



## Fairbanks Welcomes the 2016 Polar Libraries Colloquy!

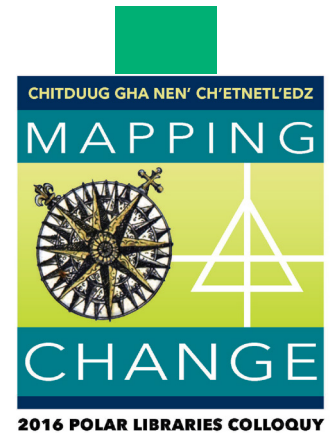
Greetings from Fairbanks, Alaska, where the 2016 PLC is just around the corner. We are having an unseasonably warm spring, with the promise of a warm summer to come, but since this is the sub-Arctic, pack your shorts and a fleece coat, too!

The 2016 Colloquy, to be held 10–15 July 2016 at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and hosted by the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, is dedicated to the theme Mapping Change/*Chitduug Gha Nen' Ch'etnetl'edz*. In Tanacross Athabascan this translates as 'marking the land for/about differences/change' and is most fitting, as the UAF campus is situated on Athabascan traditional lands.

At the Colloquy, attendees will consider these questions:

- *What does mapping mean in historical and contemporary terms?*
- *How have the cultural changes in the Polar Regions affected its peoples' experience in their physical, social, and economic places?*
- *How has the meaning of the word 'change' impacted indigenous and introduced peoples throughout human history?*
- *How does the idea of 'climate change' affect our experience of the Polar Regions in the global environment?*
- *How has the librarianship/curation of polar materials changed over the course of your career?*

In addition to 18 papers and posters and an oral history training workshop, the program features Iñupiaq dancers, tours of campus and local attractions, as well as keynote addresses by prominent Alaska historians and policymakers, including Fran Ulmer, Chair of the US Arctic Research Commission and Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy to the US State Department. Field trip participants will have the opportunity to meet Mary Shields, the first woman to finish the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, at her



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Field trip options at PLC 2016 include visiting muskox at UAF's [Robert G. White Large Animal Research Station](#). (Photograph courtesy of the Station's website)



## Fairbanks Welcomes 2016 PLC *continued*

beautiful home in the forest; participate in an up-close-and-personal visit with muskox and reindeer; or embark on a trip back in time down the Chena River aboard the sternwheeler *Riverboat Discovery*, hosted and captained by the Binkley family since the 1950s.

Other Colloquy highlights include unveiling this year's winner of the William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books, recognizing the winner of the Herbert Wenger Award, and of course, our fabulous Auction! Registration is open until 10 June. Please visit the [2016 Colloquy website](#) for more information. We'll see you in July!

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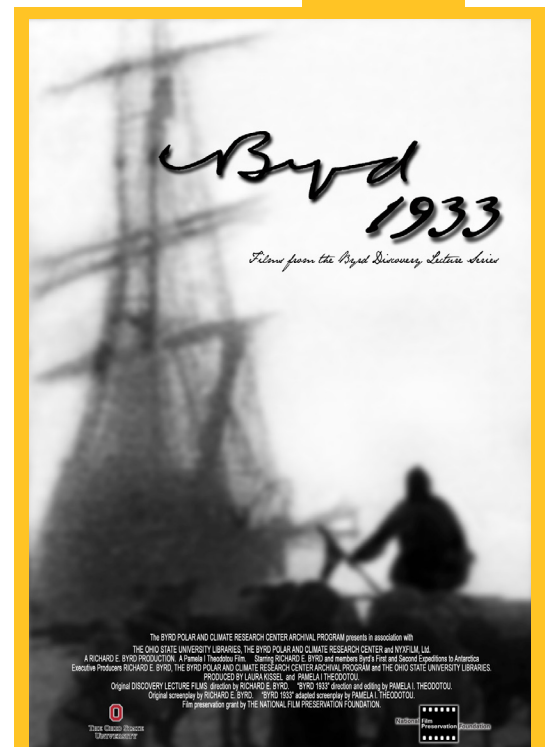
*The Riverboat Discovery, shown here docked at the Chena Indian Village, one of several stops along the way. (Photograph courtesy of the Riverboat Discovery site)*



*Fairbanks, Alaska's second-largest city, was founded in 1901 on the banks of the Chena River in the heart of Alaska (thus its motto Golden Heart City). This photograph taken in Golden Heart Park near the Visitor Center shows the First Family Statue created by Malcolm Alexander in honor of the area's First Nations peoples.*

