



## Update on the 25<sup>th</sup> Polar Libraries Colloquy in Cambridge, UK, 2014

You will be pleased to know that the 2014 PLC Planning Committee has started releasing updates about the 25<sup>th</sup> Colloquy to be held 29 June–3 July in Cambridge.

We have reserved 40 rooms for our delegates at Churchill College at a very affordable price of £59 per room, with breakfast included. To book a



*Churchill College, one of 30 colleges at Cambridge, memorializes Sir Winston Churchill. (Photograph here and crest illustration on the next page courtesy of Churchill College website and Wikimedia Commons)*

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room, please go to the [Churchill College visitors' page](#) and enter **SP121190** in the promotional code box. This code will ensure that you are added to the list of attendees booking at this College. More information can be found on the [25<sup>th</sup> PLC blog](#).

As well as reserved rooms, the blog has information about other accommodation options within Cambridge for those of you who wish to make your own arrangements. Cambridge is quite popular during summer months, so the Planning Committee recommends that you book well in advance to obtain suitable lodging.

Perhaps more importantly, the theme for the 25<sup>th</sup> PLC has also been announced on the blog—*Connecting Communities: Collaborating, Creating, and Communicating*.

This is your meeting. Tell us what you want to hear, discuss, learn, or experience during the 2014 Cambridge Colloquy. Our theme encourages collaboration, creation, and communication so let us know how we can make this Colloquy one of the best yet!

We would especially like to invite non-members to this conference and make new connections with non-polar libraries, so we welcome suggestions, contacts, and tips to make this happen. Please also let us know if there are any specific topics that you would like to see included in the programme.

We will issue a call for papers on this theme and post a schedule in due course. Please send a brief outline of what you plan to present to the Planning Committee by December 2013. Further deadlines will be confirmed shortly.

Please feel free to comment with your suggestions on the blog or via email at [library@spri.cam.ac.uk](mailto:library@spri.cam.ac.uk).



## Update on the 25<sup>th</sup> PLC *continued*

The Planning Committee looks forward to hearing your thoughts and welcoming you to Cambridge in 2014. Best wishes from your hosts at the Scott Polar Research Institute and the British Antarctic Survey!

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*Jo Milton*, Cambridge Medical Library  
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*Heather Lane*, SPRI

*The Churchill College motto of "Forward" was taken from the final phrase of Winston Churchill's first speech to the House of Commons as Prime Minister, his famous "Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat" speech in which he proclaimed "Come, then, let us go forward together."*



## Observations from the 2012 Wenger Award Winner and First-Time PLC Attendee at the 24<sup>th</sup> PLC

by *Lisa Adamo*

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As the 2012 Hubert Wenger Award winner, I can truly appreciate the value and intent behind the establishment of such an award. I was completely ignorant of the PLC and its contribution to the polar libraries community, but now embrace the entire experience, from the meeting's international flavor to the auction held to support the Hubert Wenger Award.

My initial impression of the meeting was its intimacy—fewer than 40 people. This was quickly followed by the warm greetings and introductions as members renewed their acquaintances and reached out to the new faces. The efforts and encouragement of the Colorado hosts generated great discussions and feedback. The international appeal reminds us that our issues are universal, and that the Colloquy was established to bring together like-minded individuals who live in and/or study the most remote locations on the planet.

After orienting myself to the content of the presentations, I realized that there are two distinct groups of presenters. First are those who live year-round in the Arctic Circle and provide basic library services to their region and the complex challenges they face. The second group includes those who manage polar information in repositories located outside the Arctic Circle and share scientific information. It was very interesting to see that the groups intersected at the most basic level of available resources and methods used for information dissemination.

By the end of the meeting I was relieved to know that such a strong support network was available to me. The USGS Libraries Program absorbed an enormous volume of content related to Antarctic research, most of which is not cataloged or is unpublished, and I was overwhelmed with the prospect of managing the materials with minimal in-house resources. The members I met and talked with offered a variety of solutions and insight to my handful of worries.

Overall, the Colloquy community easily bridges the gap of perspective and language by offering support, sharing ideas, and networking, which leaves everyone filled with anticipation for the next meeting. See you in Cambridge!



## Proceedings of the 24<sup>th</sup> PLC Published

If you have not seen it yet, the proceedings for the recent Colloquy, *Cold Regions: Pivot Points, Focal Points: Proceedings of the 24th Polar Libraries Colloquy, June 11–14, 2012, Boulder, Colorado*, has been published in the National Snow and Ice Data Center's series, *Glaciological Data no. 34*, and is available for [download here](#) as a PDF file.

