# Polar Libraries Colloquy 2008 Currents of Change: The Future of Polar Information June 2-6, 2008 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

#### **BOOK of ABSTRACTS**

#### SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2008

Arrivals at Edmonton

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration Open at Canadian Circumpolar Institute

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#### **MONDAY JUNE 2, 2008**

(all sessions in the Auditorium, Timms Centre for the Arts)

8:00 – 9:00 PLC Registration at Timms Centre

9:00 – 9:45 Opening Session

Formal Opening - Julia Triplehorn, Keith B. Mather Library, Geophysical Institute

**Greetings** 

University of Alberta Libraries –

Pam Ryan, Head, Science and Technology Library

Canadian Circumpolar Institute -

Dr. Marianne Douglas, Director The Canadian Library Association –

Dr. Alvin Schrader, Past-President

The Alberta Library Association –

Karla Palichuk, President

Greater Edmonton Library Association - Leah Vanderjagt, Past-President

Association of Professional Librarians of the University of Alberta –

Lindsay Johnston, President

School of Library and Information Studies –

Dr. Ann Curry, Director

9:45 – 10:10 Coffee and Silent Auction Set-up

(Timms Centre for the Arts, Foyer)

10:10 – 10:15 Housekeeping

<sup>\*</sup> indicates author giving the presentation if not all authors are present

10:15- 11:45 OPENING KEYNOTE (OPEN TO PUBLIC)

Niobe Thompson, Director & Producer, Clearwater Media

Life of an Arctic Filmmaker Convenor: Sandy Campbell

11:45 – 1:00 BOXED LUNCH FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS

(Timms Centre for the Arts, Foyer)

1:00 – 2:30 FILM SCREENING (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Tar Sands: Canada for Sale

followed by discussion with Niobe Thompson, Director and Producer

Tar Sands: Canada for Sale captures the intersecting storylines of a remarkable cast of characters eager to cash in on the oil boom in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Washington lobbyists, pipefitters from Newfoundland, Chinese investors and Norwegian industrialists descend on tar-soaked 'Fort McMoney,' a modern-day Eldorado, where rents are sky rocketing and cocaine abuse is four times the provincial average. Up for grabs—a stake in a \$100 billion energy bonanza and Canada's economic sovereignty.

This hour-length documentary, commissioned by the CBC, tracks the growth of the world's largest reserve of 'unconventional' oil. This Florida-sized "environmental sacrifice zone" has become Canada's contribution to U.S. energy security in the post-9/11 world. Yet, for many, the tar sands are a global warming disaster.



As Fort McMurray bursts at the seams, children from Thunder Bay to Cape Breton are made tar-sands orphans by their migrant-worker parents. Canada's petrodollar breaks the back of the manufacturing economy in the East. Cancer rates skyrocket downstream of Fort McMurray while Rocky Mountain glaciers melt and disappear. And all the while, Alberta crude goes south to U.S. markets while Eastern Canada pays ever more for insecure Middle East oil.

In an isolated region of the north, Canada's future is being carved out of the forest at a breakneck pace. *Tar Sands: Canada for Sale* questions how much Canada is willing to sacrifice for a stake in this century's greatest energy bonanza.

Niobe Thompson joined Clearwater as director of development in 2006, bringing his experience as an anthropologist and human rights worker in Africa, South Asia, Scandinavia and the Russian Far East. With a doctorate from the University of Cambridge, he has published on the global trade in light weapons, diamonds and insurgency in West Africa, and rebuilding judiciary systems in post-conflict states. After five years of research in the Russian Far North, Thompson will publish *Settlers on the Edge* this month.

2:30 – 3:00 COFFEE BREAK (Sponsored by Yankee Book Peddler) (Timms Centre for the Arts, Foyer)

3:00 – 3:45 David L. Jones, William C. Wonders Map Collection, University of Alberta *Polar Maps at the University of Alberta Library* 

Convenor: Virginia Pow, Public Services Librarian, Humanities and Social Sciences Division, University of Alberta Library

Abstract: The University of Alberta's William C. Wonders Map Collection (WCWMC) is the second largest in Canada. It incorporates the maps collected by the Canadian Circumpolar Institute and its predecessors. The presentation will introduce the WCWMC, its online database, current Arctic and Antarctic research resources and some of its many antiquarian and rare polar region maps.

#### 3:45 – 4:15 William Mills Book Prize

Convenor: Gloria Hicks, National Snow and Ice Data Centre

Background: The William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books was established in memory of William Mills, who was a core member of Polar Libraries Colloquy during its formative years and a consummate polar librarian as well as author. The book prize honors the best Arctic or Antarctic nonfiction books published throughout the world. The prize consists of \$100 US, certificates for the author and publisher, and the right to use the William Mills Prize logo when advertising the winning book. Winning titles are announced on pollib-L, on the Colloquy web site, in the Polar Libraries Bulletin and other appropriate library publications. The prize was first awarded in 2006.

#### 2008 William Mills Prize Nominees

Alia, Valerie. *Names & Nunavut: Culture and Identity in the Inuit Homeland*. New York, Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2007. Fienup-Riordan, Ann. *Yuungnaqpiallerput / The Way We Genuinely Live: Masterworks of Yup'ik Science and Survival*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2007.

