



Report to PLC: Initial UArctic Thematic Network Meeting Yakutsk, Russia

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Russia's North-Eastern Federal University (NEFU) hosted the formational meeting of the [University of the Arctic](#) Thematic Network on Library and Information Services on 24–28 November 2014 in Yakutsk. Attending the meeting were three of the five members of the UArctic Working Group tasked with creating the structure for the thematic network related to libraries and information: Sandy Campbell (Polar Libraries Colloquy); Bella K. Gerlich (Professor and former Dean of Libraries at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, now in the same role at Texas Tech University); and Tatyana S. Maksimova (Director of the Research Library of NEFU). The other two members of the Working Group, Liisa Hallikainen (University of Lapland) and Leif Longva (UiT The Arctic University of Norway), were unable to attend. Also present were M. Yu. Prisyaznyi (NEFU

Provost) and S. H. Tarabukina (Deputy Director of the Research Library of NEFU). D. Osipov (NEFU) provided translation.



The main campus of the North-Eastern Federal University in Yakutsk. (Photograph courtesy of NEFU)

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After several productive meetings, the group completed a draft proposal for the Library Thematic Network; this will form the basis for development by the whole Working Group. Presentation of the draft proposal to the UArctic Council Meeting will be postponed until the 2016 meeting in St. Petersburg, since none of the Working Group members can attend the upcoming 2015 UArctic Council Meeting in Buryatia.

The UArctic meeting in Yakutsk was timed to allow participants to attend and make presentations at another conference NEFU was concurrently



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hosting: the UNESCO International Research-to-Practice Conference, *Social and Human Adaptation of the Arctic Regions to Climate Change and Globalization*, held 25–26 November 2014. On behalf of the Library Thematic Network Working Group, Sandy Campbell made a brief presentation about the information-related projects that have been developed within UArctic so far, as well as the need for a thematic network focusing on libraries. A. Nikolaev provided translation for this session.

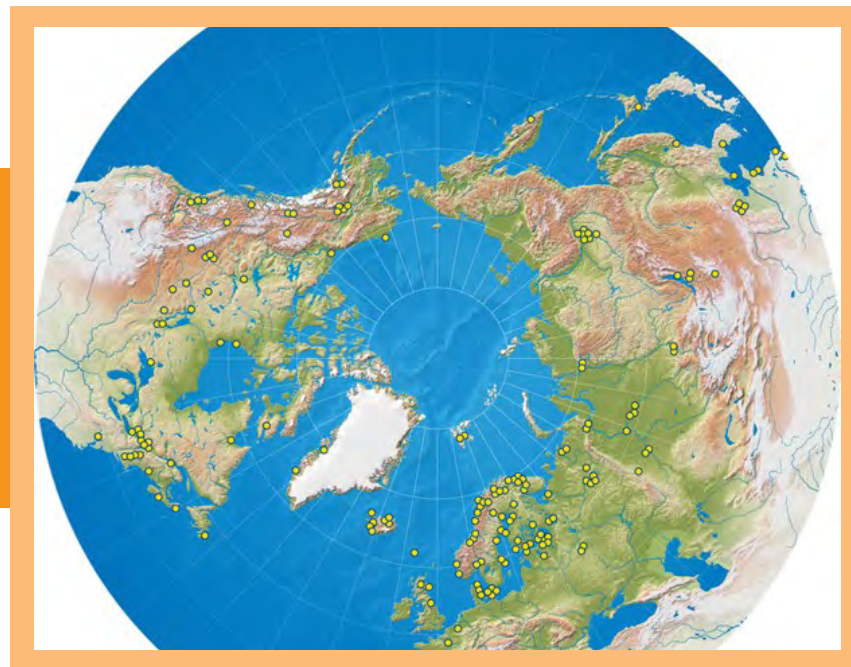
Session 5, Digital Technology in the Preservation and Development of the Languages and Cultures of Small-Numbered Peoples in the Context of Globalization, was translated by D. Osipov, NEFU. Here, Bella Gerlich's presentation, "Using Digitization to Preserve the Indigenous Voice," outlined various related activities and projects at the Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Other conference presentations covered a wide range of subjects, from bird migration patterns

observed by Japanese researchers to discussions of educational needs in Yakutia's Far North.

