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Lassi Heininen (University of Lapland, Finland) visits the U of S and takes part in the ICNGD's Lecture Series.

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## Featured Photo

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Master of Northern Governance and Development students wrapped up their final class in their Native Studies course 'Aboriginal Self Determination Through Mitho Pimachesowin' on Feb. 14th. This course, taught by Dr. Bonita Beatty, is a regular part of the MNGD course curriculum.

*Bringing the North to the university and  
the university to the North*

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# Research News

## News in Publications

Centre Member and advocate for the North, Bonita Beatty, authored a chapter in the recently published *New Directions in Saskatchewan Public Policy* (ed. David McGrane).

Bonita's chapter, entitled 'Aboriginal Peoples and Social Policy-making in Saskatchewan' discusses such topics as the implications of Aboriginal urbanization on Saskatchewan social policy, improving political relations, and the duty to consult. Her findings conclude that a higher standard of Aboriginal engagement is required in social policy-making. *New Directions* can be purchased through the U of S bookstore or online at Amazon.ca.



From left: Ryan Walker (contributor), David McGrane (editor), and Beatty unveil *New Directions* at the Jan. 13th launch.

## ICNGD Awarded SSHRC Research Grant

Just a few short weeks ago, the ICNGD was thrilled to learn that it would receive \$25,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to support an upcoming workshop on northern strategies. The event, which will take place this spring, has been tentatively named 'Moving the North South: Understanding the Importance of the Provincial North in Canadian Political Economy'.

More details about this exciting workshop will be announced in the coming months.

## Master's Field School

Students in the second cohort of the Master of Northern Governance and Development program will head to Northern Norway next month as part of the international field school component of the program. In addition to the classwork, students will engage in comparative analysis as they contrast the development and governance structures of another Northern region with that of Northern Saskatchewan.

We look forward to sharing the students' experiences in the next edition of *ICNGD News*.

## Staff Update: Welcome Gerlis Fugmann



The staff and membership of the ICNGD is pleased to welcome to its team, Dr. Gerlis Fugmann. Gerlis assumed the position of Post-Doctoral Fellow in January 2012, with the mandate to conduct comparative research in economic development patterns in the Circumpolar North.

Gerlis completed her PhD in Geography in 2011 at the Department of Geography of the Justus Liebig University Giessen (Germany). Her research focused on bottom-up economic development opportunities in Canadian Inuit regions (especially Nunavik and Nunatsiavut), after the settlement of land claim agreements in the last few decades. Gerlis has been involved with the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) for a number of years and enjoys collaborating with researchers from around the world.

You can reach Gerlis at 966-4362 or [gerlis.fugmann@usask.ca](mailto:gerlis.fugmann@usask.ca) or visit her in Kirk Hall, Room 238.

## International Connections

### Guest Lecturer: Lassi Heininen

Prominent Arctic researcher Lassi Heininen (University of Lapland, Finland) delivered an open presentation entitled 'The New



**Dr. Lassi Heininen**

National Arctic Strategies and their Implication for Regional Stability' as part of the ICNGD's *Lecture Series* on Feb. 7, 2012.

The lecture attracted U of S faculty, staff, and graduate students who had the opportunity to chat with Dr. Heininen one-on-one following the presentation.

Heininen's publications include more than 100 peer reviewed and scientific journal articles as well as almost a dozen monographs. His research fields of expertise include International Relations, Geopolitics, Security Studies, Environmental Politics, and Northern and Arctic Studies. This was his first visit to Saskatchewan.

### Sustainability and the North

Centre Member Karen Tanino, the lead of the UArctic Thematic Network on Food Security, is working with the ICNGD on food security, solar greenhouse technology, and sustainable energy sources for northern communities. The group is partnering with the Buffalo Narrows Economic Development Corp to examine the possibility of a biomass-heated greenhouse – an outcome of the Northern Ec. Summit working group on Boreal Wood Resources.

If you have an expertise or interest in these project areas, please email [karen.tanino@usask.ca](mailto:karen.tanino@usask.ca).

## Outreach Activities

### Centre for the North Collaboration

The ICNGD contributed to an important report on Northern education released by the Centre for the North (Conference Board of Canada) in January 2012. The report, entitled 'Lessons Learned: Achieving Positive Educational Outcomes in Northern Communities', showcases examples of innovative educational programs from across Northern Canada.

In the Northern Saskatchewan context, the report references Cree revitalization efforts, the success of the Northern Teacher Education Program (NorTEP), advances in distance education such as those made possible by Northlands College, and the ICNGD's Master of Northern Governance and Development program and its unique partnerships with industry, the provincial government, and First Nations governments.

