

NRESi WEEKLY NEWS

January 26 - 30, 2015

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



NRESi NOTES

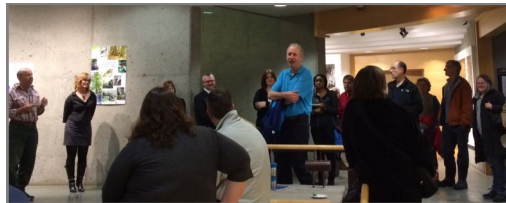
FROM THE DIRECTOR & RESEARCH MANAGER

Hello everyone,

For this week's NRESi Note, I've included a snapshot of some of this week's excitement, including the Ancient Forest photo gallery opening and Green Day events. If you have not had a chance to have a look at the Ancient Forest photos and learn about its proposal to become a World Heritage site, there's still time! The photos and posters will remain in the Rotunda at least until the end of February. Come have a walk through the forest, no snowshoes required!

Have a great week!

Leanne Elliott
NRESi Research Manager



Above: Darwyn Coxson welcomes the group to the Ancient Forest Photo Gallery opening on January 23rd



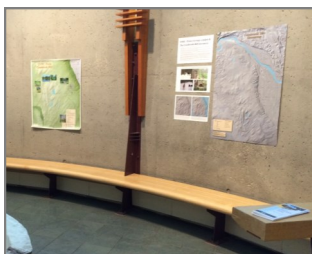
Above: Art Fredeen, MC for the Green Day Opening Ceremony, looks on as the UNBC First Nations Centre Drummers perform on January 27th



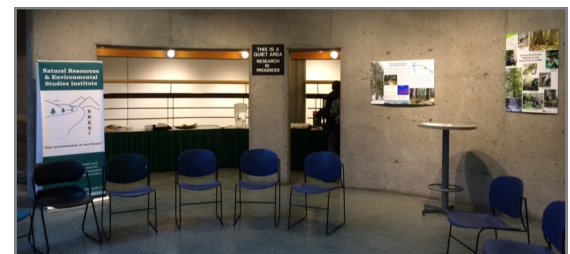
Above: UNBC President Daniel Weeks provides a welcome to Green Day, as well as announces UNBC's designation as a Fair Trade Campus (see the News section of the newsletter for details)



Left and above: Students, faculty, and staff visit the Green Day booths and participate in activities, including painting a 'BAM' to support the 'Borrow-A-Mug' program



NRESi participated in Green Day by hosting an event in the Rotunda, showcasing some new maps of the Greenway Trail by Roger Wheate (left) and Darwyn Coxson invited the UNBC community to take a wander through the Ancient Forest photo gallery (right)



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

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO: leanne.elliott@unbc.ca

We're on the web at : www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/newsletter

Dr. Harry H. Hiller

**Director of the Cities and the Olympics Project &
Faculty Professor, Urban Sociology, University of Calgary**

**The Impact of Sport Mega-Events on Host Communities**

Hosting sport mega-events is often viewed as a prize to be eagerly sought by potential host cities. Yet the recent International Olympic Committee experience with 2022 Winter Games bid cities has raised questions that have been simmering for some time. What do cities gain, if anything, from hosting a major sporting event that requires years of preparation and mobilizes resources and human capital at an unprecedented rate for the community, only to see the event come and go in a flash of a couple of weeks of intense excitement and activity? This presentation will explore some of the issues involved in hosting these events as they impact the host city and its residents. Several analytical approaches will be presented and illustrated with global examples. A special focus, given the proximity in time of the Canada Winter Games, will be given to the question of how the games-time event actually impacts local residents. Insights and data will be presented particularly from the Vancouver experience. The speaker is eager to compare the experience of larger cities hosting such events with smaller cities such as Prince George.

Friday, JAN 30th, 2015

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Room: Weldwood Theatre (7-238)

To participate remotely: http://www.unbc.ca/nres/nresi_webcast.html

OTHER EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Dr. Dezene Huber, speaking on: "Learning to Notice Nature"

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology invites all Faculty, Students and Staff to the 2014/2015 Robert W. Tait Annual Lecture on Implementing Teaching Excellence.

Please join us on **Friday, January 30th, 2015 at 2:00 pm** at the **Gathering Place (room 5-123)**.

Presentation Abstract:

Trombulak and Fleischner write:

We now live in a world where it matters more whether it is Friday or Saturday than if it is autumn or winter, a world where ageless cycles of migration and hibernation, germination and seed dispersal too often go unnoticed.¹

Or in the words of T.S. Eliot in *Burnt Norton*, we have become "distracted from distraction by distraction."²

Technology and other contemporary distractions have reduced our awareness of the wonder of nature - at all scales - in our literal and metaphorical back yards. While conservation concerns wax in the current biodiversity crisis, deep engagement with the natural world wanes. Although one might generally support conservation goals, authentic and engaged conservationism requires authentic engagement with the subjects of conservation. One of my goals in teaching biology is to take part in reawakening wonder within students and to encourage a lifelong conservationist mindset.