NEFU proved to be a most gracious host, arranging for us to tour a number of libraries and museums, both inside and outside the University. Among the highlights was a visit to the main NEFU Library's Acquisitions unit, where multiple copies of course textbooks are received to then be loaned freely to students, usually at a rate of one copy for two students. The Library's Bibliography unit, where bibliographies of faculty members' works are constructed, was also part of the tour. External visits included the National Library of Yakutia, The Arctic Collection of The State University of Arts and Culture, and a visit to the opening of a traditional beadwork exhibit at the National Museum.

This meeting provided an excellent opportunity to learn about the Yakutia region, its people, and its libraries, as well as to introduce several librarians in Yakutsk to the Colloquy.



UArctic is a cooperative network of universities, colleges, research institutes, and other organizations concerned with education and research in and about the North. Dots on the map show member locations as of 2014. (Photograph courtesy of UArctic)



2016 William Mills Book Prize Nomination Process Now Open

An official call for nominations for the 2016 William Mills Book Prize will be issued in Fall 2015, but nominations can be submitted now. The deadline to submit a nomination is 31 March 2016. The winner will be announced at the 2016 Polar Libraries Colloquy in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The William Mills Prize for Nonfiction Polar Books was established in memory of William Mills, a polar librarian and author, who had previously been a core member of PLC. The prize was first awarded in 2006 and honours the best Arctic or Antarctic nonfiction books published throughout the world. The prize consists of \$300 US, certificates for the author and publisher, and the right to use the William Mills Prize logo when advertising the winning book.

The nominated book may be any type of substantive work of nonfiction or reference resource. Textbooks, anthologies, translations, and new editions will not be considered unless they are truly outstanding contributions to polar literature. The official language of the Colloquy is English; for this reason,

books must be published in an English-language version to be eligible.

The nominated book must have been published for the first time within the two calendar years before the Colloquy at which the award will be given. The timeframe for the 2016 award runs from January 2014 through December 2015.

Nominations must include the author(s) and/or corporate author(s), title, publisher, and date of publication, as well as a statement of the reasons why the nominator thinks the book should be considered for the prize.

For more information on the William Mills Book Prize, or to submit a nomination now, please contact Julia Finn, prize coordinator, at millsprize@gmail.com. Information on prize winners, shortlisted titles, and nominees from past years is available on the [PLC website](#).

PLC Oral History Project Planning Underway



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The Polar Libraries Colloquy Oral History Working Group was formed after the 2104 Colloquy to develop a project that would capture and preserve oral histories from PLC members.

The Working Group, comprised of Andrew Gray, Ron Inouye, Laura Kissel, Leslie McCartney, and Sandy Campbell, met via Skype in April 2015 to plan the implementation of this project. Leslie McCartney, Curator of Oral History at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, is generously sharing her skills and knowledge of good oral history protocols. She is also a member of the PLC2016 conference planning team and has

offered to teach a half-day workshop on oral history interviewing skills at the Fairbanks Colloquy.

To gauge interest, we would like a show of hands (or a show of emails!) from those who are planning to attend the 2016 Colloquy and would be interested in participating in an oral history workshop. Please email [Sandy Campbell](mailto:Sandy.Campbell@alaska.edu) with *PLC Oral History Workshop* in the subject line if this is something you would like to attend.

We are also pleased to have retired PLC member, Ron Inouye, an experienced interviewer, as a member of the Working Group, so we hope to

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begin capturing some histories at the Colloquy. Currently, we are compiling a list of people we would like to interview. If you are interested in being interviewed, or know of someone whose memories of PLC should be captured, please send names and contact information, if you have it, to [Sandy Campbell](#) with *PLC Interview* in the subject line.