## Yet Another Reason to Attend PLC

A highlight of the upcoming Colloquy is the Film Festival, featuring a showing of *Byrd 1933*, kindly provided by Laura Kissel, Polar Curator at the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center. Culled from reels of film found in the papers of Admiral Richard E. Byrd and recently preserved by the National Film Preservation Foundation, *Byrd 1933* is a glorious cinematic record of the famed explorer's expeditions in 1928–30 and 1933–35. This unprecedented visual diary, shot by Paramount Studios cameramen, was largely a silent film with some short studio recreations. Through extensive archival research in Byrd's papers, filmmaker Pamela I. Theodotou has painstakingly cataloged film clips using the scripts for Byrd's lectures, crafting a film that captures the expedition as a whole. Byrd's actual voice and the environmental and animal sounds of Antarctica originally recorded by scientists on the expedition can be heard in the film, thanks to audio found in and adapted from The Ohio State's Byrd Papers archive. *Byrd 1933* is one in a series of films from the Byrd Discovery Lecture Series.





## Arctic Data Archive Now More Widely Available

The International Arctic Research Center (IARC) Data Archive at the University of Alaska Fairbanks has become part of a network that will help people more easily find Arctic data. IARC joined the Data Observation Network for Earth (DataONE), which is a distributed network of data centers or science networks. Funded by the US National Science Foundation, DataONE provides cyberinfrastructure that allows secure access to Earth observational data across multiple member repositories.

By joining the network, IARC is able to allow a wider audience to find, from anywhere in the world, data stored in its Archive. This includes such diverse information as climate and vegetation data, aerial photos of Alaska glaciers, records from past IARC summer schools, and conference posters.

In addition, this new development will improve integrated use of Arctic climate change data as well as provide long-term archival storage of data and information, which will, in turn, support policy development and decision-making.

As an Arctic research leader in the international community, IARC is committed to helping understand, prepare for, and adapt to the pan-Arctic impacts of climate change.

For further information, please see the [IARC Data Archive](#) as well as [DataONE](#). For questions, please contact James Long at [jlong@iarc.uaf.edu](mailto:jlong@iarc.uaf.edu).

—Adapted from the Arctic Research Consortium of the US (ARCUS) listserv, 29 May 2015.

## Announcing New Site for Searching Cold Regions Bibliographies

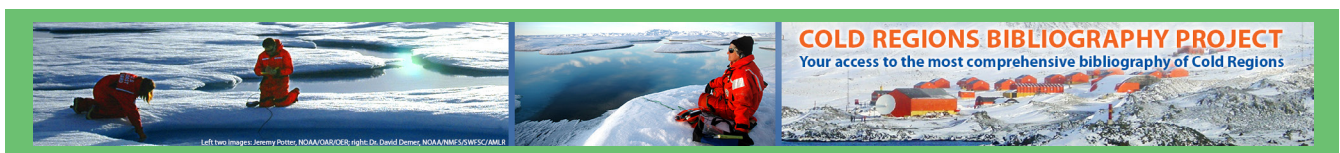
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Director of Information Services, American Geosciences Institute, Alexandria, VA, USA

Thanks to the American Geosciences Institute, with support from the US National Science Foundation, the *Antarctic Bibliography* and the *Bibliography on Cold Regions Science and Technology* have been migrated and are now searchable on a new platform available at [www.coldregions.org](http://www.coldregions.org). The combined bibliographies contain more than 300,000 references to publications about the Polar Regions.

Produced as part of the Cold Regions Bibliography Project, the new site also offers access to the digitized *Antarctic Journal of the United States* and its predecessors, with links from the bibliographies to the full text.

The new platform provides options for Basic, Advanced, and Geographic searching. Results can be emailed or downloaded, and users can establish accounts that permit storage of lists. Regular updates to the bibliographies ceased in September 2011; however, with support from the US Permafrost Association, current Monthly Permafrost Alerts continue to be included.





## Proposed SouthPole-sium v.3 in Oslo — Interested?

by *Robert Stephenson*

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Two SouthPole-siums have been held to date—the **first** in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, in June 2012; the **second** in Craobh Haven, Scotland, in May 2015.