Thanks go to all of the presenters who submitted papers of their talks, to Shelly Sommer for putting it all together, and to Ann Windnagel for getting the final version up on the web.

Sommer, Shelly, and Ann Windnagel, eds. 2012. *Cold Regions: Pivot Points, Focal Points: Proceedings of the 24th Polar Libraries Colloquy, June 11–14, 2012, Boulder, Colorado*. Glaciological Data no. 34. NSIDC, University of Colorado Boulder.

## 2013 Celebrates the South Pole Centennial Year

Many events have been taking place worldwide to commemorate the 1910–1913 Antarctic expeditions. Just over one hundred years ago, on 7 January 1912, Captain Robert Falcon Scott's team from the British Antarctic (Terra Nova) Expedition reached the South Pole. Barely a month earlier, on 14 December 1911, Norwegian Roald Amundsen and his party were the first to make it to most southerly point on Earth.

In December 2011, the Norwegian Prime Minister and more than a hundred other tourists visited the US Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station (an NSF research facility) to mark the 100th anniversary of Amundsen's team having reached the Pole. In January 2012, Scott's expedition was celebrated on the centennial anniversary of his team's arrival to the South Pole in 1912. According to [NOAA Research, Spotlight Feature Article](#) (22 June 2012), "speeches were somber, acknowledging the ultimate fate of the Scott party, but they also focused on the scientific observations ... that Scott and his men worked very hard to complete, even to the bitter end."



Map showing the journeys of Scott's Terra Nova Expedition (green) and Amundsen's expedition (red) to reach the South Pole. (Map courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)



## South Pole Centennial Year *continued*

*National Geographic News* (14 December 2011) reported that “a steady stream of visitors,” estimated into the hundreds, has been heading to the South Pole for the centennial celebrations. In addition to the approximately 30,000 people who typically visit Antarctica each year (click on [International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators](#) to schedule your own tour!), many international celebrations and events are being held to commemorate the anniversaries of these two pioneering expeditions.

The [Scott 100 Events](#): Terra Nova Expedition Centenary is just one example of a site that brings together in one place information on events taking place across the world. See [Scott Polar Research Institute](#) and many other related websites for more information on the South Pole Centennial Year.



*Crop of Robert Falcon Scott in full regalia; this was reproduced as a frontispiece for Scott's Voyage of the Discovery, London, 1905.*



*Left to right: Oates, Bowers, Scott, Wilson, and Evans at the South Pole, photographed by Bowers on 17 January 1912. Image printed from a negative recovered at the site. (Both photographs courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)*

## New Position for PLC Treasurer Jo Milton

Jo Milton has left the library at the British Antarctic Survey to take a position as Collection Development Manager, Medical Library, School of Clinical Medicine at the University of Cambridge.

Jo writes of her new position:

*[Library] users are post-graduate students of the clinical medical school and National Health Service staff. Students from other departments within the University of Cambridge can use our facilities, as well as the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology. I manage the resources, printed and electronic, and contribute to resource development in the life sciences area across the university libraries.*

Thankfully, Jo is still willing to continue as PLC Treasurer, and to handle all treasurer duties, including memberships. She will also be continuing on the 2014 PLC Planning Committee. Her new email is [jm908@medschl.cam.ac.uk](mailto:jm908@medschl.cam.ac.uk) for those of you who would like to contact her.



## UAA Hosted the 2012 IAMSILIC Conference in Anchorage

by *Daria O. Carle*

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Sixty individuals from eight countries attended the 38th Annual International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSILIC) Conference held at the University of Alaska Anchorage this past 26–30 August 2012. The IAMSILIC regional group, *Cyamus*, representing Hawaii and the western coast of North America, met immediately prior to the full IAMSILIC gathering.

Following a Welcome Reception held the evening before, the Conference began with a short greeting from UAA Chancellor Tom Case. IAMSILIC President Amy Butros continued the opening remarks, commenting that she began her presidency in Zanzibar and ended it in Anchorage, a Z to A progression rather than the usual A to Z. Maria Kalentsis, 2012 IAMSILIC Conference Convener, officially brought the meeting to order. (Due to a scheduling conflict, Consortium Library Dean Steve Rollins welcomed the group two days later.)