Fukuchi, Mitsuo and Harvey J. Marchant. *Antarctic Fishes*. Illustrated in the Gyotaku method by Boshu Nagase. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007.

Green, Jeannine M. and Robert J. Desmarais. *A Most Dangerous Voyage: An Exhibition of Books and Maps Documenting Four Centuries of Exploration in Search of a Northwest Passage.* Edmonton, Alberta: University of Alberta Libraries, 2008.

Herbert, Sir Wally. *The Polar World: The Unique Vision of Sir Wally Herbert*. Edited by Kari Herbert. Weybridge, Surrey: Polarworld Itd., 2007.

Korhonen, Marja. *Resilience: Overcoming Challenges and Moving On Positively*. Ottawa: National Aboriginal Health Organization, 2007.

Pfeffer, W. Tad. *The Opening of a New Landscape: Columbia Glacier at Mid-retreat.* Washington, D.C.: American Geophysical Union, 2007.

Potter, Russell A. *Arctic Spectacles: The Frozen North in Visual Culture, 1818-1875.* Seattle: University of Washington Press. 2007.

Riffenburgh, Beau, ed. Encyclopedia of the Antarctic. New York, London: Routledge, 2007.

Semeniuk, Robert. Among the Inuit. Foreward by Hugh Brody, afterword by Wade Davis Vancouver: Raincoast, 2007.

Weber, Andrzej, Katzenberg, M. Anne and Olga I. Goriunova, eds. *Khuzhir-Nuge XIV, a Middle Holocene Hunter-Gatherer Cemetery on Lake Baikal, Siberia: Volume 1: Osteological Materials and companion Volume 2: Archaeological Materials.* Edmonton: CCI Press, 2007 and 2008

#### 4:15 – 5:15 Tours of the University of Alberta Campus

(meet at Timms Centre for the Arts, Foyer)

Stops: Photograph Exhibit- *Environmental Change in Arctic Canada: Ice Age to Present* Canadian Circumpolar Collection and the William C. Wonders Map Collection

Environmental Change in Arctic Canada: Ice Age to Present

Photographers: Dr. John England, Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Northern Research Chair in Climate Change, and Graduate Students of the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Alberta

Abstract: 2007-2008 marks the fourth International Polar Year. The first was held in 1882-83, an early example of peaceful International collaboration. The images in this exhibit exemplify the Canadian Arctic landscape, animals and Arctic researchers. Researchers from the University of Alberta are today at the forefront of research in the Polar Regions. These photographs are dedicated to those researchers who spend their summers camped in flapping tents while studying the polar regions.

6:30 – 8:00 PLC Steering Committee Meeting (location TBA)

#### DINNER ON OWN / EVENING FREE

#### **TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2008**

8:30 – 9:00 Grand Opening of PLC and UArctic Joint Meeting

(Auditorium, Timms Centre for the Arts)

8:30-10:15 Opening Session

Welcome addresses and opening of the 11th Council Meeting of UArctic Welcome and introduction

Marianne Douglas, Director, CCI, and Host of the Council of UArctic

ASANI (Pronounced uh-sa-nee)

Performance of Canadian National Anthem and their composition Me, You, Us, and The World



Asani ('rock' in the Cree language), a contemporary Aboriginal women's trio from Edmonton, has been captivating audiences with their breathtaking harmonies, their dynamic vocal artistry and their powerful rhythmic style. Carrying with them the traditional influences of First Nations and Metis music accompanied by drums and rattles, their songs resonate with their own blend of traditional vocals infused with the sounds of jazz, folk and blues.

Asani's debut CD "Rattle and Drum" (2005) has been nominated for 11 music awards throughout North America, including a 2006 Juno Award nomination for 'Aboriginal Recording of the Year'. Asani received a Canadian Aboriginal Music Award in 2005 for Best Female Traditional/Cultural Roots Album.

Asani performs frequently in Canada as well as around the world, and has composed and performed musical soundtracks for documentaries, film and television. Having performed at both Carnegie Hall, New York and the Kennedy Centre in Washington, D.C. Asani is currently garnering national acclaim for their unique arrangement of 'O Canada'.

#### Greetings

Convenor: Dr. Marianne Douglas, Director, Canadian Circumpolar Institute

Greetings from the University of Alberta: Dr. Andrew Greenshaw, Associate Vice-President (Research), University of Alberta

Greetings from the Government of Canada: Mr. Harald Finkler, Director, Circumpolar Affairs Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Greetings from the North: Yukon, NWT, Nunavut (TBA)

Greetings from the Province of Alberta: (TBA)

Greetings from the City of Edmonton: Mr. Wilfred Barranoik, Vice-President of Network Development, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce/World Trade Centre

#### 9:15 – 10:15 KEYNOTE (OPEN TO PUBLIC)

Larry Loyie and Constance Brissenden

Aboriginal Voices - What makes an Authentic Book?