Chairmanship of Arctic Council Passes to USA

On 24 April 2015, the United States of America assumed the two-year rotating Chairmanship of the Arctic Council, the premier forum for Arctic diplomacy. Ministers from eight Arctic states and leaders of Arctic Indigenous Peoples met in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada, to mark the passing of Canada's Arctic Council Chairmanship to the US. New Chair, US Secretary of State John F. Kerry, stated:

There's only 'one Arctic' and all of us—the United States, other nations, indigenous peoples, and Arctic communities—must join together to ensure responsible stewardship of this incredible region.

The theme of the US Chairmanship is *One Arctic: Shared Opportunities, Challenges, and Responsibilities*. During the US Chairmanship, the Arctic Council program will focus on addressing the impacts of climate change; supporting Arctic Ocean safety, security, and stewardship; and improving economic and living conditions in Arctic communities. The Council also established two new task forces: the Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation and the Task Force on Telecommunications Infrastructure in the Arctic.

At the meeting, Ministers signed the Iqaluit Declaration 2015, which highlights the accomplishments of the Arctic Council during Canada's Chairmanship (2013–2015) and guides the work of the Council under the US Chairmanship (2015–2017). Canada's theme for its Chairmanship was *Development for the People of the North*, and during that time, the Arctic Council advanced economic and social development and environmental protection in the Arctic, implementing action-oriented projects and programs on such issues as mental wellness,

traditional knowledge, and oil pollution prevention to improve the lives of Arctic residents.

Since the state of Alaska is what qualifies the US as an Arctic nation, Alaska plays a key role in Arctic issues, making the US an active and influential member of the Arctic Council. Fran Ulmer, Chair of the US Arctic Research Commission (and former Lieutenant Governor of Alaska and University of Alaska Anchorage Chancellor), will serve as Special Advisor to the Secretary of State on Arctic Science and Policy during the US Chairmanship of the Arctic Council. Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., US Coast Guard (retired), will serve as the Special Representative for the Arctic, leading the effort to advance US interests in the Arctic Region, with a focus on Arctic Ocean governance, climate change, and economic, environmental, and security issues in the region.

Visit the [Arctic Council's website](#) for more information, including a full events calendar and documents archive. Several brief videos are also available, in particular one of the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Canada's 2013–2015 Chair of the Arctic Council and its Minister for the Council, welcoming delegates to the meeting and speaking to the Council's recent accomplishments.

—Adapted from Arctic Council News Release, 24 April 2015





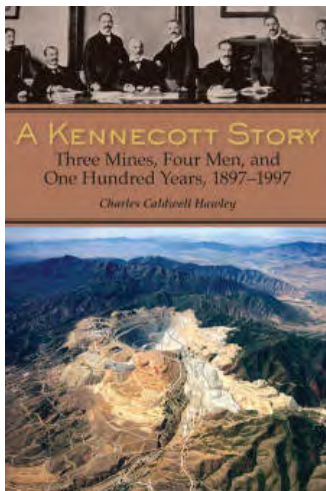
2015 Alaskana Award

The Alaska Library Association (AkLA) has presented its Alaskana Award nearly every year since 1994. The award recognizes exceptional adult nonfiction and fiction about Alaska, published in any format by authors anywhere in the world. Titles nominated are those that make a significant contribution to the understanding of Alaska; exhibit originality, research depth, and knowledge of Alaska; and have been published in the calendar year preceding the Association's annual conference (usually held in early spring).

The following nominations were received for the 2015 Alaskana Award, and the winner (*Never Alone*) was announced at the 2015 conference in Juneau. Nominations for the 2016 Award are now open and may be sent to co-chairs Teresa Williams at twilliams@anchorage-museum.org and Jim Simard at james.simard@alaska.gov. That winner will be recognized at the 2016 AkLA meeting in Fairbanks next March.