1. Trombulak, S.C. and Fleischner, T.L. 2007. Natural history renaissance. *The Journal of Natural History Education* 1:1-4.
2. Eliot, T.S. 1936. *Collected Poems 1909-1935*. Harcourt, Brace and Company.

All inquiries related to the Tait Lecture can be directed to Heather Smith, Director, Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology at Heather.Smith@unbc.ca

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

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO: leanne.elliott@unbc.ca

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

Contested Economies and Environments

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (WD-CAG)

Hosted by the UNBC Geography Program and to be held at the University of Northern BC, Prince George, British Columbia

March 13 - 14, 2015

On line registration is available now, with the Early Bird Deadline on **January 30th**. Further information and how to register can be found on the event's website: <http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/wd-cag/>



UNBC UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

CONTESTED ECONOMIES AND ENVIRONMENTS

WDCAG 2015
Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting
Hosted by the UNBC Geography Program

While we invite submissions from all areas of geographic scholarship, the theme of the meeting is *Contested Economies and Environments*.

The preliminary schedule of events (draft and subject to change) is as follows:

Friday March 13, 2015
9:00am - 5:00pm Field Trips (details to follow)
6:00pm - 7:00pm Reception, Registration
7:00pm - 9:00pm Key Note Presentation - Dr. Charles Helm
The Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark - A First for Western North America
(Canfor Theatre, UNBC)
9:00pm - 12:00am Pub Night at the Thirsty Moose (UNBC Student Society Pub)

Saturday March 14, 2015
8:00am - 9:00am Registration
9:00am - 12:00pm Concurrent Paper & Poster Sessions (refreshment breaks)
12:00pm - 1:30pm Catered Lunch (costs included with Registration)
1:45pm - 4:45pm Concurrent Paper & Poster Sessions (refreshment breaks)
4:30pm - 6:00 pm AGM
6:30pm - 1:30am Banquet (UNBC Campus)

+ March 13 & 14
Friday & Saturday

+ UNBC's
Prince George Campus

+ Contact
Dr. Neil Hanlon
Phone: 250-960-5881
Email: neil.hanlon@unbc.ca

+ Deadlines
Abstracts: February 14, 2015
Special Sessions: January 30, 2015

Website: <https://www.eply.com/2015-57th-Annual-WD-CAG>

PUBLICATIONS

The Community Development Institute has released a new e-book, edited by Tor Gjertsen and Greg Halseth titled: Sustainable Development in the Circumpolar North. The book focuses on the development of a sustainable future for rural and northern regions, touching on the themes of governance, community, economic, and social development, as well as development in Indigenous communities and regions. At its core, the publication confronts critical issues and ways to facilitate positive change for communities that are experiencing economic and social transformation. You can access it [here](#).

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The news in this section and next is from NRESi's social media connections to UNBC and others. See the original posts and hear the latest first by [following us!](#)

Stephen Déry was in the news talking about our most recent warm spell. Check it out [here](#).

Phil Owens will be working with partners at the University of Manitoba on a research project doing an assessment of sedimentation and soil erosion, creating management practices for land and water resources, and to develop ways to improve policies and practices. See the article where the project is referenced [here](#).

UNBC released an article this week continuing the discussion about the Ancient Forest trail, the photos on display in the Rotunda, and the efforts of those working towards a World Heritage Site designation. Darwyn Coxson is mentioned in the article, but we know there are many hardworking people behind these efforts. Have a look [here](#).

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

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO: leanne.elliott@unbc.ca

OTHER NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Staying true to our 'Canada's GREEN University' title, some news items and announcements drew attention to the work that many are doing to continuously help us become a more sustainable campus and community:

1. A UNBC student led group is working with Food Services and St. Vincent de Paul Society to donate surplus food to those in need, rather than it be thrown out. Read the PG Citizen article [here](#).
2. Continuing on the food waste theme, UNBC has also established a Twitter account for students to follow and learn about leftovers from catered events. Check out the CBC article [here](#).
3. As part of the Green Day celebrations, Daniel Weeks announced UNBC's designation as a Fair Trade Campus. The press release can be found [here](#).
4. Congratulations to UNBC students who, through their efforts and with partners, have been successful in their goal of making free public transit available during the Canada Winter Games. Check out the UNBC press release [here](#), coverage by [CKPG](#), and an article in the [PG Citizen](#).

Today's joint Global Friday - NRESi Colloquium presentation with Dr. Hiller has been given a lot of press over the past few days. This is understandable, with the theme of his talk around the impact of mega-sporting events on local communities and the countdown to PG's hosting of the Canada Winter Games. Check out the articles in [250news](#) and the [PG Citizen](#).