We are now proposing to hold a third—SouthPole-sium v.3—in Oslo, Norway, at The Fram Museum, sponsored by The Antarctic Circle and The Fram Museum. The proposed dates are 12–14 May 2017, and preliminary information may be found [here](#).

Based on the level of interest, we will decide whether to proceed with the gathering no later than

Autumn 2016. New Hampshire drew 56 attendees; Scotland, 63 attendees. We would like to see at least 50 in Oslo.

If interested, please let us know through the website, via email at [antarctic-circle@comcast.net](mailto:antarctic-circle@comcast.net), or on FaceBook. Founded in 1996, the Antarctic Circle is a non-commercial forum and resource on historical, literary, bibliographical, artistic, and cultural aspects of Antarctica and welcomes all interested parties.

## 2014 PLC Proceedings Now Available

The proceedings of the 25th Polar Libraries Colloquy in Cambridge have been published and are now available online. Edited by Andrew Gray, British Antarctic Survey (and co-host of the 2014 meeting along with the Scott Polar Research Institute), 12 papers by PLC members are included.

The theme was Connecting Communities: Collaborating, Creating, and Communicating, and as always, the presentations from a number of different countries cover a wide range of topics. A report from New Zealand outlines a new polar collection at one of its universities, while a paper from Italy discusses the challenges of managing an idiosyncratically organized historic collection, and another from Germany describes the task of establishing a new archive on polar research. We also learn about a Norwegian experience of setting up a public “book café” and lecture series. From the US, there are reports on projects to preserve aging film stock as well as (equally vulnerable!) CD-ROMs.

Digital libraries are as well represented as physical ones, with discussions of search filters, open access, and altmetrics, in addition to an account of an ambitious project in Canada to build an explanatory website to hold their research concerning a rare historic map.

Finally, there are papers looking at the European Union Arctic Information Centre’s environmental impact assessment of Arctic development, and a liaison report from the 2014 University of the Arctic meetings, highlighting the proposal for a print library network among UArctic member institutions.

The 2014 PLC proceedings can be found via the [NERC Open Research Archive](#). Known as NORA, the Archive is the institutional repository of the British Antarctic Survey, the British Geological Survey, the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, and the National Oceanography Centre. The proceedings will also be available on the [PLC website](#).

**NERC Open Research Archive**  
sharing our research



## ERA—A Resource for Polar Illustrations

by *Sandy Campbell*

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Attendees at past Colloquies may recall hearing at least one presentation about ERA: Education and Research Archive, the University of Alberta's institutional repository. Although ERA began as an attempt to capture the intellectual output of the University, it now includes deposits from people outside the University as well. It is designated as an adoptive repository by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, meaning that Canadian researchers whose home institutions do not currently maintain an institutional repository can deposit their research with ERA.

ERA currently holds 38,875 items, of which 18,260 are theses, plus 9,801 reports, 5,470 photos, 2,370 published articles, and 2,052 miscellaneous contributions. Among the thousands of images, more than half are polar (both Arctic and Antarctic) in content. The combined collections of Dr. Otto Schaefer (medical doctor), Dr. Joel Halpern (anthropologist), and the Circumpolar Digital Image Collection number more than 2,800.

These photographs focus mainly on the Canadian North, but do include images from other polar countries. Many of the photographs are historical, with some of the earliest being Halpern's images from a 1950 Alaskan trip, while others are current.



*Another view of the multiple tent campsite - Nunavut [NWT] -1112 - [Arviat (Eskimo Point)]. Photograph taken 1982 by Joel Martin Halpern, University of Alberta, ERA: Education & Research Archive (<https://era.library.ualberta.ca/files/0g354g88p#.VyArUTArk71>).*

The majority of the images are open access and can be downloaded and used for academic purposes. Most carry a Creative Commons "attribution, non-commercial, no derivatives" license. ERA is a good place to look if a polar image is needed for a presentation or to add to a poster. The content of the collection continues to grow, both in volume and diversity of subject matter, as more researchers deposit their images.

[Click here](#) to Access ERA.