Hawley, Charles Caldwell. 2014. *A Kennecott Story: Three Mines, Four Men, and One Hundred Years, 1897–1997*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press.

While copper seems less glamorous than gold, it may be far more important, as it was vital to the industrial revolution and indispensable for electrification. Kennecott Copper Corporation, which was at one time the largest producer of copper in the world, played a key role in economic and industrial development.



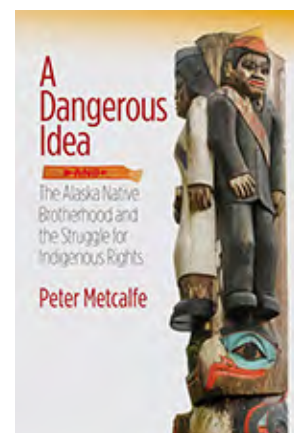
This book recounts how Kennecott was formed from the merger of three mining operations (one in Alaska, one in Utah, and one in Chile), how it led the way in mining technologies, and how it was in turn affected by the economy and politics of the day.

As a geologist with first-hand knowledge of mining, author Charles Hawley describes the technology behind the Kennecott story in a way that both

specialists and the general reader will appreciate. He places Kennecott and the copper industry within their historical context and allows the reader to consider the controversial aspects of mineral discovery and sustainability.

Metcalf, Peter; with Kathy Kolkhorst Ruddy. 2014. *A Dangerous Idea: The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Struggle for Indigenous Rights*. Fairbanks: University of Alaska Press.

Decades before the marches and victories of the 1960s, a group of Alaska Natives were making civil rights history. Throughout the early 1900s, the Alaska Native Brotherhood fought for citizenship, voting rights, and education for all Alaska Natives, securing unheard-of victories in a contentious time. Their unified work and legal prowess propelled the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, signed into law in 1971. It remains one of the biggest land claim settlements in US history.

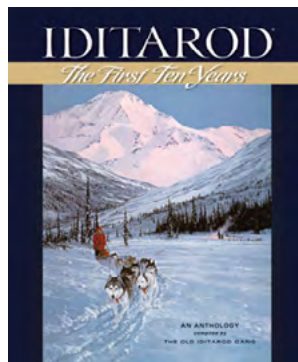




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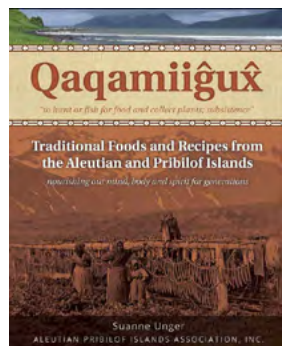
Old Iditarod Gang, compiler. 2015. *Iditarod: The First Ten Years, an Anthology*. Edited by Trisha Brown. Anchorage, AK: Old Iditarod Gang, LLC.

Iditarod is an anthology of stories, photos, artwork, photographs, dogs, mushers, trailbreakers, and more compiled by a group of people who worked first-hand in various capacities with Alaska's Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race in its early years. Initially conceived by members of 'The Old Iditarod Gang' as they met informally to visit and reminisce, it grew into a nearly five-year-long story-telling project that uniquely captures the early history of the Iditarod, that 'Last Great Race,' from Anchorage to Nome.



Unger, Suanne; in collaboration with others. 2014. *Qaqamiigux: Traditional Foods and Recipes from the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands*. Anchorage, AK: Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.

Qaqamiigux is a compilation of the stories, experiences, recipes, historic photographs, and



wisdom shared by elders, food preparers, and hunters about the use of traditional/local foods gathered from the land and sea of Alaska's Aleutian and Pribilof Islands region. The Unangan or Aleut word *qaqamiigux* roughly translates as 'to hunt or fish for food and collect plants.' This activity is commonly referred to now by the term 'subsistence.'

