



"Our environment is our future"

RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

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LECTURE THEATRE

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REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH

At UNBC our foundations are our communities. Working with and in communities, we are in many respects presented with no other choice than to undertake community based research. This presentation is drawn from over a decade's experience of extensive/intense interactions with communities across northern BC.

Community Based Research (CBR) is research that is conducted by, for, or with the participation of community members. While there are gradations in any methodological approach, the central objectives of CBR are to involve community members in respectful ways and ensure that direct community benefits flow from the research process. If we request time, and other commitments, of community members during periods when they are stressed by change, our research products should honour and return in kind that time, commitment, and contribution.

I will discuss the CBR approach, the research process, preparation for the field, working in the field, and follow through once you have completed your field work. This will include methodology and issues surrounding ethics.