



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

February 24 - March 3, 2006

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students
who participate in the
Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute
and NRES Graduate Programs

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

THESIS DEFENCE

Ms. Jennifer Hendsbee, candidate for the degree:

**Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
(Environmental Science)**



will be defending her thesis entitled:

*"DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR THE
DESULFURIZATION OF FLUID CATALYTICALLY CRACKED GASOLINE"*

Supervisor: **Dr. Ron Thring**, Environmental Science Program

Date: Tuesday, February 28, **Time:** 9:00 a.m. **Place:** Senate Chambers (Room 1079)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

THE NRES / CSAM RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

**"Who's Winning – The Forests or the Bogs??
Pattern, Process, and Productivity
in Hypermaritime Forests of Coastal B.C."**

Date: Friday, March 3, 2006

Time: 3:30 pm

Place: Room 6 - 205/211



Mr. Allen Banner
Research Ecologist
BC Forest Service

Light Refreshments served at 3:20 pm

TRAVEL



- **Kathy Parker** will attend a workshop sponsored by the Canadian Boreal Initiative and the Wilderness Conservation Society in Ottawa, 27 February - 1 March, to discuss thresholds for population persistence of caribou.
- **Hugues Massicotte** will be participating in a week-long workshop on root biology and Mycorrhiza (Feb 27-Mar 3), along with colleagues at the U. of Guelph (Dr. Larry Peterson and Lewis Melville) to take place at the U. of Córdoba (Instituto Multidisciplinario de Biología Vegetal), in Córdoba, Argentina, upon an invitation from Dr. Laura Dominguez de Toledo.
- **Mike Gillingham** will travel to UBC for meetings on March 3rd relative to his collaborative work with Fred Bunnell and Canfor (funded by the Sustainable Forest Management Network) on sustaining vertebrate richness in mixed wood forests.
- **Brian Menounos** is in Vancouver 24-28 Feb. to present a talk at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies at the University of British Columbia. The talk is part of a workshop entitled, "Vulnerability of Cryospheric and Socio-Economic Systems"
- **Mark Thompson** attended the Association for Biomolecular Resource Facilities conference in Long-Beach, California from Feb 10-14th.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- **Mark Thompson** would like to announce the birth of his baby boy: Jaime Callum Peterson. He was born healthy on Wed. Feb 15 at 2:30PM and weighed in at 7lbs 9oz.
- **Jeanne Robert** (BSc Forestry 2002, MSc NRES, 2005) and husband Terry (BSc NRM Forestry, 2001) welcomed their baby daughter, Genevieve Vianne Robert, to the world on February 12, 2005. Everything went well and both Jeanne and Genevieve are fine - the baby was 7 pounds 10 ounces. Jeanne was a grad student in **Staffan Lindgren's** lab, and is now a PhD candidate in Jörg Bohlmann's lab at UBC.



PUBLICATIONS

- **Deborah Thien** is the co-editor of and a contributing author to a collection which has been nominated by the Geographical Perspectives on Women Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers to be honoured at the upcoming AAG: J. Sharp, K. Browne and D. Thien, Eds. (2004) **Women and Geography Study Group: Gender and Geography Reconsidered** CD-ROM (ISBN 0-902447-26-2). The CD contains an international collection of sixteen essays encompassing a range of feminist geographies. By choosing to produce a CD, the



Women and Geography Study Group was able to include both traditional academic essays as well as less conventional presentations of academic research, practice and activism.

PRESENTATION SERIES

GUATEMALA: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

The Geography & Anthropology Programs, in collaboration with the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) and several UNBC programs, encourage your attendance at the following series of presentations:



March 2, 2006 @ 10:00 – 11:20 a.m. in Rm. 5-124

Alan Robinson: Director of Forensic Anthropology Laboratory, Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation (FAFG)

Open Lecture in GEOG 305: Political Geography
"Human Rights and Wrongs: Contextual Analysis Investigation of Guatemalan Forensic Cases"

March 2, 2006 @ 1:00 – 2:20 p.m. in Rm. 7-152

Fredy Peccerelli: Executive Director of the FAFG
Open Lecture in GEOG 306: Geography of International Development

March 2, 2006 @ 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Rm. 7-238

Fredy Peccerelli

Public Presentation: "Redressing the Past, Addressing the Future: The Work of the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation"

March 3, 2006 @ 12:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. Rm. 6-211

Alan Robinson

Open Lecture in ANTH 411: Forensic Anthropology
"Antemortem Trauma as an Indicator of Torture"

For further information, please view: <http://web.unbc.ca/geography/whatsnew/> or contact **Catherine Nolin** @ nolin@unbc.ca

UPCOMING EVENT POSTERS NEEDED!

- On Thursday, **March 16th**, the **NRES Institute** (with the support of the Canfor/ Doug Little Endowment) will host the first NRESI Annual Lecture. The lecture will be preceded by a poster session, featuring research by NRES graduate students and NRES Institute members. Following the poster presentation and buffet dinner, **Dr. William Rees** (UBC) will deliver his talk entitled "Let's Get Serious about Sustainability (or is it already too late?)". Please let **Paula Poirier** know if you or your students can provide a poster to showcase activities in NRES.



REMINDER: Share your information about recent publications, grants, and/or other honours you may have received with others interested in NRES issues.

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