This practical guide contains extensive information about harvesting and preparing traditional foods, and is a gorgeously illustrated and meticulously researched cultural, historical, and nutritional tribute to the region.

Upper One Games, LLC. 2014. *Never Alone (Kisima Innitchuna)*. A World Game video game. Cook Inlet Tribal Council, E-Line Media, and Upper One Games, LLC. Available in Iñupiat, English, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Polish, and Dutch.

Never Alone (Kisima Innitchuna) is a video game developed by Alaska's Cook Inlet Tribal Council and subsidiary, Upper One Games—the first indigenously owned commercial game company in the US—in conjunction with E-Line Media and nearly 40 Inupiat community members and elders.

The game brings the oral traditions of Alaska's Iñupiat people into a video game platform. Appearing on more than 75 'Best of 2014' lists, it has won numerous awards, including 'Most Significant Impact' and 'Game of the Year' at the 2015 Games for Change Awards.

Played as either a single- or two-person game, *Never Alone* is the story of Nuna, a young Iñupiat girl, and an arctic fox as they set out to find the source of the eternal blizzard that threatens the survival of everything they have ever known.

Guide both characters as you trek with them through frozen tundra, leap across treacherous ice floes, swim through underwater ice caverns, and face numerous enemies both strange and familiar in the journey to save the girl's village.



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In this puzzle platform, you will explore awe-inspiring environments, perform heroic deeds, and meet legendary characters from Iñupiat stories—all narrated by a master storyteller in the spoken Iñupiat language. Throughout, short videos pop up featuring elders, storytellers, and other members of the Alaska Native community sharing stories and wisdom about their culture, values, and the Arctic.

—Summaries adapted from publishers' announcements



2015 Alaskana Award Winner

Annual Meeting of the Association of Earth Science Editors

The Association of Earth Science Editors (AESE) will hold its annual meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, 6–9 October 2015, hosted by the Kansas Geological Survey. AESE is an organization of editors, journal managers, and others concerned with publication in the earth sciences. Its goals are to strengthen the profession of earth science editing, and to foster education and improve communication leading to more effective dissemination of earth science information. Members include editors of most North American earth science journals, editing and publishing personnel with state/provincial/federal geological surveys and commercial firms, and others interested in earth science publishing.

AESE meetings are usually small, and provide unparalleled opportunities to network with other editors, publishers, and educators working in the geosciences. So far, confirmed talks for the October meeting include journal apps for mobile devices, editing a posthumous work, Cross Check's plagiarism solutions, principles of graphic design for effective communication, and challenges and possible solutions facing scientific societies. As more talks are confirmed, they will be posted on the AESE website at www.aese.org.

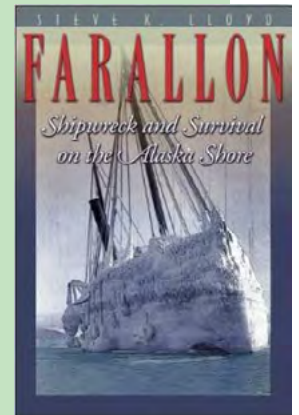
The annual meeting is open to AESE members and non-members. If you have any questions, would like more information, or have an idea for a talk, session, or workshop, please contact the technical program chair, Marg Rutka at marg.rutka@ontario.ca.



Past Alaskana Award Recipients, 1995–2014

1995

O'Neill, Dan. 1994. *The Firecracker Boys: H-Bombs, Inupiat Eskimos, and the Roots of the Environmental Movement*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

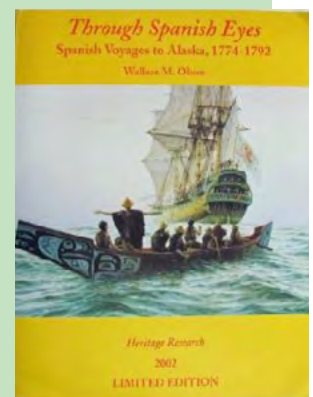
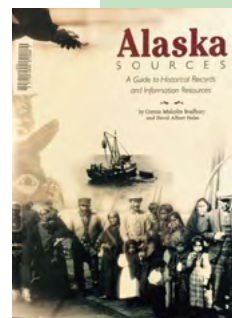


2001

Lloyd, Steve K. 2000. *Farallon: Shipwreck and Survival on the Alaska Shore*. Pullman, WA: Washington State University Press.