*Chinstrap penguins and young on Livingston Island, South Shetlands, off the Antarctic Peninsula. The 'chinstrap' is the horizontal black line below the beak. Photograph taken January 2004 by Linda N. Seale, University of Alberta, ERA: Education & Research Archive (<https://era.library.ualberta.ca/files/5m60qs95z#.VyAnOjArk71>).*

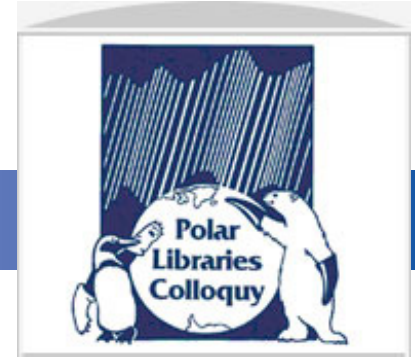


## Stéfano Biondo Wins Wenger Award

PLC is pleased to announce that Stéfano Biondo has won the 2016 Hubert Wenger Award in support of attending the Fairbanks Colloquy. The official presentation of the prize will take place during the PLC business meeting.

Established in 1996, the award commemorates the many outstanding contributions made by Hubert and Beatrice Wenger to polar libraries and is primarily funded from the proceeds of the Circumpolar Auction held at each Colloquy. The award covers registration costs for one or more delegates who otherwise might not be able to attend a Colloquy.

Biondo is the Map Librarian at the Bibliothèque des sciences humaines et sociales, Université Laval, in Quebec. He received his MLIS in 2003 from



Université de Montréal and his undergraduate degree in Geography in 1998 from the Université du Québec à Montréal. Award winners are required to present at the Colloquy, and Biondo's paper will discuss the potential of using Géoindex+ in hosting and disseminating recent and historical geospatial data relating to the North.

Congratulations, Stéfano!

## A Blast from the Past: Forty Years Ago



*Group photo of participants at the Sixth Northern Libraries Colloquy held 12–15 July 1976 at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Photograph was taken during a dinner cruise on the Riverboat Discovery I on the Chena River outside of Fairbanks. The 2016 PLC participants will be glad to know that the excursion offered this summer will be on the Riverboat Discovery III.*

*(Photograph courtesy of the PLC website.)*



## A Blast from the Past *continued*

If anyone can put names to the faces of the 1976 Colloquy attendees in the group photo on page 6, please let the *Bulletin* editors know via email ([jebraundallen@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:jebraundallen@uaa.alaska.edu) and [docarle@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:docarle@uaa.alaska.edu)). The 1976 Colloquy proceedings, which were published as part of the proceedings of the 1996 Colloquy held in Anchorage, Alaska, includes the photo and a list of participants but does not identify individuals in the group.


### Our Arctic Nation


#### *50 US States. 50 Weeks. 50 American Voices...*

The US Department of State has announced the blog *Our Arctic Nation*, which is an initiative of the US Chairmanship of the Arctic Council designed to share how all 50 states are connected to the Arctic. Every week throughout 2016, a local voice from a different corner of America is posting a piece about the ways in which his or her home state contributes to America's identity as an Arctic nation.


The blog began with Hawai'i and will end with the largest state, Alaska, one-third of which lies above the Arctic Circle where life is like nowhere else on Earth. For Alaskans and the other four million people who inhabit Earth's northernmost lands—many whose families have done so for thousands of years—the Arctic is simply home: a place where family, strong cultural traditions, and marine resources sustain life. For scientists, the Arctic provides vital insights into the world's climate and oceans, as well as access to distinctive and thriving flora and fauna. For those who seek economic advantage, it is a place where productivity and protection must be carefully balanced. For adventurers, artists, tourists, and others, the globe's northernmost region offers a source of unparalleled experiences, vistas, and inspiration.

For a sampling of the blog, [click here](#) to read week 1, "Hawai'i's Arctic Connections" posted by Dr. Nancy Lewis, Director of Research at the East-West Center in Honolulu. [Click here](#) for week 14 posted from Minnesota, "Cold Climates and Cultural Connections: Minnesota, Norway and the Arctic," by Eivind Heiberg, Norway's Consul General in Minneapolis. You can also follow along on Twitter and FaceBook. For questions, comments, or to suggest a future blog post, please contact the [US Arctic Council](#).



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## AESE Celebrates 50 Years

Join us in Boulder, Colorado, as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the [Association of Earth Science Editors](#) (AESE), 28 September–1 October 2016, immediately following the Geological Society of America's 2016 meeting in Denver. Meetings are open to AESE members and non-members, and anyone interested in earth science or science editing and communication. Generally small in size, they are a great way to learn about geoscience editing, publishing, and communication, and provide opportunities to network with editors, publishers, and educators working in the field.