The first of four invited speakers, economist Dr. Gunnar Knapp, UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research, gave an overview of Alaska fisheries (sport, commercial, and subsistence) and the current policy issues Alaska juggles to keep those fisheries sustainable. Additional invited speakers included Dr. Frank von Hippel, UAA Biological Sciences Department, speaking on environmental justice worldwide, with specific Alaska case studies as examples. Dr. Henry Huntington, Science Director, Arctic Programs, *Pew Environment Group*, described "How Chitons Explain the World," providing details on the many circumstances over time that have changed chitons from an alternative to a primary food source. The last invited speaker, and highpoint of the Wednesday night banquet, was Dr. Leslie Cornick, Marine Biology Professor, Alaska Pacific University, who gave a highly entertaining talk on the endangered beluga whales of Cook Inlet.

Many interesting and stimulating sessions ensued during the Conference: innovative ways to teach ethical research; many uses of QR codes; libraries staying relevant in today's world; a different perspective on databases (are they really best for



*Tufted Puffin. (Photograph by Mike Boylan, courtesy of US Fish and Wildlife Service)*

the patron?); new discovery tools; data curatorship; cutting-edge work at the *Biodiversity Heritage Library and Encyclopedia of Life*; questions to ask when storing and managing data sets; a preservation project for marine documents in a library in Vietnam; and updates and future directions of the IAMSILIC-sponsored *Aquatic Commons*, a thematic digital repository covering the natural marine, estuarine/brackish, and fresh water environments. The afternoon of poster sessions was just as varied in the topics covered.

The highlight of the conference was the trip to Seward and the *Alaska SeaLife Center*. (Beluga whales were spotted on the drive south!) At the SeaLife Center, attendees had a "Puffin Experience," where Center staff described Alcid biology and introduced the group to a rhinoceros auklet, and horned and tufted puffins. A behind-the-scenes tour followed, while others took the self-guided tour to see all the exhibits and to visit the gift shop. After a sumptuous buffet served in the underwater viewing area where we were entertained by an energetic harbor seal, the group boarded the bus for the journey home. (Mother moose and two calves rated a stop along the road on the way back!)

All in all, the conference was deemed a great success. Upcoming conferences are this October for 2013 IAMSILIC in Ft Lauderdale, Florida, and 2014 IAMSILIC in Noumea, New Caledonia.

*—The author would like to acknowledge Lenora Oftedahl for some of the material used in this piece from her daily conference summaries on the IAMSILIC blog.*



## Three New Inuit Children's Books

Reviewed by *Sandy Campbell*

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Qitsualik, Rachel A. 2012. *Under the Ice*.  
Illustrated by Jae Korim, with art direction by  
Babah Kalluk. Iqaluit, NU: Inhabit Media, Inc.

This slim volume is a single traditional Inuit folktale, retold by Inuit scholar and author, Rachel A. Qitsualik. Each page of text is paired with a full page illustration by Jae Korim, a Toronto-based storyboard artist. Art director, Babah Kalluk, tells us in the forward that he grew up hearing traditional Inuit stories. Through the use of comic book-style illustrations, a kind of artwork that modern Inuit children “know and understand,” Kalluk hopes to “reintroduce kids to the cool, creepy creatures that inhabit [Inuit] mythology.”

The story is, of course, an old one, about a poor and unkind grandmother whose grandchild is stolen by the qallupilut, a scary sea monster. Unlike the child-stealing sea monsters of other stories, including *Qalupalik*, by Elisha Kilabuk, published by Inhabit Media in 2011, this creature is kind. In this story, the qallupilut are an “ancient race,” some of whom remain friendly to the Inuit. They become the child’s undersea family and show him “greater kindness than his grandmother ever had.”

Korim’s artwork is simple and easily comprehended. He incorporates dark colours in the backgrounds to reflect the night, the dire situation of the grandmother and the child, the dangers of the sea and ice, and the scariness of the monster. He is also adept at incorporating action and emotion into his images, which makes them engaging for the reader.