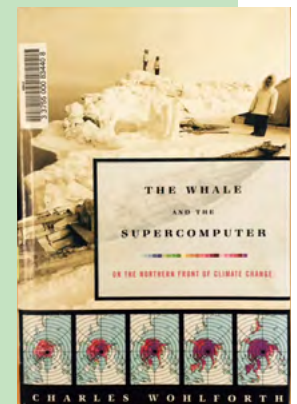
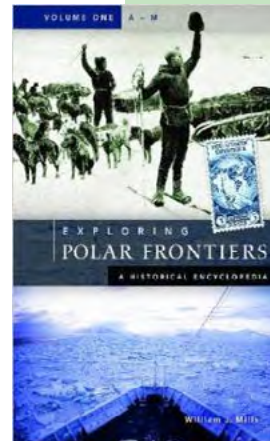
2002

Bradbury, Connie Malcolm, and David Albert Hales. 2001. *Alaska Sources: A Guide to Historical Records and Information Resources*. North Salt Lake, UT: Heritage Quest.



2003

Olson, Wallace M. 2002. *Through Spanish Eyes: The Spanish Voyages to Alaska, 1774–1792*. Auke Bay, AK: Heritage Research.



2004

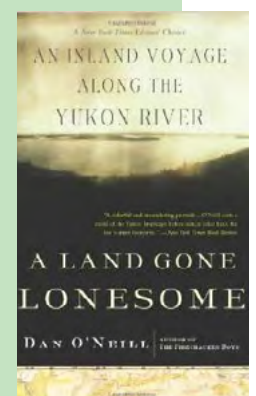
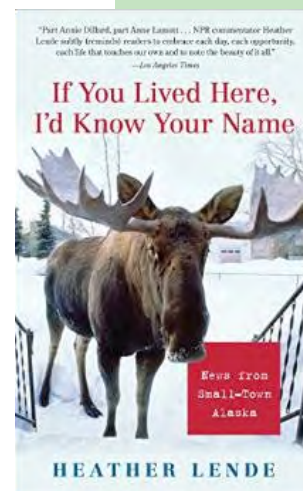
Mills, William James. 2003. *Exploring Polar Frontiers: A Historical Encyclopedia*. 2 vols. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

2005

Wohlforth, Charles. 2004. *The Whale and the Supercomputer: On the Northern Front of Climate Change*. New York: North Point Press.

2006

Lende, Heather. 2005. *If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name: News from Small Town Alaska*. Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Books.



2007

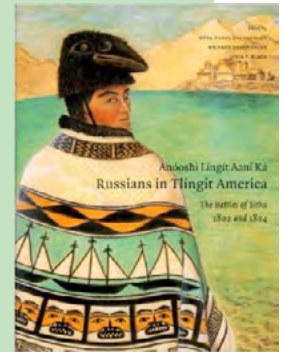
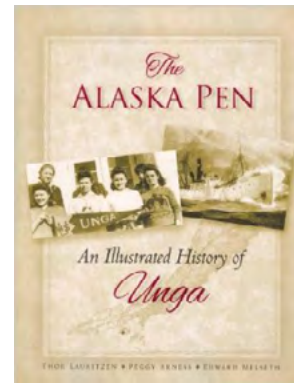
O'Neill, Dan. 2006. *A Land Gone Lonesome: An Inland Voyage along the Yukon River*. New York: Counterpoint.



Past Alaskana Award Recipients *continued*

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Lauritzen, Thor, Peggy Arness, and Edward Melseth, comps. and eds. 2007. *The Alaska Pen: An Illustrated History of Unga*. Bothell, WA: Book Publishers Network.