Convenor: Jodi Stonehouse, University of Alberta Aboriginal Students Council

Presentation: Twenty-five years ago, Larry Loyie walked into a library looking for books by Aboriginal authors. When he saw how few there were, he vowed to fulfill his dream of becoming a writer and to promote writing in Aboriginal communities. Assisted by his partner, writer Constance Brissenden, Larry will give a behind-the-scenes look at the



challenges that must be overcome before experiencing the joys of being published. He will talk about how Aboriginal and Metis publishers consider manuscripts for publication and the editorial process behind their development. Based on a combined 35 years' experience in Canadian publishing, Larry and Constance will share insights into what makes an authentic Aboriginal voice and what to look for when purchasing Aboriginal-themed books.

Award-winning Cree author Larry Loyie and partner, editor and writer Constance Brissenden have worked together since 1993. They created Living Traditions Writers Group (<a href="www.firstnationswriter.com">www.firstnationswriter.com</a>) to encourage writing in Aboriginal communities. Larry Loyie was born in Slave Lake, AB and lived a traditional Cree life until the age of nine. He spent six years in residential school before going to work at fourteen. Larry returned to school in his fifties to accomplish his lifelong dream of becoming a writer. He has written plays, short stories and four children's books with First Nations themes. *Goodbye Buffalo Bay*, his first youth chapter book, will be published in Fall 2008 by Theytus Books. It follows *When the Spirits Dance, As Long as the Rivers* 

Flow and The Gathering Tree. Larry Loyie has received a Canada Post Literacy Award for Individual Achievement, The Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children's Non- Fiction and the First Nation Communities Read Award. Larry and Constance live in a log house near High Prairie, AB.

#### 10:15 – 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

(Timms Centre for the Arts, Foyer)

#### PLC Meeting Re-convenes in Room 1-34 Telus Centre

#### Plenary Session 1 — *Aboriginal Knowledge and Nunavut Publishing*

Convenor: Fred Inge Presteng, Norwegian Polar Institute, Polar Environmental Centre

Room 1-34 Telus Centre

### 10:30 – 11:00 Lia Ruttan, Research Associate, Canadian Circumpolar Institute *Locating Literature: Western and Aboriginal Knowledge Systems in Place*

Abstract: In the context of northern research, libraries and archives hold western texts, documents and photographs. In the context of Indigenous communities, stories hold empirical, relational and revealed knowledge and experience. Work in the area of northern history must be sited not only in western literature but also in place, relationships and lived experience. This presentation will explore these issues in the interaction of knowledge and knowledge storage systems. Examples from the presenters' work with both oral and western historical accounts and further discussion of the differences that worldview makes to these accounts will be given. Implications for both curriculum development and polar libraries will be discussed.

### 11:00 – 11:30 Rae-Lynne Aramburo, Nunavut Arctic College Library *A history of publishing in Nunavut*

Abstract: Given the long-standing popular fascination with the extreme north and south, and the flurry of research activity experienced in the polar regions around International Polar Year, "polar information" abounds. From accounts of historical expeditions, to repositories of polar physical science data - we as library and information professionals with interests in this field can describe many examples of how polar information has been gathered, shared, and used. As a librarian who lives and works in a polar region (Nunavut), I can confirm that polar information of all sorts is certainly sought after by local library patrons. The publications that are especially relevant to, and capture the attention of local patrons though, are not only about their region, they come from within the region.

This paper will describe key past and present print publication efforts in Nunavut, followed by a discussion of notable features common to these publications and publishers. Noteworthy characteristics of these publishing initiatives include the incorporation of the Inuktitut language, a focus on social and cultural subject matter, and their generally non-commercial nature. Given the relative lack of printed record in Nunavut in general, and on this topic specifically, the information for this paper will be drawn largely from conversations with northerners knowledgeable in this area.

### 11:30 – 1:00 LUNCH HONOURING UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC GRADUATES (Lister Centre Dining Hall)

Nine northern students are about to make history as the first Canadian Graduates of the University of the Arctic (UArctic). The students, one from UNBC and eight from Northlands College/University of Saskatchewan, will be recognized at a Graduation Ceremony and luncheon on June 3, 2008.

The eight students from northern Saskatchewan, seven of whom are aboriginal descent, will hold three "firsts".

- 1) They are the first cohort from northern Saskatchewan completing their degrees off-campus, in their home communities, by distance delivered modes; courses were through television, online, and videoconferencing.
- 2) They are the first to complete a B.A. in Northern Studies from the University of Saskatchewan. The U of S created this new B.A. in direct response to the UArctic/Northlands College partnership and the need of northern aboriginal adult students. Additionally, this degree includes an Advanced Emphasis in Aboriginal Public Administration, with skills and knowledge applicable for numerous employment opportunities.
- 3) They are the first Canadian and North American UArctic Graduating class. Previous UArctic grads have been from Norway and Russia partner institutions; the first graduating class was in June 2006.

The University of the Arctic is a cooperative network of universities, colleges, and other organizations committed to higher education and research in the North. Members share resources, facilities, and expertise to build post-secondary education programs that are relevant and accessible to northern students in the Arctic Eight; Russia, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Greenland, Iceland, United States and Canada. Since the official formation of UArctic in June 2001, the overall goal is to create a strong, sustainable circumpolar region by empowering northerners and northern communities through education and shared knowledge. All of Canada's north is now reaping the benefits of UArctic partnership and programming. As these educational opportunities and access spread across the north, this graduating class is just the beginning of a great Canadian accomplishment. Congratulations graduates!

