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

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

THE NRES / CSAM RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

“40 Years of Glacier Change in Canada’s Arctic”

Date: Friday, March 24, 2006
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: Room 6 - 205/211



Dr. Martin Sharp
Professor and Chair
Department of Earth
and Atmospheric
Sciences
University of Alberta

Light Refreshments served at 3:20 pm

ANNOUNCEMENT

- UNBC will be hosting the annual conference of the Canadian Society of Soil Science in July, 2008. This event is likely to bring up to 200 soil scientists to UNBC for 3 days of oral and poster sessions, and field trips.



NEW PUBLICATIONS

- Thommasen, H.V., **Hanlon, N.**, Tallio, B., Thommasen, C., and Zhan, W., 2006, Alcohol drinking habits and community

perspectives on alcohol abuse in the Bella Coola Valley. *The Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine* 11(1): 15-21.

- Rosenberg, M.W., Skinner, M.W., Lovell, S.A., Everitt, J.C., **Hanlon N.** and Rathwell, T.A., 2005, “Aging across Canada: do small towns really care about their seniors?” in C. Palagiano and G. De Santis (eds.) *Proceedings of the 8th International Seminar on Geography of Health* (Rome, 12-18 December 2004). Perugia, Italy: Edzioni Rux, 795-812.



TRAVEL



- **Kathy Parker** will travel to Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska from 18-26 March. She will meet with NRES graduate student **Todd Rinaldi** and research collaborators in Anchorage. In Fairbanks, she has been invited to give the Jay Hammond Lecture sponsored by the Department of Biology and Wildlife, and the Institute of Arctic Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Her presentation is entitled "Predator-Prey Interactions in the Muskwa-Kechika".
- **Debra Straussfogel** traveled to Chicago, IL March 8-12 to attend the Association of American Geographers 2006 Annual Meeting at which she delivered a paper entitled: "The Softwood Lumber Agreement as Context for the Effects of Globalization on Resource-Reliant Communities".
- **Sarah Boon** attended the Annual Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers in Kamloops, 10-11 March, and presented a paper entitled: "Impact of mountain pine beetle infestation on snow accumulation, runoff and peak flows".
- Once again this year, UNBC and CNC sent a bus load of students and faculty to attend the Annual Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers. This year's conference was hosted by Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC, 9-11 March 2006. In addition to taking home the coveted trophy for the Annual Scavenger Hunt (UNBC's first victory!), Geography was well represented by paper and poster presentations. Here is a list of UNBC paper presenters (alphabetical order) and titles from this year's program:

UNBC Paper Presenters:

Clasby, Rachael. Networks and partnerships in a remote resource town: a case study of adapting to an aging population in Mackenzie, B.C.



Fondahl, Gail. Development discourses in South-eastern Siberia: oil, environment, subsistence, jobs, survival.

Grubb, Melanie, Menounos, Brian and Clague, John. Late Pleistocene glacier advance in the Middle Coast Mountains, British Columbia.

Krauskopf, Philip, Menounos, Brian and Gilbert, Robert. Patterns of recent sedimentation, Kitsumkalum Lake, British Columbia, Canada.

McGregor, Jessica and Hanlon, Neil. An application for political ecology in Northern British Columbia: a case study of competing environmental values, perceptions of risk and First Nations' health.

Menounos, Brian, Wheate, Roger and Smith, Dan. Understanding the outlook for glaciers in the Western Canadian Cordillera under future climates – a new research opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students.

Parsons, Sarah. Aboriginal measures of success in forest co-management: a test of participatory methods.

Porter, Stacy, Wheate, Roger and Menounos, Brian. Volumetric changes of Kwadacha Glacier, Northern Rocky Mountains, British Columbia, Canada.

Ryser, Laura and Halseth, Greg. Building social cohesion and social capital under stress: examples of innovative services and voluntary organizations in small communities.

Summerskill, Matthew. The geographies of Maori Mormonism and the creation of a cross-cultural hybrid.

UNBC Poster Presenters:

Atkinson, Donna and Fondahl, Gail. Remaking space in North-Central B.C.: the John Prince Research Forest, 1993 to 1999.

Welsh, Cedar, Lewis, Kathy, Woods, Alex and Jackson, Peter. The relationship between climate and outbreak history of *dothistroma septoporum* in Northwest B.C.



Two UNBC Geography undergraduates took home awards for their oral presentations. **Matthew Summerskill** was awarded Best Undergraduate Presentation by the WD-CAG Student Presentation Awards Committee and **Melanie Grubb** was awarded Best Undergraduate Presentation in Geomorphology by the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group.

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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