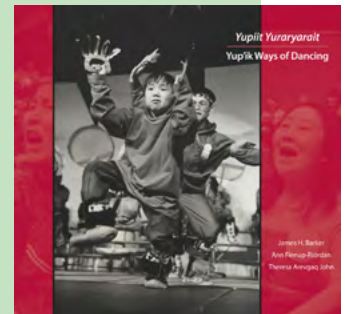
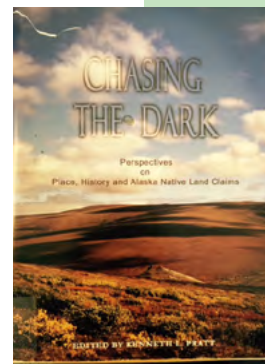


2009

Dauenhauer, Nora Marks, Richard Dauenhauer, and Lydia T. Black, eds. 2008. *Anóoshi Lingít Aani Ká: Russians in Tlingit America: The Battles of Sitka, 1802 and 1804*. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

2010

Pratt, Kenneth L., ed. 2009. *Chasing the Dark: Perspectives on Place, History and Alaska Native Land Claims*. Shadowlands, vol. 1. Anchorage, AK: US Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Region, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management, ANSCA Office.



2011

Barker, James H., and Ann Fienup Riordan, with Theresa Arevgaq John. 2010. *Yupit Yuraryarait: Yup'ik Ways of Dancing*. Fairbanks: University of Alaska Press.



2012

Salomon, Anne, Nick Tanape, Peter Anahonak, and Henry Huntington. 2011. *Imam Cimiucia: Our Changing Sea*. Fairbanks: Alaska Sea Grant Program.

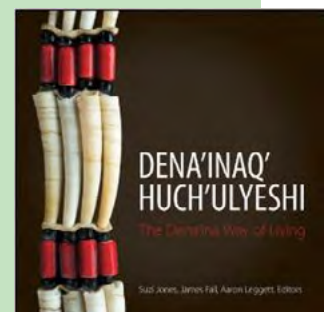
2013

Thornton, Thomas F. 2012. *Haa Léelk'w Has Aani Saax'ú: Our Grandparents' Names on the Land*. Seattle: University of Washington Press.



2014

Jones, Suzi, James A. Fall, and Aaron Leggett, eds. 2013. *Dena'inaq' Huch'ulyeshi: The Dena'ina Way of Living*. Fairbanks: University of Alaska Press, in association with the Anchorage Museum.

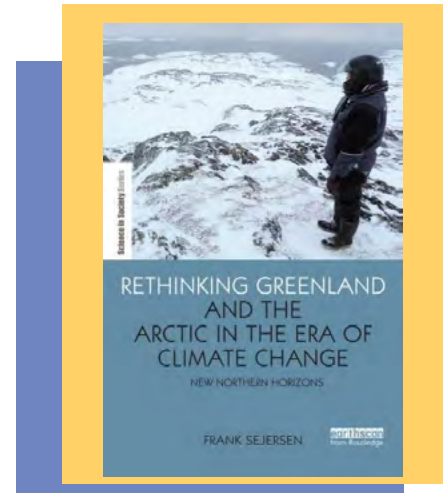




New Publications

Sejersen, Frank. 2015. *Rethinking Greenland and the Arctic in the Era of Climate Change: New Northern Horizons*. Earthscan Science in Society Series. New York: Routledge.

