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UNBC Students Receive Northern Research Awards

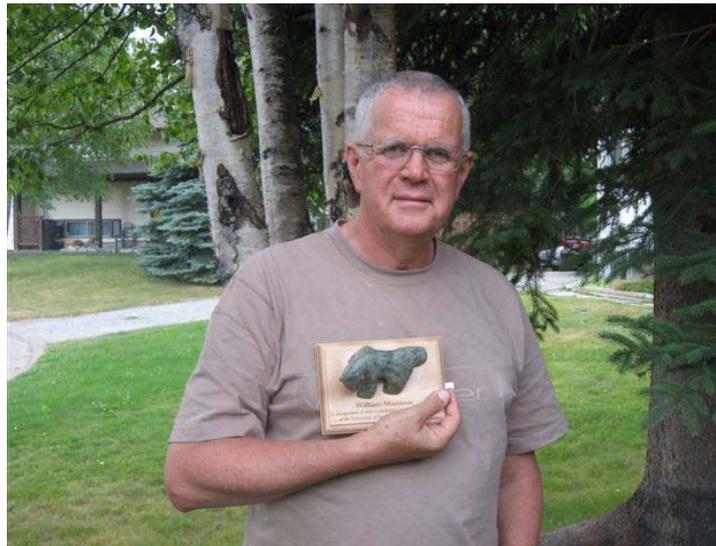
UNBC graduate students Jocelyn Joe-Strack (supervisor: Prof. Ellen Peticrew – Geography), and Krista Sittler (supervisor: Prof. Katherine Parker – Forestry) each received Canadian Northern Studies Trust Awards from the Association for Canadian Universities for Northern Studies. Ms. Joe-Strack and Christine Creyke (supervisors Prof. Greg Halseth and Prof. Gail Fondahl -



Jocelyn Joe-Strack doing field work in Yukon

Geography) were awarded Jane Glassco Arctic Fellowships from the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation. Congratulations to all!

William Morrison Honoured



This summer, William (Bill) Morrison, Professor Emeritus in History, was presented with a soapstone carving of a polar bear in recognition of his contributions to Northern Studies at UNBC.

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Researcher Profile – James McDonald

Dr. James (Jim) McDonald received his PhD in Anthropology and Sociology at UBC. For more than 30 years, he has worked with indigenous communities throughout Canada, the circumpolar world, and Oceania. More specifically, he has worked in the Terrace area since the 1970's when he began a series of studies that became the Kitsumkalum Social History Research Projects. After ten years in Toronto as Curator at the Royal Ontario Museum, Jim returned to BC in 1994 to chair UNBC's First Nations Studies Program and the Anthropology Program. He was also an early



Director of the UNBC First Nations Centre. In these capacities, Jim initiated several curriculum projects with First Nations that resulted in the creation of cultural and language courses, certificates in the specific topic areas of Traditional Knowledge, Nisga'a Studies, Métis Studies, General First Nations Studies, and field schools in archaeology and ethnography. Currently, he is the Chair of the Council of the University of the Arctic and past President of the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS). He has published scholarly books and articles in English and in Russian translation, a series of children's cultural books, as well as numerous reports for First Nations, Museums, and governments. His scholarly work covers such topics as globalization, colonization and decolonization, community-centred methodologies, research ethics, curriculum development, ethnography, ethno-history, northern studies, archaeology, and biological anthropology. The research reports cover similar topics but with an applied focus on policy issues.

Jim has returned to UNBC and the NORS Committee after a three year leave to establish a House of Learning and Applied Research (HLAR) for Northwest Community College in Terrace. This 'House' provides a catalyst for indigenizing the College environment and curricula, support for applied and experiential research, encouragement of the scholarship of teaching and learning and the dissemination of best practices through workshops, dialogues and conferences. Currently Jim is actively involved with First Nations in the development of heritage materials as well issues of education in the circumpolar area.

UNBC "POLAR DAY"

UNBC's first annual "Polar Day" will be held on Friday, January 28th to celebrate the university's research and teaching connections to the polar regions (*Arctic and Antarctic*). Polar Day will feature presentations by Dr. Rob Huebert (Department of Political Science, University of Calgary) and Dr. Marianne Douglas (Canadian Circumpolar Institute, University of Alberta), poster sessions by faculty and graduate students, film presentations, and dog sled demonstrations. For more information, please contact Gary Wilson (wilsong@unbc.ca)

Conferences:

* **The Seventh International Congress of the Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VII) Akureyri, June 22-26, 2011**

