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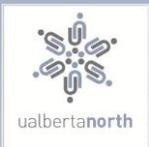
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## **POLAR DAY AT UNBC – FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

### **Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot: Dimensions of Change and Degrees of Transformation in the Circumpolar Arctic**



**Dr. Will Greaves**, Assistant Professor of International Relations  
Department of Political Science, University of Victoria

**Friday March 20, 12:00-1:30 (Global Friday Seminar Series, room 5-175)**

The Arctic region is undergoing unprecedented ecological, political, and social transformation, compounding already dramatic changes over the course of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Three principal causes or drivers of change have affected the region and remain ongoing: human-caused climate change, post-Cold War political changes in Arctic politics, including both greater international cooperation and new fears of a resurgent Russia, and substantial progress in the decolonization of Arctic politics to better represent the interests of the region's indigenous peoples. All three types of change are reflected across the Arctic, but are particularly evident in the case of Northern Canada, which provides perhaps the most vivid illustration of the multi-dimensional changes occurring in the circumpolar region. How these changes are managed will have profound implications for states, peoples, and individuals across the Arctic and far beyond, making understanding change in the Arctic a hot topic with high stakes.

### **Northern Weather and Climate: Impacts on End Users**



**Dr. David Atkinson**  
Professor, Department of Geography, University of Victoria

**Friday March 20, 3:30-4:30 (NRESi Colloquium Series, room 8-164)**

This presentation will explore the "environmental forcing" of northern coastal zones - physical and human systems, consideration of how storms are represented in model and observational environments, manifestations of weather at the local scale, and snow pack response. Many aspects of this work involve direct engagement with Northern Indigenous communities, Coast Guard, and industrial operators to identify the environmental circumstances of, and impacts caused by, day-to-day weather. This research connects closely with federal environmental prediction services (PASPC Edmonton and Canadian Ice Service) and has brought northerners to these groups for training and liaising.

## Film Presentation: Sami Blood (*Sameblod*, in Swedish – sub-titles)



**Friday March 20, 7:00-9:00 pm  
(room 7-150)**

An Indigenous Sámi girl who is exposed to racism and colonialism of the 1930s at her boarding school in Sweden, starts dreaming of another life. But to achieve it, she has to become someone else and break all ties with her family and her culture.

For more information, see:

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5287168/>

This film is co-sponsored by the First Nations Centre and is open to the public.

## FACULTY PROFILE: DR. TRISTAN PEARCE



Associate Professor, Global & International Studies  
Canada Research Chair in Cumulative Impacts of  
Environmental Change

I am thrilled to join the Northern Research community at UNBC. UNBC is strategically located in northern British Columbia, on the pathway to the western Canadian Arctic where much of my research is situated. At UNBC, I am an Associate Professor in the Global & International Studies Program and Canada Research Chair in the Cumulative Impacts of Environmental Change.

My research examines the cumulative impacts of environmental change for communities, with a strong focus on climate change vulnerability and adaptation. I lead a diversity of initiatives in this area, including projects focusing on climate change vulnerability and adaptation, and traditional knowledge. Knowledge co-production and transmission, hazard and risks management, food security and health are overarching topics within these themes. Currently, I am developing novel approaches to involving traditional and scientific knowledge in climate change adaptation and to better understand changes in the Arctic ecosystem and what these mean for local livelihoods. More information about some of my current arctic research projects can be found here:

- <https://www.envchange.com/arctic-research>
- <http://www.arcticnet.ulaval.ca/project/knowledge-co-production-identification-and-selection-ecological-social-and-economic>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcLtBBZ3ADg>

# INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ARCTIC SOCIAL SCIENCES (ICASS 10)

**Arctic Generations: Looking Back and Looking Forward Northern Arctic Federal University, Arkhangelsk, Russia, June 15-20, 2020**

The ARCTICenter at the University of Northern Iowa (USA) and Northern Arctic Federal University (Russia) are pleased to host the 10th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS X) organized by the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA). We encourage Indigenous peoples, northern residents, decision-makers, politicians as well as academics to participate.

ICASS X will focus on all aspects of human existence in the Arctic in the past, present and future: social, cultural, historical, economic, political, linguistic, educational, archaeological, engineering, health, legal, psychological, to name a few. The Congress will also emphasize history, future and sustainability of Arctic peoples and environments throughout generations and co-production of knowledge with Indigenous knowledge holders and Arctic stakeholders.

Social sciences and humanities have a great responsibility to address these challenges. Through focusing on people and place we highlight the many variances across the Arctic region in terms of sustainabilities, political systems, demography, infrastructures, histories, languages, legal systems, land and water resources, public health and so on.