This ground-breaking work investigates how Arctic indigenous communities deal with the challenges of climate change and how they strive to develop self-determination. Adopting an anthropological focus on Greenland's vision to boost extractive industries and transform society, the book examines how indigenous communities engage with these changes. Integrating both local perspectives and adaptation research from Canada and Greenland, it makes the case for recasting the way the Arctic and Inuit are approached conceptually and politically. The emphasis on indigenous peoples as future-makers and right-holders paves the way for a



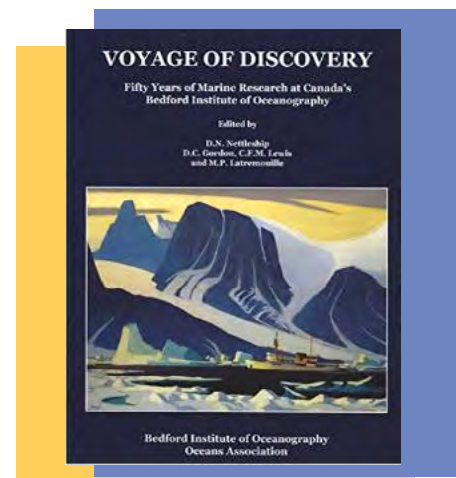
new understanding of the concept of indigenous knowledge and a more sensitive appreciation of predicaments and dynamics in the Arctic.

For more information or to order the book online, [click here](#).

Nettleship, D.N., D.C. Gordon, C.F.M. Lewis, and M.P. Latremouille, eds. 2014. *Voyage of Discovery: Fifty Years of Marine Research at Canada's Bedford Institute of Oceanography*. Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada: Bedford Institute of Oceanography-Oceans Association.

Voyage of Discovery summarizes the research results of Nova Scotia's Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO) on the oceanography of Arctic and Eastern Canada. In papers by past and present BIO researchers, the history of Canadian oceanography before BIO and a broad cross section of the Institute's work spanning five decades are featured, with particular emphasis on contributions to Canadian and global understanding/management of the marine environment.

This publication is the most extensive overview of the history and scientific accomplishments of BIO available, with chapters including Historical Roots, Arctic Studies, Ocean Life, Ocean Circulation and Chemistry, Hydrography and Seabed Mapping, Geological Oceanography, Fisheries-Ecosystems-Aquaculture, Marine Contamination, Technology and Instrument Development, Energy Developments,



BIO and the Law of the Sea, and The BIO Experience. The book will appeal to a broad readership, from professional oceanographers and environmental/resource managers and decision-makers to marine science students and lay persons, interested in the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, and their present status and future welfare.

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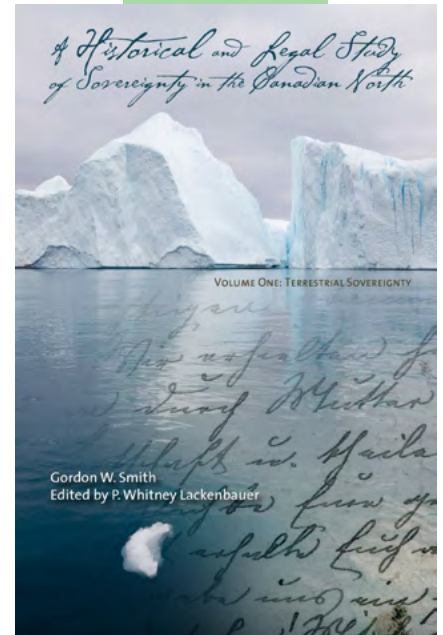


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Smith, Gordon W. 2014. *A Historical and Legal Study of Sovereignty in the Canadian North: Volume One: Terrestrial Sovereignty, 1870–1939*. Northern Lights, vol. 1. Edited by P. Whitney Lackenbauer. Calgary, Alberta: University of Calgary Press.

Gordon W. Smith dedicated much of his life to researching Canada's sovereignty in the Arctic. Researched and written over three decades, this thoroughly documented study offers important insights into evolving understandings of Canada's sovereignty, from the original transfers of the northern territories to the young dominion, through to the start of the Second World War. With Arctic issues once again at the forefront of public debate, this invaluable resource—available to researchers outside of government for the first time—explains how Canada laid the historical and legal foundation to support its longstanding, well-established sovereignty over Arctic lands.

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