The Seventh International Congress of the Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VII) will be held in Akureyri, Iceland, on June 22-26, 2011. This conference, entitled *Circumpolar Perspectives in Global Dialogue: Social Sciences beyond the International Polar Year*, is being organized by the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA), and it will be hosted by the University of Akureyri, the Town of Akureyri and the Stefansson Arctic Institute. An International Congress of the Arctic Social Sciences is held every three years. Attendance expected at the ICASS in Akureyri 2011 is between 350-450 participants from throughout the circumpolar North and beyond. The Congress will offer various venues to share Arctic social science research, and a special opportunity to feature and analyse outcomes of the International Polar Year (IPY 2007-2009) in social, human, and related fields. This will include special project sessions, discussion panels, plenary presentations, and invited talks. Participation by young researchers and students is encouraged.

Session proposal submission deadline: October 1, 2010

Abstract submission deadline: December 15, 2010

Conference registration opens in January 2011

Website: www.iassa.org ; Newsletters: www.iassa.org/news-letter

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Call for Papers:

- * **Polar Geography**, a quarterly publication that offers a venue for scholarly research on the physical and human aspects of the polar regions, is issuing a call for papers. The journal seeks to address the component interplay of the natural systems, the complex historical, political, economic, cultural, diplomatic, and security issues, and the interchange amongst them. As such, the journal welcomes comparative approaches, critical scholarship, and alternative and disparate perspectives from around the globe. The journal offers contributors a venue for publishing longer papers such as might result from distillation of a thesis, or review papers that place in global context results from coordinated national and international efforts currently underway in both polar regions. The journal also offers a section for book reviews and invites such submissions or suggestions.

* **International Association of Circumpolar Sociocultural Issues (IACSI)** is an international scientific association devoted to the study of different socio-cultural aspects related to the Arctic and Antarctic regions. The Association is integrated mainly by scholars from Social Sciences, Anthropology and Humanities, and also from individuals with different backgrounds but interested in these perspectives and themes. As a new association which looks for integration and cooperation, we are also looking for new members in both circumpolar regions.

The missions of the association are:

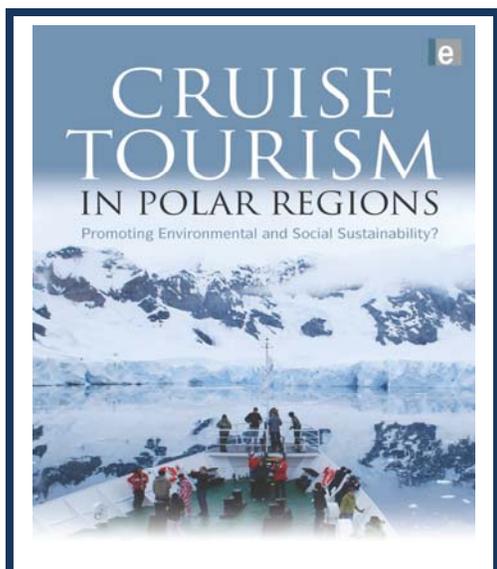
- Generate scientific and academic projects bound up with circumpolar socio-cultural issues
- Organize once a year an international seminar on the circumpolar socio-cultural issues
- Organize cultural events, such as Films and Documentary Festivals related to these issues
- Support academically the *Arctic and Antarctic International Journal of Circumpolar Socio-Cultural Issues*. The journal will be published annually
- Encourage relationships and academic collaboration between Universities and Research Centres sited in one or both circumpolar regions
- Promote international workshops, seminars, and conferences
- Contribute and award prizes to investigations, and activities concerning to solve problems in one or both circumpolar regions
- Establish nets with national and international institutions, associations and NGOs linked to the matters which are the interest of the IACSI

For more information, please consult the web site at <http://www.iacsi.org/>

NEW PUBLICATIONS:

Cruise Tourism in Polar Regions

Editors: Michael Lück, Patrick T. Maher and Emma J. Stewart



Cruises are the primary form of tourism in the Polar Regions and cruise ship tourism in both the Arctic and Antarctic is expanding rapidly. The industry has moved beyond its infancy, and is now entering a maturing phase with increased numbers and types of vessels, more demanding routes, and more regular and predictable patterns of activity. The increase in cruise activities, and the associated risks of accidents, as well as the potential and actual impacts of the large numbers of tourists in the polar regions bring with it management challenges for sustainable use of these regions.

This book discusses critically the issues around environmental and social sustainability of the cruise industry in Polar Regions. Authors from Canada, USA, Europe, Australia and New Zealand are experts in their respective fields and take an innovative, critical and at times controversial approach to the subject.