COFFEE BREAKS are held Monday-Thursday in the Timms Centre, Foyer, where displays and information from both PLC and UArctic delegates will available, and the SILENT AUCTION items set out. The SILENT AUCTION will run Monday –Thursday morning (wrap up will be at the Thursday Lunch at Lister Center.

NOTE: new items are usually brought in daily, so check the tables often!

The Friday COFFEE BREAKS will be in the Telus Centre Foyer.

#### Plenary Session 2 — Bibliography and Data Management

Convenor: Erin Palmer, Government of the Northwest Territories

Room 1-34 Telus Centre

1:00 – 1:45 Sharon N Tahirkheli, Director, Information Systems, American Geological Institute Do We Really Need the Cold Regions Bibliography Project When We Have Web-Based Search Engines? Abstract: The increasing tendency for everyone to depend on web-based search engines such as Google™ for every information need has caused some researchers, students, and administrators to question why they should seek out subject-specific bibliographic services. During the last round of funding review for the Cold Regions Bibliography Project in 2005, the question was raised about the future need for bibliographies in a GoogleTM-based world. Last summer, geoscience librarians engaged in a brief listserv discussion of user feedback on GoogleTM usage vs. GeoRef, the primary geoscience bibliographic database, which resulted in the preparation of a report outlining the potential uses of each system. The Bibliography on Cold Regions Science and Technology and the Antarctic Bibliography, being both subject and region-specific, have many similarities to the broader subject bibliographies like GeoRef and a similar examination was initiated. Currency, comprehensiveness, ease of use, user expectations, search features, and access to full-text vary considerably and were examined using Google ScholarTM and both the Cold Regions bibliographies. An outline of the current differences and similarities will be developed and the strengths and weaknesses of each system for a variety of purposes will be presented.

### 1:45 – 2:30 Arto Vitikka, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland *Information and Data Management in the Barents*

Abstract: This paper will deal with the information and data management within international cooperation in the Barents region. Need for a common information and data management strategy for international cooperation in the Barents region was recognized when the structure and strategy for the international cooperation was revisited. Improving the usability and availability of information is very important and challenging in a region where four languages besides indigenous languages are spoken and information is produced by governmental and regional authorities and other actors and it is available in diverse websites, formats and languages. One way to tackle this problem could be semantic web which is a new emerging web technology. Semantic web is a technology where the content of the information is made understandable and processable by machines, by binding it to some formal and meaningful description of itself. Semantic web concept makes finding the correct data and information more effective ensuring also the validity of the information and enabling language independence.

2:30 – 3:00 COFFEE BREAK (Timms Centre for the Arts, Foyer)

Plenary Session 3 — *Images and Archival Resources* 

Convenor: Alexandra Hook, Aurora College, Thebacha Campus Library

Room 1-34 Telus Centre

3:00 – 3:30 Lynn B Lay\* (Goldthwait Polar Library, Byrd Polar Research Centre, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA), and Laura J. Kissel

Towards Image and Knowledge Management: A Pilot Project

Abstract: The Byrd Polar Research Center (BPRC) and the Polar Archival Program (AP) at The Ohio State University are working together on a pilot project to identify images and documentation that members of the center may have in their possession created in the course of their work. The goal of this project is to create a web-accessible database of images and related documentation pertaining to research created by BPRC scientists as well as individuals who have transferred their collections to the BPRC. Ultimately, this database will facilitate the sharing of information at the BPRC, serve to preserve and make available the history of the Byrd Center as documented by its scientific activities, and be a resource of images, information and documentation for educators and students of science and environmental change.

From a small number of digital collections and using OSU's Web Media Manager (<a href="https://mediamanager.osu.edu">https://mediamanager.osu.edu</a>) a prototype of the database has been created. Focusing on images at first, we also intend to have links for other sources of information, including biographical information, data, BPRC monographs and collections of the Polar Archival Program. This project is a learning experience that engages issues of selection, metadata, and ownership, as well as technical issues.

There are three phases to this pilot project. The first phase entails developing a survey instrument and interviewing members of the Center to have an understanding of what members may have in their possession to contribute to the database. The second phase of the project consists of the actual scanning of materials and inputting the images into the Media Manager. The third and final phase will be an evaluation of the pilot project. Along with an internal evaluation by the project team, a focus group comprised of the Byrd Center community and potential users of the Media Manager will be asked to comment on the BPRC collections in the database and make recommendations.

## 3:30 – 4:00 Heather Lane, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge Beyond text: using library and archival collections at the Scott Polar Research Institute to contextualise the visual image

Abstract: The collections held by the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, are among the richest in the world for the study of polar environments. Supported by funding from the UK Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) Capital Programme, work began in April 2007 on the Freeze Frame project (http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/resources/freezeframe/) to capture and preserve our archive of historical images in digital form. The project will be completed by March 2009.

Our photographic negatives are a unique resource but also an extremely fragile one. We will digitise over 20,000 photographic negatives from 1845-1980, representing some of the most important visual resources for research into British and international polar exploration.

