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September 2008

Federal Negotiator for Nunavik Visits UNBC

On September 15th and 16th, **Donat Savoie**, the former Chief Federal Negotiator in the Nunavik Self-Government process will be visiting UNBC to meet students and faculty and give a presentation on "Self-Government in the Canadian North: The Creation of the Nunavik Regional Government." (Tuesday September 16th, 4:00-5:30 in room 7-238) Nunavik is in northern Quebec and recently signed an Agreement in Principle on a new form of government with the federal and provincial governments. In addition to his work in Nunavik, Mr. Savoie spent 37 years working for the Public Service of Canada and occupied several senior positions in Inuit, Arctic and Circumpolar Affairs in the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

Researcher Profile – Gail Fondahl, Vice-President Research and Professor, Geography Program



Gail Fondahl is currently involved the Arctic Social Indicators Project, a follow-up to the *Arctic Human Development Report* (AHDR), which was issued in 2004. Both projects are under the aegis of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Programme. The *Arctic Social Indicators* (ASI) project's goal is to devise a small set of tractable indicators that reflect key aspects of human development in the Arctic, so that such development may be monitored. Gail's other research has focused on legal geographies of indigenous rights in the Russian North. Closer to home, she has worked with the TI'azt'en Nation and colleagues at UNBC on co-managed research regarding the

incorporation of local values into forest management (see <http://cura.unbc.ca>). Gail has been active in the NORS program since its inception, helping to design the major over a decade ago at UNBC. She teaches Circumpolar Geography, and her Aboriginal Geography course has a strong northern focus. Gail was recently appointed Vice President Research at UNBC.



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Upcoming Events at UNBC

- * **“Self-Government in the Canadian North: The Creation of the Nunavik Regional Government.”** Tuesday September 16, Room 7-238, 4:00-5:30. Presentation by Donat Savoie, Former Chief Federal Negotiator for the Nunavik Self-Government Process.
- * **The Northern Research Group**, an informal gathering of graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in northern research and issues, will meet on **Tuesday, September 30, from 11-12, in room 6-306 in the Conference Centre**. Please contact Sonja Ostertag at sonjaostertag@gmail.com for more details

Upcoming Events and Conferences

- * **Arctic Frontiers Policy Conference 2009, University of Tromso, Norway, January 18-23, 2009.** The selected theme of this conference is *The Age of the Arctic*. For more information see: <http://www.arctic-frontiers.com>
- * **Welcome to 2030 NORTH: A National Planning Conference, Ottawa Marriott, Ottawa, January 26-29, 2009.** Co-hosted by the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee (CARC), Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) and the University of Calgary’s Centre for Military and Strategic Studies (CMSS). For more information see: <http://www.2030north.carc.org>
- * **International Arctic Change 2008 Conference, Quebec City, December 9-12, 2008.** Hosted by the ArcticNet Network of Centres of Excellence of Canada and its national and international partners. Abstracts are being accepted until Friday September 26, 2008. For more information see: <http://www.arctic-change2008.com>
- * **“People at the Poles” Polar Day - September 24** This is the first IPY to include the human health, social, political, and economic aspects of the polar regions in its research program and to engage polar communities in research development, implementation and dissemination and we are developing innovative ways to share this story with the broader IPY community and public. More information is available directly at <http://www.ipy.org/index.php?/ipy/detail/people>.
- * **Governing the Yukon Conference – October 16-18, 2009.** Hosted by the Yukon Historical & Museums Association, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada. **Call for Papers Deadline: November 3, 2008.** For more information contact the YMHA Executive Director at (867) 667 4704 or email ymha@northwestel.net. The YMHA website is www.heritageyukon.ca

Networks and Research

- * **The International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences VI Book of Abstracts** is now available on-line at: <http://www.icass.gi/pdf/bookofabstracts/19082008.pdf>
- * **Interactive Maps Detail Routes of Northern Explorers.** The Arctic Institute of North America has designed new web pages which guide users through some of the northern excursions represented in its Photographic Archives. The Sovereignty, Defence and Discovery site contains interactive maps which detail seven of the Institute's collections. Users can view the maps and click on specific locations to learn more about the areas and the men who explored the North. To view visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/arcticexpedition/>

Opportunities

- * **The Northern Recruitment Program** is looking for secondary school, college and university graduates who have a passion for the Canadian North and Northern Issues. There are a variety of different types of jobs within the Northern Recruitment Program such as, Coordinator of Contaminated Sites, Economic Analyst, Geomatics Officer, Policy Analyst, Pollution Policy Specialist, and Land Administrator. There are positions across Canada; including the three territories, and the National Capital Region. For more information on the specifics of the positions available and to apply please click on the following link <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/cw/index-eng.asp>

Newsletters

- * **Shared Voices - Monthly Newsletter for the University of the Arctic.** This newsletter is sent periodically to keep those interested in the University of the Arctic informed about its activities and development. You can subscribe to receive Shared Voices announcements on the [UArctic Shared Voices](#) website.