. Most importantly I have witnessed education's power to build independence and agency.”

Here is advice from Meghan on how to find such internships:

I found this internship through CIDA's website because I knew that they posted new ones every year. The link is: <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/psij-iyip.nsf/vStsEn?OpenView&Restr....> However, with recent cuts to CIDA, this is the last year for the International Youth Internship Program. The government does have a webpage providing advice/channels for finding a job in international development <http://www.international.gc.ca/development-developpement/jobs-emplois/index.aspx?lang=eng>. You can also search through the DFATD/CIDA links or search out the organizations themselves. For example I know that Free the Children offers an internship. There's also WUSC, United Nations Association of Canada, and Oxfam Quebec.

Their information can be found on their websites so it's often a matter of searching far and wide.

Amnesty International Internship Heather Ritchie, UNBC Graduate 2013

October 8, 2013



A group of twenty youths from across the country made their way to their seats in a meeting room of a small University in Canada's capital city. The room was suddenly overcome with a sense of emotional weight and apprehension as Naser al Raas entered the room, personally escorted by the secretary general of Amnesty International Canada.

Naser al Raas is a Canadian citizen who was detained and tortured in Bahrain for thirty days during a trip to visit his family in March 2011, and now here he was meeting with the participants of Amnesty International's annual Human Rights College located in Ottawa. This was the first time I had ever been able to meet with a prisoner of conscience and no lesson could have prepared me for it. This powerful experience was one of many that made up my position as a planning committee member for the Human Rights College. I sought out this opportunity in order compliment my education and to increase my networks for when my university life had ended but I left with so much more.

This position was available to me because of the dedication and leadership skills I had previously shown during my involvement with the local Amnesty International chapter in Prince George and the networks I had already made. In this position I had the opportunity to plan workshops and meet dedicated and influential citizens from across the country. As an undergraduate student it is important to be involved with as many opportunities as possible because soon your degree will be complete and it will become more important than ever to stay engaged in the world around you. Your university education is valuable but some of the most important lessons you will learn can only be taught outside of the class room.

International Criminal Court (ICC) Internship Kaleigh Milinazzo, Joint International Studies & Political Science Major – 2011

January 31, 2013



From April to August 2012, I completed an internship at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, Netherlands. This year, the ICC celebrated its 10th anniversary as a permanent and independent court established to end impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern, specifically genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The ICC currently has 121 States Parties, with 22 warrants of arrest issued, 16 cases, and seven ongoing investigations.

As a member of the external relations team, I helped support the ICC Presidency in interactions with States, international organizations, civil society and other external actors. An excellent complement to my UNBC International Studies degree, this 'hands on' opportunity allowed me to gain valuable experience in the fields of diplomacy, public policy and international law.

Interested students can apply for internships at the ICC on the ICC website: <http://www.icc-cpi.int>.