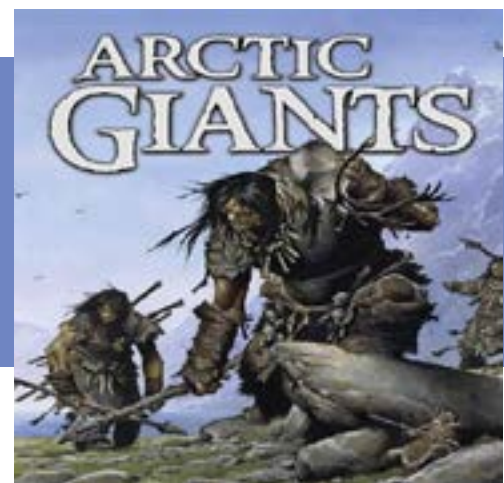
While the text is presented as an oral tale, beginning with ‘Taitsumaniguua’ [Once in the Long Ago] and ending with ‘Pijariiapunga’ [All I have to say], Qitsualik’s language is that of a scholarly person rather than an elder telling a story in colloquial language. The sentence structures are often long and complex, and many of the word choices sophisticated. For example, instead of having cruel or unkind thoughts, the grandmother “sat with poisonous thoughts swirling around



her head.” Instead of the child being stolen, he is “abducted;” instead of facing hardship, people face “adversity.” This does not detract from the story but is simply a different kind of retelling.

Overall this is a polished work that is highly recommended for public and school libraries, as well as academic libraries collecting Canadian folktales or children’s literature.

Christopher, Neil. 2011. *Arctic Giants*.  
Illustrated by Eva Widemann. Iqaluit, NU:  
Inhabit Media, Inc.



Who knew that the Arctic was filled with giants?  
This book is like a field guide to these oversized

## Three New Inuit Children's Books *continued*

mythical creatures from Greenland to the Bering Strait. Neil Christopher has gathered these 29 stories about giants over a decade, gleaning information from “obscure texts, archives, explorer accounts, and elder interviews.”

The book is divided into ‘Lesser Giants of the Arctic,’ who are several times bigger than a man, and ‘The Great Giants of the Arctic,’ who are enormous and can easily cross a river in one stride. The book begins with a pronunciation guide, an introduction, and a size comparison chart. The introductory text tells us that the giants were among the Uumajurngautaviniit or the first beings, from a time when “beings were not bound by one form.” While there are no giants today, we can see evidence of them in “giant footprints, strangely placed boulders, and massive bodies turned to stone.”

Each kind of giant is depicted in a black-and-white pencil drawing, with a one- or two-page story describing the creature. Eva Widermann, who honed her artistic style in manga and in *Dungeons and Dragons*, has created evocative images, with just a little edge. Each giant is rooted in some part of Inuit history, including traditional dress, tattoos, braided beards, and hair. Many of the dangerous giants, who often capture and eat humans, have necklaces of skulls as part of their decoration.

The text is at an easy-to-read Grade 4–Grade 5 level, with Inuit names being the most difficult words. Some of the stories are scary, telling of giants who stole children and dug up fresh graves in search of food, but many children at this age level enjoy disgusting and scary stories. Adults will find this book to be a valuable compilation and respectful treatment of the tales.

Highly recommended for school, academic, and public libraries.

Angutinngurniq, Jose. 2012. *The Giant Bear: An Inuit Folktale*. Illustrated by Eva Widermann. Iqaluit, NU: Inhabit Media, Inc.



Jose Angutinngurniq grew up in the Natsilik region of Nunavut in Canada’s eastern Arctic. He heard the story of the giant bear from his grandfather, and by writing this book, is passing this traditional story on to children.

This picture book is a story from the time in the distant past when a hunter was able to outwit and kill a giant ice bear, or nanurluk, that slept under the ice. The story is written simply, as an elder would tell it out loud, and contains a few Inuktitut words that are defined at the beginning.

Eva Widermann, illustrator of other folktale publications for Inhabit Media, has provided a beautiful set of illustrations for this story. Each two-page spread is a realistic image, with the text overprinted. The book opens with an image of an iglu on a snow landscape, captured in delicate blues and mauves. Widermann also does a good job of depicting the great bear, both underwater and on land. Even the end papers of the book contain sketches of angry polar bears.

Overall, this is one of Inhabit Media’s best productions to date, and is highly recommended for elementary school libraries and public libraries everywhere.