Digitisation of related documents - information from personal journals and official reports from expeditions on which these photographs were taken - will provide historical and cultural context for the images. We also intend to add context to the images by displaying them alongside selected items from our pre-eminent collection of polar fine art, prints, drawings, and manuscript materials.

The International Polar Year 2007-08 is the first of its kind for fifty years. The timing of the IPY, coupled with growing interest in climate change, provides a unique opportunity for online resources at the Scott Polar Research Institute to reach a wider learning community than ever before. The forthcoming centenaries of the 'Heroic Age' expeditions to discover the Poles also demand of us that this visual archive is accessible to a global audience. The contextualisation of the images, using published and manuscript sources, requires careful consideration and understanding of our intended audiences.

The Freeze Frame project aims to develop an online database of freely available visual and textual resources to support learning, teaching and research into topics relating to the history of Arctic and Antarctic exploration and science. Through a series of interpretative web pages and e-learning resources the project will provide access to hidden collections for all educational levels. We will encourage users to discover polar environments through the eyes of those explorers and scientists who dared to go into the last great wildernesses on earth.

This paper will examine the process of decision making by SPRI's Library and Archive staff and members of the project team to evaluate and select appropriate contextual materials. It will consider the likely impacts which the project will have on the physical collections and their management, as well as the perceived benefits. It will also provide a brief outline of the digitisation programme, documentation, and scheduling, as well as the use of the University of Cambridge's digital repository and delivery mechanisms.

4:30 – 5:30 National Caucus Meetings or 'Follow the Flags'
(Joint UArctic and PLC meetings)
Rutherford Library South 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Background: The University of the Arctic holds these meetings to allow delegates from each country to meet with their colleagues to focus on national issues. This year, librarians will join the national caucus meetings and get to know their UArctic counterparts. Librarians with Antarctic – focused libraries will become "adopted" Canadians for this event.

5:30 – 7:00 Tours through "A Most Dangerous Voyage" at Bruce Peel Special Collections, Lower level, Rutherford Library South

A Most Dangerous Voyage: An Exhibition of Books and Maps Documenting Four Centuries of Exploration in Search of a North West Passage

Curators: Robert Desmarais & Jeannine Green, Special Collections, University of Alberta Libraries

Abstract: The desire to establish a commercial sea route north and west around North America has existed for centuries.

The first written accounts begin in the sixteenth century, by which time it was very evident that there was no route through



the heart of the continent. European merchants desperately wanted access to the riches of Asia, so attention focused on the possibility of navigating a route through northern waters. The challenge was to establish a route around the bewildering coast of Baffin Island, and through or south of the islands between Baffin and the Beaufort Sea to the Pacific. The disappearance of Sir John Franklin (1786–1847) gave an even greater impetus to Arctic exploration. Many expeditions searched for Franklin and his crew, and in doing so they explored and charted almost the entire southern expanse of the Arctic Archipelago. By this time it was clear that no easily navigable route existed in the Arctic, and while commercial and political interests waned, accounts of scientific and geographic exploration continued to be published in handsome, copiously illustrated books in response to enormous

popular appeal. The majority of the books in this exhibition were part of Alexander Cameron Rutherford's (1857–1941) outstanding collection of Canadiana. Dr Rutherford was the first Premier of Alberta (1905–1910) and the founder of the University. His library was given to the University after his death.

6:30 – 9:00 ICEBREAKER at the Timms Centre for the Arts
Sponsored by Aurora College (NWT), Nunavut Arctic College, and Yukon

College







#### **WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2008**

Plenary Session 4 — *University of the Arctic and International Polar Year* 

(also listed as Session 3: Polar Information on the University of the Arctic Agenda)

Convenor: Elena Sparrow, University of the Arctic IPY Secretariat

Auditorium, Timms Centre for the Arts

International Polar Year and its Legacy
Dave Carlson, Head of IPY International Office
IPY, some highlights in Canada
David Hik, University of Alberta

**UArctic and IPY: Education and Outreach** 

Elena Sparrow, Director of the UArctic IPY Coordination Office, University of Alaska

**UArctic on the Map: the UArctic Atlas** 

Scott Forrest, Project Manager, UArctic International Secretariat

#### 9:45 – 10:15 COFFEE BREAK

(Timms Centre for the Arts, Foyer)

#### PLC Meeting Re-convenes in Room 1-34 Telus Centre

#### Plenary Session 5 — *International Polar Year and Information*

Convenor: Julia H. Triplehorn, Keith B. Mather Library, Geophysical Institute

Room 1-34 Telus Centre

#### 10:15 Convene and Brief Introduction

10:30 - 11:15 Ross Goodwin\* (Arctic Science and Technology Information System—ASTIS, Arctic Institute of North America—AINA), University of Calgary), Sharon Tahirkheli, Heather Lane, Ruth Duerr, Allaina Wallace, AND Fred Dürr)

#### The International Polar Year Publications Database: A Progress Report

Abstract: Since the last Polar Libraries Colloquy the International Polar Year Publications Database (IPYPD) consortium has welcomed a fifth member, has created the IPYPD database and a website for searching it, and has added more than 500 records describing IPY publications. The purpose of the IPYPD is to identify and index all publications that result from the International Polar Year 2007-2008 and the three previous IPYs. The original members of the IPYPD consortium are the Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS), the Cold Regions Bibliography Project (CRBP), the Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI) Library and National Information Services Corporation (NISC). In early 2007 the Discovery and Access of Historic Literature of the IPYs (DAHLI) project joined the IPYPD consortium to provide coverage of publications from the three previous IPYs. Beginning in September 2006, programmers at NISC used ideas and feedback from the other members of the consortium to create the IPYPD database and website. At the same time, the members of the consortium began creating IPYPD records, and the database was made public on March 1, 2007, the first day of IPY 2007-2008. Funding is still an issue for some of the consortium members, and more work must be done to encourage researchers to report their publications.