Read the full report at [www.centreforthenorth.ca](http://www.centreforthenorth.ca).



### Recruitment and Engagement

The ICNGD was one of many organizations that participated in 'The Future is Yours' Career Fair at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon on Feb, 8, 2012.

Aboriginal students from high schools across the province were welcomed to the event where they could learn more about their post-secondary options.

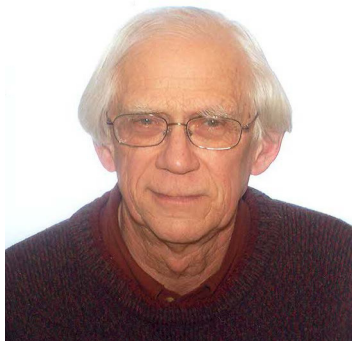
## Spotlight on Centre Member

### Dr. Alan Anderson

Alan Anderson is currently a Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Saskatchewan, as well as a Research Fellow in Ethnic and Indigenous Studies in the Department of Political Studies, a Research Associate of the Community-University Institute for Social Research, and an Associate Member of the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. He chaired the International Studies Program for many years.

Alan is also a board member of Canadian Studies in Population, and works with the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute assessing research projects in Indigenous housing—one of his main research interests. He was a Research Director of the Bridges and Foundations Project on Urban Aboriginal Housing, a CURA project funded primarily by SSHRC and CMHC. His edited book based on that project, *Home in the City: Urban Aboriginal Housing and Living Conditions*, will be published by the University of Toronto Press this year.

Interestingly, he has also inherited an interest in the North: his grandfather commanded northern expeditions which charted the Northwest Passage from Labrador to Hudson Bay, and later headed the Canadian Hydrographic Service. Alan is currently the lead researcher on an ICNGD research project for AANDC, developing a comprehensive literature review to support their Evaluation of the First Nation Market Housing Fund.



## Student Profile

### Cathy Wheaton

Cathy Wheaton of La Ronge, Saskatchewan was one of the first students to enroll in the ICNGD's new Master of Northern Governance and Development program in Winter 2011. She had been toying with the idea of continuing her studies for some time, but the right program and opportunity had not yet presented itself.

When Cathy learned that the MNGD program could be taken via videoconference from her home community, she was intrigued. However, it was when she discovered she would get to study governance and development issues as they relate to Northern communities that she was sold.

Cathy is in the process of completing her final course in the MNGD program and is looking forward to beginning work on the program's research project component. She hopes to complete her degree by the end of this year.

"Programs like this will train Northerners like myself to contribute even more to our communities in the future," said Cathy. "It will also enable us to steer governance and development initiatives in the right direction to the benefit of our communities and the province."

In Fall 2011, Cathy accepted a position as Outreach Coordinator at the ICNGD where she works part-time while completing her degree.

For more information on the MNGD program and how to apply, email: [info.icngd@usask.ca](mailto:info.icngd@usask.ca).

# Get Involved

## **Globe and Mail Opinion Editorial of Note**

On Friday, Feb. 17th the *Globe and Mail* printed an op ed piece penned by ICNGD Director, Greg Poelzer and University of Waterloo Professor of History, Ken Coates entitled 'We are all responsible for the plight of Canada's first nations'.

The primary message advanced by the piece was that the government and First Nations communities cannot be expected to solve the current challenges facing the First Nations peoples alone. Poelzer and Coates argued

that it was only through a collaborative and cooperative approach that we would see progress in addressing the challenges around education, housing, and social conditions.

The op ed called on community organizations, education facilities, industry, individuals, and - yes, government and First Nations - to band together and start the necessary work to effect real change.

Read the full op ed piece at the following web link (look under Feb. 17, 2012):  
[artsandscience.usask.ca/icngd/activities.php](http://artsandscience.usask.ca/icngd/activities.php).



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## **NOW: Accepting Master's Applications for the Fall 2012 Semester!**

The ICNGD is now accepting applications for a Fall 2012 start in the Master of Northern Governance and Development program. The program prepares its graduate for careers in public administration, entrepreneurship, and industry within a Northern region.

For more information or to get your application started, please call 966-1624.

## **Calling All Career & Education Fair Organizers...**

If you or your organization has a career or education fair in the works for this spring or summer, our Centre's Outreach Coordinator would love to hear about it! We are always enthusiastic about events that allow us to meet bright young minds as well as share our work with people and identify areas for collaboration.

To share an opportunity or for more information, please email [cathy.wheaton@usask.ca](mailto:cathy.wheaton@usask.ca).