## New Publications

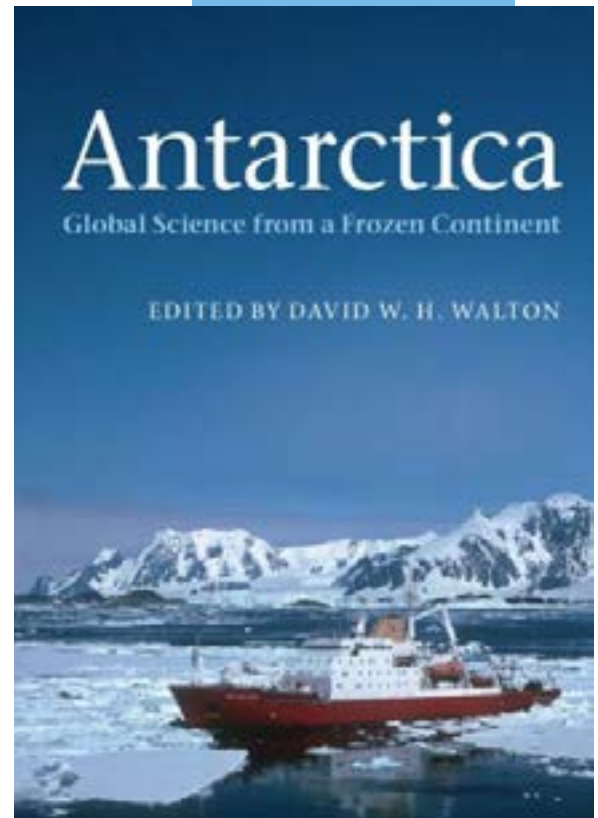
Walton, David W. H. 2013. *Antarctica: Global Science from a Frozen Continent*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

This dramatically illustrated new book brings together the world's leading Antarctic scientists to explain why the Antarctic is so central to understanding the history and potential fate of our planet. Illustrated in color throughout, it introduces the beauty of the world's greatest wilderness, its remarkable attributes, and the global importance of the international science done there. This work demonstrates why Antarctic science affects global problems, allowing the reader to understand how even remote changes in the Antarctic, such as the break-up of the ice shelf, can have real impacts on everyday life.

Spanning 50 years of pioneering research on topics ranging from marine biology and space science to the current state of the Antarctic Treaty, this publication is an accessible overview for anyone interested in the Antarctic and its science and governance. It provides a valuable summary for those involved in polar management and will inspire the next generation of Antarctic researchers.

Professor Sir John Lawton CBE FRS, former chair of UK's Royal Commission on Environment Pollution, writes: "This is the book [to read] if you want to understand the significance of Antarctica for the future of Planet Earth."

Professor Walton began work with the British Antarctic Survey in 1967. He is now an Emeritus Fellow there, publishing papers and books on many aspects of Antarctica. Professor Walton



represented the international Antarctic scientific community at Antarctic Treaty Meetings for 14 years and was awarded the first Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research medal for International Scientific Coordination. He was also awarded a Polar Medal by the Queen. In addition to his own publications, Walton has been the editor-in-chief of *Antarctic Science* for the last 25 years.

—Adapted from the publisher's announcement

## PLC Webmaster Julia Finn Retires

Julia Finn, at the Library of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada in Ottawa, retired from her position on 28 November 2012. As the official webmaster for the Polar Libraries Colloquy, Julia and her skills have been very much appreciated. Joanne Noel has taken over webmaster duties for the Colloquy website.

Upon her retirement announcement, Julia said, "It's been an absolute pleasure working with all of you over the years!" Congratulations, Julia, and many thanks from all of us!



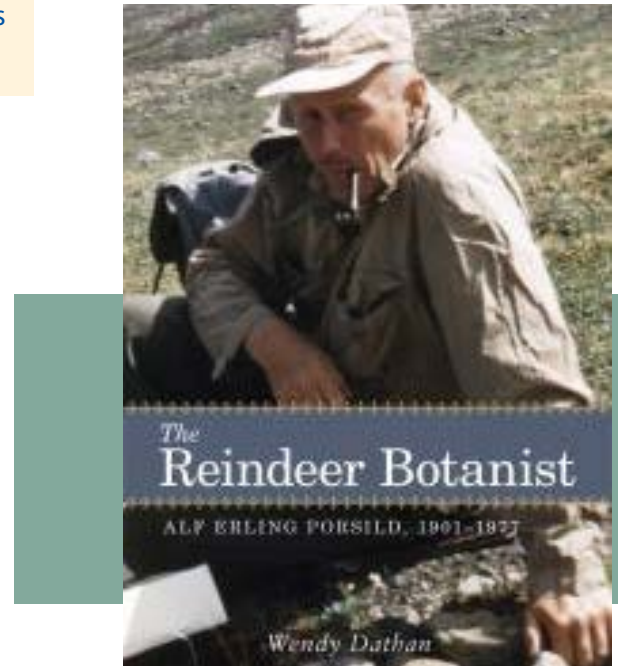
## New Publications *continued*

Dathan, Wendy. 2012. *The Reindeer Botanist: Alf Erling Porsild, 1901–1977*. Calgary: University of Calgary Press and Arctic Institute of North America.