AESE is an organization of editors, journal managers, and others concerned with information in the earth sciences. Members include editors of most of the North American earth-science journals, editing and publishing personnel with state/provincial/federal geological surveys and commercial firms, editors of

reports prepared for geological consultants, and others sharing similar interests.

Please submit an abstract by 31 July 2016 to present at or chair a session, or to sit on a panel discussion; general contributions are also welcomed. We are especially interested in talks that present a broad perspective on earth science editing. If you have specialized knowledge in any of the topics proposed or know someone who does, please consider giving a talk or workshop, or let us know who we may contact. Help us make this meeting a rewarding and memorable one!

For further information, email the technical program chair [John Keith](#), AESE president [Marg Rutka](#), or host chair [Sara Pratt](#). Updates will be posted regularly on AESE's website or follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@AESERocks), LinkedIn, or Pinterest.

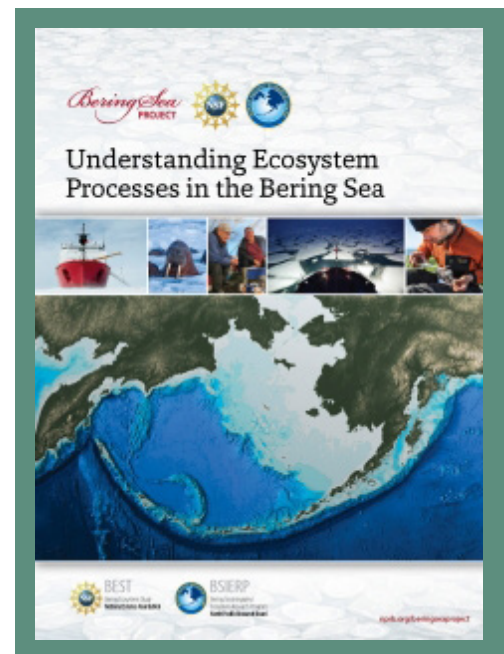
## New Publications

Van Pelt, Thomas I., ed. 2015. *The Bering Sea Project: Understanding Ecosystem Processes in the Bering Sea*. Anchorage, AK: North Pacific Research Board.

A partnership of the North Pacific Research Board and the National Science Foundation, the Bering Sea Project was a multi-year interdisciplinary research program aimed at understanding the impacts of climate change and dynamic sea ice cover on the eastern Bering Sea ecosystem.

The project was led by an elected group of six scientists working together with program managers from the North Pacific Research Board and the National Science Foundation. More than 100 scientists engaged in field research and ecosystem modeling to link climate, physical oceanography, plankton, fishes, seabirds, marine mammals, humans, traditional knowledge, and economic outcomes to better understand the mechanisms that sustain this highly productive region.

This publication, also referred to as the *Bering Sea Project Magazine*, is the major wrap-up for the



project—an 85-page book that weaves together selected project results with additional information about the origins, structure, participants, and outcomes of the Bering Sea Project. It will appeal to all interested audiences, scientists and non-scientists alike. Visit the [Project's Explore the Science](#) page to learn more or to download a PDF copy.

—Adapted from the publisher's announcement.

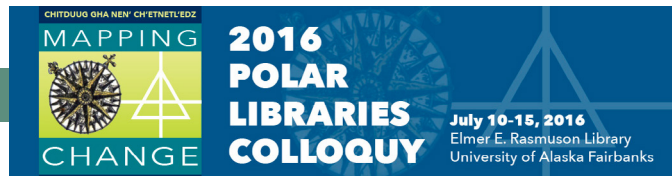


## Two Articles by PLC Members to Be Published

*Geographical Review*, the scholarly journal of the American Geographical Society, will be publishing a Polar issue early in 2017. Included in the publication will be an article by Deirdre C. Stam entitled “Interpreting Captain Bob Bartlett’s AGS Notebook Chronicling the 1908–09 Peary Expedition.”

*Coriolis: Interdisciplinary Journal of Maritime Studies*, an online publication of Mystic Seaport, Connecticut, will feature an article by David H. Stam, Syracuse University, in its next issue. “Byrd’s Books: The Antarctic Libraries of Little America, 1928–1941,” will be published in May 2016. His article is based on extensive archival research at the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Have You Registered?