The Coolest Panel Session—IPY

Chair: Julia H. Triplehorn, Keith B. Mather Library, Geophysical Institute

Abstract Highlights of the International Polar Year activities from a variety of perspectives will be the focus for this session. Specialized websites will be reviewed with attention to science and social science research and outreach. Since this is the first IPY to include social science and outreach it is important that the library community be alert to these information sources. This is an opportunity for these agencies to showcase their activities

Panellists: Susan Olmsted - IPY at NSF Anna Fiolek- IPY at NOAA Berit Jakobsen - IPY in Norway Marianne Douglas - IPY in Antarctica

#### 12:30 – 4:00 BOXED LUNCH and Excursion to Fort Edmonton Park

Pick up Lunch at Timms Centre, Foyer
Anyone going to Fort Edmonton Park should make their way to the Bus Staging area (laneway between Timms and Faculty of Arts Building)

(Buses leave at 12:30 from the Timms Centre)



Fort Edmonton Park: One of Edmonton's premier attractions, the Park represents four distinct time periods, exploring Edmonton's development from a fur trade post in the vast Northwest, to a booming metropolitan centre after the First World War. The park features over 75 structures many of which are the originals. Costumed interpreters operate the site and live the way of the past. Exploring each building, each room, and talking to the 'inhabitants' makes for an extremely enjoyable recreational visit. This attraction can be viewed in a few hours or may take many return visits to appreciate the sense of the past. Buses leave Fort Edmonton Park to return to Timms Centre at 4:15 and 4:30.

Buses leave Timms Centre at 6:30 and 6:45 for Pioneer Cabin

7:00 – 11:00 DINNER AND DANCE Edmonton Pioneer (Oldtimers') Cabin 9430-99 Street, Edmonton Cocktails 6 PM; Dinner 7 PM Presentations

Dance 9PM



Buses leave Oldtimer's Cabin at 10:30 and 11:15

#### THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2008

Plenary Session 6 — *Open Access and Defining 'The North'* 

Convenor: Betty Galbraith, Washington State University Library

Room 1-34 Telus Centre

#### 8:45 – 9:15 Bjorn Olav Skancke, Universitetsbiblioteket – HS, University of Tromsø

NAROS: Northern Areas open scholarly documents

Abstract: The University of Tromsø in Norway is the northernmost university in the world. The University has positioned itself as a pivotal research institution on the northern areas. NAROS is a planned service, providing access to open scholarly documents, where the content is thematically related to the northern areas. The novelty of NAROS will be to define algorithms to extract scholarly material where the criteria is geographically based, and thus become the database that encompasses open scholarly documents related to the northern areas. Other service providers have established databases that harvest (or by other means collect) metadata on open scholarly materials within a subject. One such example is Avano (<a href="http://www.ifremer.fr/avano/">http://www.ifremer.fr/avano/</a>), within the subject of marine and aquatic sciences. The experiences of such service providers will be utilized, while investigating how the geographic dimension of NAROS may be dealt with. A model to be examined for NAROS is: A) Defining repositories and other resources that may be of interest with respect to contributing content to NAROS; B) Divide these resources into two groups: i) Repositories where we may harvest metadata from all content, using AOI-PMH. Examples of repositories in this category may be The Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, UK and Norwegian Polar Institute, Tromso, Norway; ii) Repositories or resources where we may harvest or by other means collect metadata from part of their content. Examples may be most member institutions of the University of the Arctic (and numerous others). For these repositories we need to define algorithms for filtering and extracting the interesting content.

Several other topics will be investigated in the pilot project, and in some extent elaborated in the Polar Libraries Colloquy poster presentation. Among these are: 1. Is there a need for such a searchable catalogue of geographically oriented scholarly material? Who may be interested?; 2. Limiting the scope: Open scholarly material; Open research data; Open research source materials; Defining what we mean with 'the northern areas'; 3. Describing criteria for documents to be defined as northern areas-related; 4. Methods for populating NAROS; a. Identifying institutions and projects producing scholarly material within the scope of NAROS; Identifying other sources; b. Identifying methods for collecting metadata on documents qualified for NAROS: Harvesting metadata through OAI-PMH where possible; Other means of collecting metadata from archives and collections not OAI-PMH-compatible; and, 5. How to organize the content of NAROS. A pilot project is run in the winter and spring of 2008, ending July 1 2008. In the pilot project we investigate the challenges facing the establishing of NAROS.