One of Canada's most remarkable botanists, Alf Erling Porsild (1901–1977) grew up on the Arctic Station in West Greenland and later served as Curator of Botany at the National Museum of Canada. He collected thousands of specimens, greatly enlarging the National Herbarium and making it a superb research centre. For nearly 20 years, Porsild studied reindeer activities in Alaska and the Northwest Territories as part of the Canadian Reindeer Project, designed to encourage grazing animal husbandry among Aboriginal peoples. He published extensively, and his meticulous research and observations have particular relevance today with the growing concern over global warming in the Arctic.

This long-awaited biography traces the challenging and adventurous career of this remarkable and little-known scientist who battled rivalry, bureaucracy, personal disappointment, and private tragedy. In the end, Porsild earned universal respect for his prodigious publications and intimate knowledge of the people, plants, and land around Canada's Arctic Circle.

The book's author, Wendy Dathan, studied geography and botany at McGill University and served as Assistant/Acting Curator of the McGill



Herbarium before undertaking research for her master's thesis on Porsild's Canadian Reindeer Project years.

*The Reindeer Botanist* is available in traditional print format and also as a free PDF through the University of Calgary Press's open-access publishing initiative. With permission from their authors, the Press publishes titles under a Creative Commons license, and they can be freely downloaded from individual book pages on their [website](#).

—Adapted from the publisher's announcement

## Michael E. Krauss Alaska Native Language Archive

The University of Alaska Fairbanks celebrated the grand opening of its newly relocated [Alaska Native Language Archive](#) on 22 February 2013. It was rededicated as the Michael E. Krauss Alaska Native Language Archive in its new space in the Rasmuson Library to honor its founder, who worked for decades to grow the collection into the most comprehensive indigenous languages resource in the world. The Archive, now under the guidance of Collection Manager Stacey Baldrige, houses documentation of the various Native languages of Alaska and helps to preserve and cultivate this unique heritage for future generations. It includes both published and unpublished materials in or on all of Alaska Native and related languages.





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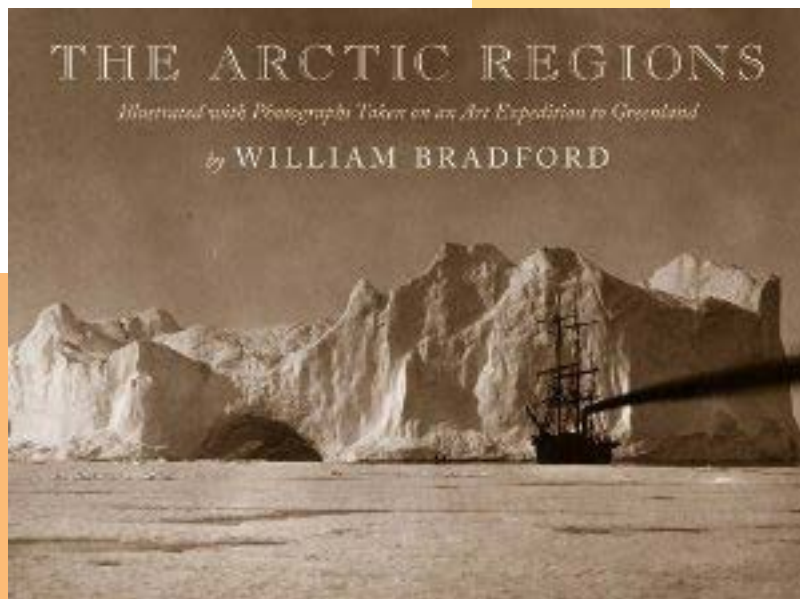
Bradford, William. 2013. *The Arctic Regions: Illustrated with Photographs Taken on an Art Expedition to Greenland*. N.p.: David R. Godine Publisher.