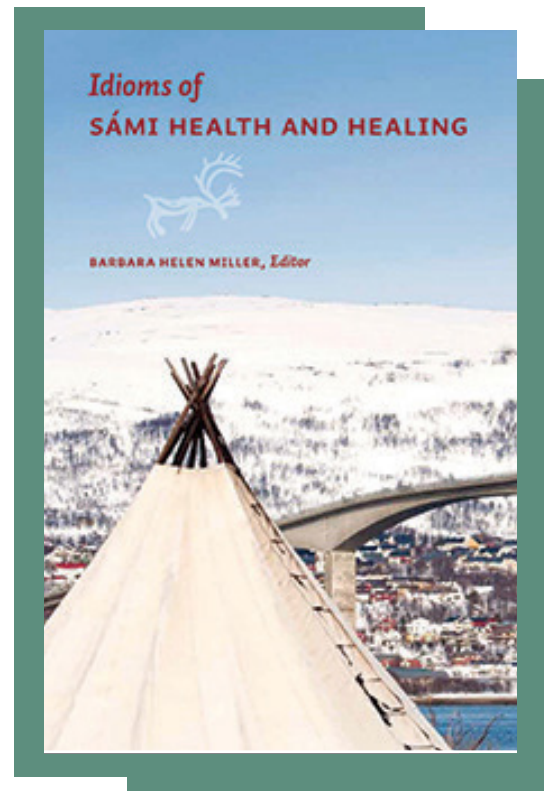


## New Publications *continued*

Miller, Barbara Helen, et al., contr. and eds. 2015. *Idioms of Sámi Health and Healing*. Patterns of Northern Traditional Healing, vol. 2. Edmonton: University of Alberta Press.

The Sámi—indigenous people of northernmost Europe—have relied on traditional healing methods over generations. This pioneering work documents, in accessible language, local healing traditions and demonstrates the effectiveness of using the resources local communities can provide. The collected essays also record how ancient healing traditions and modern healthcare systems have worked together, and sometimes competed, to provide solutions for local problems. “In this volume, [the editor] has carefully drawn our attention to the plurality of approaches to healing—the idioms—that one can find in several Sámi communities.” *Idioms of Sámi Health and Healing* is one of the first English-language studies of the traditional healing methods among the Sámi, and offers valuable insight and academic context to those in the fields of anthropology, medical anthropology, transcultural psychiatry, and circumpolar studies.

—Adapted from the publisher’s announcement; quoted text taken from the book’s forward by David G. Anderson, University of Aberdeen.

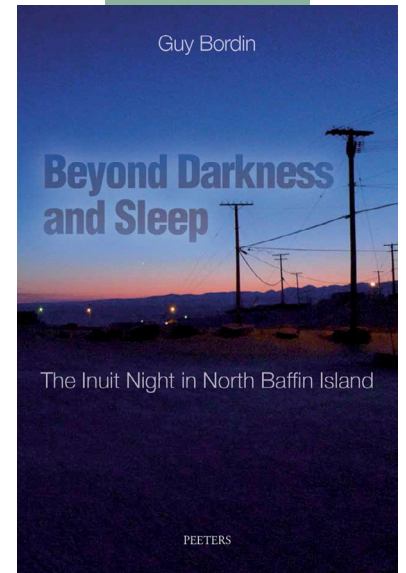




## New Publications *continued*

Bordin, Guy. 2015. *Beyond Darkness and Sleep: The Inuit Night in North Baffin Island*. Société d'Études Linguistiques et Anthropologiques de France, 463. Arctique, 10. Leuven, Belgium: Peeters.

*Beyond Darkness and Sleep: The Inuit Night in North Baffin Island* examines the night and its properties and meanings from the Inuit perspective. This is a place where night is dark, like everywhere else, and bright, like nowhere else. This is a people for whom sleep belongs to nighttime, but who nonetheless favor nocturnal wakefulness. This is a people for whom almost any activity seems more appealing than sleep. This is a people for whom darkness did not mean evil, until the arrival of Christianity. This is a culture which, without totally rejecting binary or dualistic schemes, tends to favor the notion of continuity between events, beings, and objects: between night and day, dark and light, dreaming and conscious life. This is a people adept at radical pragmatism. This is a people for whom words have always been powerful. This is a people with a unique experience of "nocturnity." This book is an invitation to enter the realm of the North Baffin Island Inuit night.



[Click here](#) for more information, a summary of the text, and to order the book online.

—Adapted from the publisher's announcement and the book's table of contents.



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PLC Homepage: <http://arcticcentre.ulapland.fi/polarweb/plc/default.asp>  
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