### 9:15 – 9:45 Sandy Campbell, Canadian Circumpolar Librarian and Acting Government Publications Librarian, University of Alberta

Defining 'The North': the Canadian Circumpolar Collection

Abstract: The Canadian Circumpolar Collection of the University of Alberta is a separate library collection defined almost exclusively by its geography, which now includes both poles. Historically, though, it has been an Arctic or Northern collection, and that remains its strength. Materials for the Circumpolar Collection are selected based on their 'northerness'. Over time the definition of what has been included in the collection has changed and shifted depending upon the librarians and faculty members' understanding of the North and what is important to the North. Place of publication is just the starting point because, of course, many things about the North are published elsewhere and many things published in the North are not "northern" in nature. There are many other indicators that something is northern in content, such as language or ethnicity or coldness. But there are also conundrums, that have to be resolved using common sense. What about Inuit living in the south? What about migratory wildlife? What about fictional concepts of north? Every day brings a new challenge to the line that circumscribes the North.

9:45 – 10:15 COFFEE BREAK (Timms Centre, Foyer)

Plenary Session 7 — The Future of Polar Libraries

Convenor: Deborah Hicks, National Snow and Ice Data Centre

Room 1-34 Telus Centre

10:15 – 10:45 Peter Geller (Dean of Arts), and Stan Gardner (Dean of Library and Instructional Services), University College of the North

Building a Regional Library System in Northern Manitoba:

The Case of the University College of the North

Abstract: Established in July 2004, the University College of the North (UCN) is mandated to serve the educational needs of Aboriginal and northern Manitobans and to enhance the economic and social well-being of this northern region. Located in the heart of the boreal forest, UCN serves 70% of the provincial land mass of the province of Manitoba, with a population of 80,000 dispersed over 387,146 square kilometers. The demographic and geographic aspects of its northern location clearly pose challenges of logistics and human resources in any effort to collect, manage and provide access to information. Many communities do not have roads to them and are accessible only via train, boat, or plane.

As a University College, the further challenge is to meet the needs of both the University and the College and Trades programs. When we include the fact that UCN has two campuses, twelve regional centers (nine of which are partnerships with First Nations), and an ever changing number of contracted sites, the delivery of informational resources becomes even more difficult. This presentation will begin with an examination of the original vision for UCN and the role of the Library within a new post-secondary institution in the Canadian north. This will also include an overview of the starting point for UCN - the Keewatin Community Library collection and system. Current areas of development will then be considered, in terms of: a) The concept of UCN Libraries, utilizing the distributed nature of this post-secondary institution, can serve both community and institutional needs; b) Electronic databases/technologies and paper journals/books: which is the way of the future for a northern library?; c) Partnerships with schools and communities: creating Study/Reading rooms in small communities, and merged UCN/Public Libraries in other communities, as resources, commitment, needs, and budget allow; d) New infrastructure: envisioning the new research and teaching library required to support vocational, career and degree programming in a multi-site environment.

As UCN evolves to meet these challenges, a mix of both innovative and traditional solutions will be required.

10:45 – 11:45 Panel Discussion: *The Future of Polar Libraries* 

Chair - David Walton, British Antarctic Survey

Panellists: Andie Smithies (Australian Antarctic Division)

Heather Lane (Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, UK)

Claudette Cloutier (University of Calgary, Canada) Vibeke Jakobsen (Danish Polar Centre, Denmark) Julia Triplehorn (University of Alaska, USA)

Abstract: The Future Development of Polar Libraries as Research Tools in the 21st Century Libraries serving national needs, research institutions, and universities are all changing to meet the information needs of this century, and polar libraries will be swept along with this change. The Panel will provide some insights into current changes in the USA, Canada, UK, Scandinavia and Australia to illustrate how open access repositories and journals, e-books, data management, new on-line peer social networks etc are impacting on the expectations of what library users are now expecting. Are there strategies developing to deal with this? Are there lessons to be learnt by sharing national experiences?

12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH AND SILENT AUCTION WRAP UP (Lister Centre Dining Hall)

#### Plenary Session 8 — *University of the Arctic*

1:30 – 3:15 Panel University of the Arctic Instructors Session

Chair: Sandy Campbell

Panellists: Evgenia Skakunova University of the Arctic (resident in Russia)

Amanda Graham University of the Arctic (resident in Whitehorse, Canada)

Katie Dana University of the Arctic (resident in Vermont, USA)

#### 3:15 – 3:45 COFFEE BREAK

(Timms Centre, Foyer)

#### Plenary Session 9 — *Periodicals*

Convenor: Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen, Danish Polar Centre

Room 1-34 Telus Centre

### 3:45 – 4:15 Sharon Rankin, Humanities & Social Sciences Division, McLennan Library, McGill University *Caninuit: A new web resource for Canadian Inuit Periodicals*

Abstract: I will present my work conducted over the past year to build Caninuit an annotated web bibliography of the periodicals published by or about Canadian Inuit. The presentation will cover the following topics: rationale and need for the work, survey of the existing printed bibliographies, data collection and decision making for the resource content and design, use of controlled subject category vocabulary and selection of technology (wiki,blog,website). I will demonstrate the web resource engage the audience in feedback on its usefulness and present future directions for the resource.