"This volume," explained artist William Bradford (1823–1892), "is the result of an expedition to the Arctic Regions, made solely for the purposes of art, in the summer of 1869." Newly republished and finally available at a reasonable price, the complete text and all of the photographic images contained in Bradford's groundbreaking volume first published in 1873 are here, reset, reformatted, and printed in duotones, with an introduction by noted polar historian Russell A. Potter. It is available in hardcover as well as in a slipcased, limited edition of 100 copies that includes reproductions of five unpublished Dunmore and Critcherson photographs, and the original *Arctic Regions* prospectus.

Bradford, born and raised in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, began his professional art career painting ship portraits. In 1861, he obtained financial backing for a journey to sketch and photograph the coast of Labrador. In 1869, he engaged the 450-ton steamer *Panther*, which sailed on 3 July of that year from St. John's, Newfoundland. Bradford, together with a group of men including Arctic explorer and author Dr. Isaac Israel Hayes and professional photographers John L. Dunmore and George P. Critcherson, made an historic voyage deep into the ice pack of Baffin Bay, along Greenland's western coast, and back to St. John's.

Bradford's book, long considered a landmark in the annals of American photography and polar adventure, was first published for subscribers. About 300 copies of the mammoth elephant folio were gloriously bound in gilt-stamped leather—a book that sells comfortably in the six figures and has been a prized possession of major museums, libraries, and collectors ever since. As the pace of global climate change accelerates and the magnificent Arctic icecap dwindles, its publication could not be more timely, revealing, or important.

—Adapted from the publisher's announcement



## New Appointment at CCI

The Canadian Circumpolar Institute and the University of Alberta Libraries are pleased to introduce Angelique (Angie) Mandeville, who is the new Circumpolar Librarian at the University of Alberta, taking over the role from Lindsay Johnston. Since completing her MLIS in 2003, Mandeville has worked in public service roles at the University of Alberta Libraries in the Winspear Business Library, at Augustana Library, and prior to that, as a librarian intern in the Humanities and Social Sciences Libraries and Bibliothèque St-Jean.



Mandeville has made major contributions to professional associations, local to national. She is currently the President of the Association of Professional Librarians at the University of Alberta and has also been a Director of the Library Association of Alberta and the co-convenor of a special interest group for the Canadian Library Association. Her record of publications and

presentations is diverse, from instructional strategies to market research and statistical tools.

We are all looking forward to meeting her at Cambridge in 2014!

—Contributed by Sandy Campbell

## New Director of AINA

Dr. Maribeth Murray was recently named Director of the Arctic Institute of North America (AINA), effective 1 July 2013. In addition to this five-year term, Dr. Murray was also jointly appointed as professor in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Calgary.



She comes to AINA from the International Arctic Research Center and Northern Studies Program of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Dr. Murray was Executive Director of the International Study of Arctic Change and has worked in the Arctic and subarctic for more than 20 years, where she has served on a number of polar advisory committees.

Her educational background includes a BA in Archaeology from Wilfred Laurier University, an MA in Archaeology from Memorial University of Newfoundland, where she also completed a post-doctoral fellowship, and a PhD in Anthropology from McMaster University. Dr. Murray's research interests include the impacts of environmental change on northern human and marine systems,

historical ecology, and the interface between research and science policy.

—Noted by Flora Grabowska; text from UToday (University of Calgary), 17 April 2013. [Click here for the full story.](#)



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Rozell, Ned. *Finding Mars*. 2011. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska Press.

In *Finding Mars*, Rozell presents a fascinating tale of science, travel, and adventure about the life of University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) permafrost researcher Kenji Yoshikawa. Rozell accompanied Yoshikawa on a 750-mile trek by snowmobile through the Alaska Arctic as Yoshikawa documented permafrost depth in a dozen villages. Along the way, Rozell learned the story of this remarkable man, who is driven not just by a passion to fill in the blank spots on a map, but also to learn everything he can about them.

Yoshikawa has pushed a wheeled cart across the sands of the Sahara, skied to the South Pole pulling a sled of his own design, and passed a winter alone on a sailboat frozen in the ocean ice near Barrow, Alaska. Born in Japan, he is an intrepid scientist, with plans to make it to Mars before he dies.

Hurn, Alex, and John Hobbie. 2012. *Land of Extremes: A Natural History of the Arctic North Slope of Alaska*. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska Press.