For your feel-good story of the day, learn how an early supporter of UNBC (not even from the region!) is giving back to UNBC students. The clip can be found [here](#).

WORKSHOP FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS & POST-DOCS

Mitacs Step - Networking Skills Workshop

A good network is vital to career growth and can be your link to important new opportunities. However, getting started or knowing how to grow an existing network can be intimidating. This workshop will give you insights into how to establish and expand a stable network, both in-person and online. Each session is customized, with exercises reflecting the professional interests of participants and determined by the location of the event.

Key competencies covered: Leadership & Management, Communications & Relationship Building, Personal & Professional Management, and Entrepreneurialism

Date: Wednesday March 18, 2015

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: UNBC (Bentley Centre)

Cost: Free, but pre-registration is required.

Register online at: <http://step.mitacs.ca/en/workshop/2015/03/networking-skills-prince-george-march-18-2015>



The screenshot shows the Mitacs Step registration page. At the top, there is a green header with the Mitacs Step logo and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Below the header, a white box contains the text "REGISTRATION NOW OPEN" and "Please forward this announcement to the graduate students and postdocs in your network. Thank you in advance!". The main content area has a white background with a green border. It includes the text "Mitacs Step has been bridging the gap between university learning and career success through professional skills development since 2008. Step workshops offer an interactive learning environment with small class sizes, and are facilitated by leading business and industry professionals." followed by "Turn your academic success into a rewarding career! Our curriculum is designed to build competencies in four key areas that are recognized as vital to professional success. Each workshop addresses one or more of the following competencies:". Below this is a list of competencies: Leadership & Management, Personal & Professional Management, Communication & Relationship Building, and Entrepreneurialism. A green box contains the text "Networking Skills", "Prince George, BC", "Course Description", and a "REGISTER HERE" button. To the right of this box, the event details are listed: "When: Wednesday, March 18, 2015", "Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm (Registration begins at 8:45am)", "Where: University of Northern British Columbia / Bentley Centre", and "Room: Small Room". Below the event details, there is a "Please note:" section with a list of conditions: "There is no cost to attend the workshop.", "The pre-authorization of a valid credit card is REQUIRED to complete and secure your registration.", "Participants can modify or cancel their registration without penalty up to 5 days prior to the workshop.", "Modifications or cancellations made less than 5 days before the workshop are subject to a \$50 fee.", "Participants are required to attend the workshop in its entirety. Those who choose to not participate for the entire duration of the workshop will be charged a \$50.00 'Withdrawal' fee." Finally, there is an "Additional information:" section with a list: "Participants can access, create profiles, and register for workshops via our registration portal at step.mitacs.ca.", "If you have any further questions, please consult our FAQ here.", and "Mitacs thanks the Government of British Columbia for its support of Step."

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

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO: leanne.elliott@unbc.ca

ONLINE SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS & FACULTY

3 Minute Thesis Coaching - UNBC will be hosting an online seminar (presented by UBC) and workshop to help Grad Students develop your 3 Minute Thesis presentation

Join us February 4th from 2-4pm in room 5-140D for this exciting opportunity.

For more information and to RSVP please contact the 10th Annual UNBC Graduate Student Conference coordinator at: emon@unbc.ca

SUSAN STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As its first project of this kind, the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute (NRESi) is building a fund to support a scholarship in memory of wildlife ecologist and NRESi member Susan Stevenson. During a 35-year career built primarily in the BC central interior, Susan designed and implemented important research and inventory projects related to mountain caribou habitat, lichen biology, and silvicultural systems, collaborating with a diverse range of researchers, and gave generously of her expertise to the next generation of scientists. Susan exemplified the Institute's values of interdisciplinary curiosity and unselfish collaboration, and enriched the lives of all those who worked and studied with her. The Institute invites you to join in supporting the Susan Stevenson Scholarship Fund:

1. Visit UNBC Development Office's website: www.unbc.ca/giving
2. Click on the grey **Make a Gift** button
3. Enter the information requested
4. When you reach the question of **Please direct my donation to:** select **Other**
5. **Important** - In the **Comments** area, add that you would like your gift to be contributed to the **Susan Stevenson Scholarship Fund**

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES

Do you have a favourite photo, story or update from your research that you would like to share with your fellow members and the broader NRESi community in the newsletter? Send them to Leanne to include in an upcoming edition!

COLLOQUIUM ARCHIVE

Did you miss a colloquium or special lecture? Visit NRESi's webcast archive to catch up! This can be found through the following link: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/colloquium-series/archived-colloquium-series>

ARCHIVE OF PAST EVENTS

Information, links, proceedings, and other information from past NRESi hosted and co-led events can be found at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/special-events>. This site currently includes information about the Forest Tenure events (Annual Lecture and workshop) and a link to the Cumulative Effects Workshop site.

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

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO: leanne.elliott@unbc.ca