For more information, see: <https://icass.uni.edu/>



## UARCTIC CONGRESS

Reykjavik, Iceland, October 5-8, 2020

The UArctic Congress 2020 brings together institutional leaders, indigenous representatives, academics, scientists and students from around the Circumpolar North and beyond. It is an excellent platform for all UArctic members to engage with each other and promote cooperation in circumpolar science and higher education. Together with partners, policy makers and other actors, the UArctic Congress strives to take the Arctic agenda forward by creating and strengthening collaborations that produce new findings and solutions for the future of the Arctic.

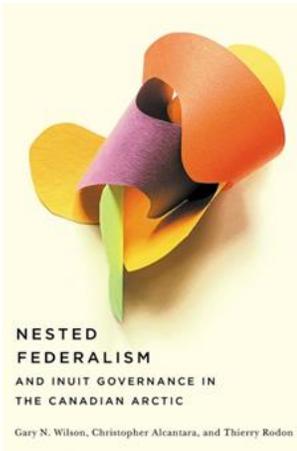
The biennial Congress is hosted by all UArctic higher education members in Iceland. The event is part of Iceland's chairmanship of the Arctic Council and organized in conjunction with the Arctic Circle Assembly.

For more information, see: <https://congress.uarctic.org/congress2020/>



# New Publication: Nested Federalism and Inuit Governance in the Canadian Arctic (UBC Press)

By Gary N. Wilson, Christopher Alcantara and Thierry Rodon



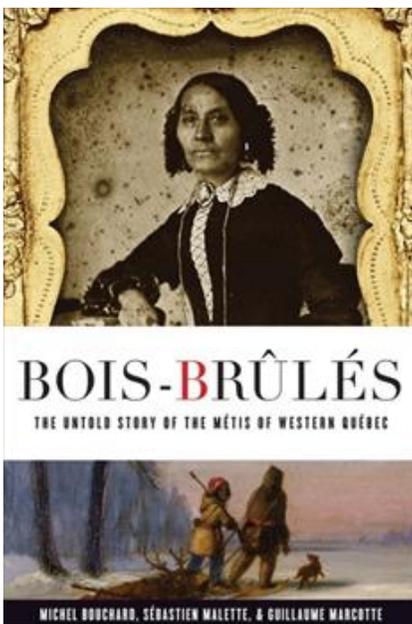
*Nested Federalism and Inuit Governance in the Canadian Arctic* traces the political journey toward self-governance taken by three predominantly Inuit regions over the past forty years: Nunavik in northern Québec, the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the western Northwest Territories, and Nunatsiavut in northern Labrador. All three regions are situated politically and institutionally within existing constituent units of the Canadian federation. The varied governance arrangements that they have established are forms of nested federalism, a new and largely unexplored model of government that is transforming Canada as it reformulates the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the state. Following the development trajectories of these three northern regions, Gary Wilson, Christopher Alcantara, and Thierry Rodon

investigate their internal dynamics and their relationships with other levels of government in several key policy areas. This meticulous analysis offers new insight into the evolution of Indigenous self-government, as well as its consequences for Indigenous communities and for the future of Canadian federalism.

For more information, see: <https://www.ubcpres.ca/nested-federalism-and-inuit-governance-in-the-canadian-arctic>

# New Publication: Bois-Brûlés: The Untold Story of the Métis of Western Québec (UBC Press)

By Michel Bouchard, Sébastien Malette and Guillaume Marcotte  
UBC Press



We think of Métis as having exclusively Prairie roots, but what about their presence in Quebec? The province doesn't recognize a historical Métis community within its territory, and the Métis National Council contests the existence of any Métis east of Ontario. Quebec residents who seek recognition as Métis under the Canadian Constitution therefore face an uphill legal and political battle. Who is right? *Bois-Brûlés*, previously available only in French, examines the archival and ethnographic evidence for a historical Métis community in the larger Outaouais region, piecing together a riveting and previously untold history. Scottish and French-Canadian traders and Indigenous women – along with their Bois-Brûlés children – both worked for and competed against fur trade companies in the early nineteenth century, establishing themselves in the unsurveyed lands still known as “Indian country.” As the fur trade declined, these small communities remained. This controversial work challenges head-on two powerful nationalisms – Métis and Québécois – that see Quebec Métis as “race-shifting” individuals intent on undermining the First Nations of the province.

The authors evaluate the strength of community claims to provide a nuanced analysis of the historical basis for a distinctly Métis identity that can be traced all the way to today.

For more information, see: <https://www.ubcpres.ca/bois-brules>