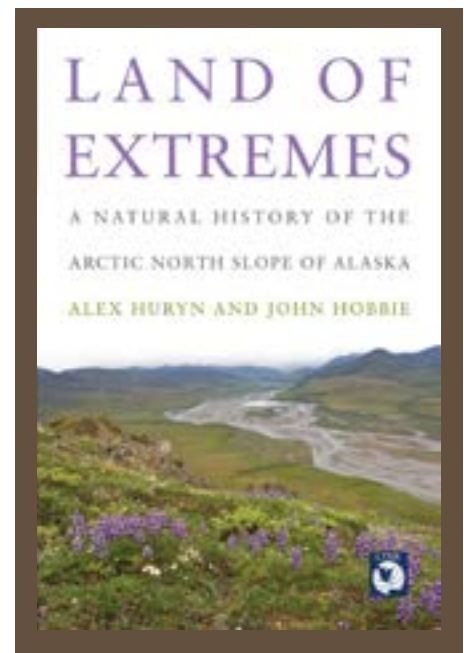
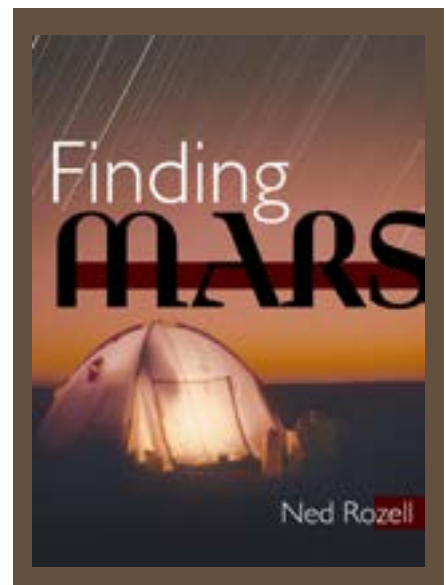
This landmark book offers a wealth of detailed information on the natural history of Alaska's North Slope. In the words of Dr. Brian Barnes, Director of UAF's Institute of Arctic Biology:

*This comprehensive account and guide to the biology and natural history of Alaska's North Slope contains wonderful and authoritative detail of practically every animal and plant species, the geology, and the human history of a fascinating part of Earth... I have been visiting and doing research [there] for 25 years, yet I learned something new on almost every page.*

The Appendix contains a framework for a tour of the natural history features along the Dalton Highway, the road connecting the crest of the Brooks Range with Prudhoe Bay and the Arctic Ocean, and includes mile markers where travelers can safely pull over to view geologic formations, plants, birds,

Rozell's engaging and accessible prose makes this book a must-read. A favorite with Alaskans, Rozell has written several other books and more than 700 science columns geared for non-scientists as a writer for UAF's Geophysical Institute.

—Adapted from the publisher's announcement



mammals, and fish. With hundreds of illustrations that support their clear, authoritative text, the authors reveal the arctic tundra as an ecosystem teeming with life.

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## New Publications *continued*

Scott, Patrick. 2012. *Talking Tools: Faces of Aboriginal Oral Tradition in Contemporary Society*. Solstice Series Number 5. Edmonton: Canadian Circumpolar Institute Press, in cooperation with the Edzo Institute.

As a journalist covering the hearings of Justice Thomas Berger's 1974–1976 Inquiry into the impacts of a proposed pipeline through the Yukon and Mackenzie Valleys, author Patrick Scott explores the power of oral tradition in Aboriginal society as a foundational, cultural, and linguistic tool. The Inquiry was a landmark in Canadian Aboriginal and northern history, and provided a voice for the Dene who previously had had no say on developments in their homeland.

This volume chronicles some of the stories heard at the Inquiry to illustrate the Dene worldview. The telling of their stories not only revitalized the Dene, but it also created a revival of grass-roots democracy across Canada.

Author Patrick Scott has a PhD from the University of Dundee Scotland, and studied motion picture production at Ryerson University and theology at the University of British Columbia. His life in the North began in 1975 as a cameraman for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, where he later continued as a news reporter and television producer. Scott's interest in the Dene political scene led him into constitutional development prior to division of the Northwest Territories (NWT) in 1999, after which he became involved in land claims and self-government negotiations, working with the Government of the NWT and currently with the Dehcho First Nations. As Co-Manager of Aboriginal Programs, World Vision Canada, he has assisted First Nation communities across Canada with community development projects, and has worked with parishes in the NWT, Nunavut, and Nunavik as the Executive Director for the Diocese of the Arctic, Anglican Church of Canada.

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