



## **NRES WEEKLY NEWS**

### **March 18 - March 25, 2005**

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

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**Wednesday, March 23**

## **School of Environmental Planning Colloquium 2005**

Date: Wednesday March 23, 2005

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Lecture Hall 7-238

### **“The Power of Story in Planning Practice & Research”**

**Guest Lecturer: Dr. Leonie Sandercock**  
*School of Community and Regional Planning*  
*University of British Columbia*

This presentation argues that story has a special importance in planning that has neither been fully understood nor sufficiently valued. Planning is performed through story, in a myriad of ways. The aim here is to unpack the many ways we use story: in policy, in process, in pedagogy, in critique, as a foundation, and as a catalyst for change. A better understanding of the work that stories do can make us better planners in at least three ways: by expanding our practical tools, by sharpening our critical judgment, and by widening the circle of democratic discourse.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

**\* EASTER WEEKEND - NO NRES / CSAM RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM**

## TRAVEL

Once again this year, the Geography Programs of UNBC and the College of New Caledonia sent a bus load of faculty, students and research assistants to the Annual Meetings of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers. This year's meeting was held at the University of Lethbridge, 11-12 March 2005. UNBC Geography was well represented, contributing a total of eight paper presentations and one poster display. Below is a list of presentations by UNBC participants, which include a number of contributions by undergraduate and graduate students. Of special note, Jacqui Stephens received the award for Best Presentation by a Graduate Student in Human Geography.



### UNBC paper presentations:

Clasby, Rachael, Hanlon, Neil, Halseth, Greg and Pow, Virginia (Dalhousie University). Systems of informal support among older residents in Mackenzie, BC: a profile of current conditions and future implications.

Durkee, Shiloh, Halseth, Greg and Ryser, Laura. Shopping patterns and behaviours in Northwestern BC: comparing baby-boomer consumers with older consumers.

Grubb, Melanie and Menounos, Brian. Late-Pleistocene glacier fluctuations in the middle Coast Mountains, British Columbia.

Halseth, Greg, Hanlon, Neil, Clasby, Rachael and Pow, Virginia (Dalhousie University). Resource frontier aging: trends and questions from a mature industrial town in northern BC. Lindsay, Vera, Wheate, Roger, and Menounos, Brian. Mapping of glacier retreat through remote sensing: Lloyd George and Great Snow Mountain Glaciers, northern British Columbia.

Parsons, Sarah. Locally based criteria and indicators of sustainable forest co-management.

Ryser, Laura, Halseth, Greg and Bruce, David (Mount Allison). Economic development framework for interpreting local housing markets in small town Canada.

Stephens, Jacqui. Conflicting perspectives: Q'eqchi' communities, land grabs, and a Canadian mining company.

UNBC Geography is also well represented on the Executive of the WD-CAG, with Neil Hanlon beginning a two-year term as President and Rachael Clasby elected to a second consecutive one-year term as a Student Representative.

## PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Nielsen, S.E., **Johnson, C.J.**, Heard, D.C., and Boyce, M.S. Modelling species occurrence and abundance: does probability of occurrence reflect population density? *Ecography* 28:197-208.

**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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