#### 4:15 – 4:45 Philip N. Cronenwett, Enfield, NH

#### Prices Realized: The Spiraling Costs of Historical Polar Materials

Abstract: The last several decades have witnessed a dramatic rise in the prices asked and obtained for historical polar materials. No longer is it easily possible for an individual or an institutional library to acquire eighteenth, nineteenth, and even twentieth-century polar publications at costs that continue to rise rapidly. While there is a distinct trend in rising costs of rare or uncommon publications throughout the book trade, the costs of historic polar materials are increasing at a more dramatic rate. The result is that many libraries cannot afford to obtain the historical polar materials needed for their patrons.

This paper will present the results of a study of the prices of selected Arctic and Antarctic titles over a period of two decades. The titles were selected from Stam and Stam Books on Ice (2005), a volume that itself is now commanding more than twice its original cover price, and follows the selected titles through the vagaries of the British and American used and rare book market at auction and in dealer catalogs. In addition to published materials, this study also reviews the increase in values of unique materials such as photographs and manuscripts to ascertain whether or not these materials are following the trend in values in the general market.

A comparison of the trends in prices of polar materials is made with those in the general rare and used book trade. Finally, several possible reasons for the significant rise in values of polar materials are offered.

4:45 – 5:45 PLC BUSINESS MEETING Room 1-34 Telus Centre

DINNER ON OWN / EVENING FREE

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(all sessions in 1-34 Telus Centre)

#### Plenary Session 10 — Weather Data and Library Outreach

Convenor: Andie Smithies, Australian Antarctic Division

### 8:45- 9:15 Steve Allen Schafer\* (Athabasca University Library), John Gilbert\*, Edward Atkinson *JAWS (Joint Arctic Weather Stations)*

Abstract: The proposal addresses the collection and presentation of historical and archival information about the Joint Arctic Weather Stations (JAWS). An agreement between Canada and the USA was reached in February 1947 to establish five Arctic Weather Stations staffed by Canadian and American personnel. The representative institutions were the Meteorological Service of Canada and the United States Weather Bureau. The basic program was upper air observations supplemented by surface observations and other scientific observations such as solar radiation and ice depth. Raw data was sent to the Canadian Meteorological Centre in Montreal. In 1947, the first two stations were opened at Eureka and Resolute Bay, followed by Isachsen and Mould Bay in 1948 and finally Alert in 1950. Resolute Bay became the central station with the other four stations being satellites. Each of the satellites was staffed by eight people: four Canadians and four Americans. The normal sojourn at the stations was for a period of at least one year with many extending for two years and more. The highly successful joint program continued from 1947 to the early 1970s at which time the program was taken over by the Canadian Government and re-named High Arctic Weather Stations.

In 2001 a group of retirees, Canadians and Americans, who served on the JAWS began to collect photographs and other memorabilia about the stations. Using a public website, local "chapters", and communicating by email, telephone and the postal service the group has put together a rough collection comprising photographs collections, documents, bibliographies and stories capturing the history of the five stations. The collection is primarily based on the personal recollections of those who experienced life at these isolated stations - the furthest north stations in Canada. The collection includes photographs and information about the program, buildings, people, means of transportation, wildlife and local scenery. Over time it became clear that this material might be of interest to a wider audience. The Government of Nunavut became interested in the collection for use by the people of Nunavut, historians and archivists.\

In 2007 the Archives program of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Government of Nunavut acquired the Joint Arctic Weather Stations (JAWS) Collection and efforts are underway to expand and organize the Collection. Much of the collection is in electronic form. Traditional archival collections exist in several institutions in Canada and the United States and there in an interest in linking between the collections. Since much of the information has been gathered through the World Wide Web the idea of using web-based tools to make the collection available to a wider audience (outreach) has been explored.

The paper will focus on a project for making the images from the collection available through a web site using a program called ContentDM: a way to deploy digital images over the web. This project has been researched and is being managed by Library Services at Athabasca University in Alberta. The research has used sample images from the JAWS Collection and work is underway to structure and organize the collection for ready access by researchers, educators and the public.

### 9:15 – 9:45 Shelly Sommer\* (Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research—INSTAAR, University of Colorado), Gloria Hicks and Allaina Howard (National Snow and Ice Data Centre—NSIDC, University of Colorado) Library outreach events: Changing users' perceptions

Abstract: This paper details two experimental, inexpensive events that helped connect a small special library with new groups of users within the past year. The Information Centers of the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR) and National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) hosted a joint rare book display on polar exploration, featuring books, background and historical information, and an information scavenger hunt. The INSTAAR Information Center hosted a celebration for a newly published book by an INSTAAR author. Both low-budget events formed connections between the Information Centers and new groups of users, allowing us to change their perceptions of the libraries. This paper details the arrangements and investments made in the events, how the events were received at our institutions, and continuing results.

9:45 – 10:15 COFFEE BREAK (Telus Centre, Foyer)

#### Plenary Session 11 — *Antarctic Issues*

Convenor: Lynne Howard, Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary

Room 1-34 Telus Centre

#### 10:15 – 11:15 David Walton, British Antarctic Survey

Trends in Antarctic Science

Abstract: The paper will analyse 50 Years of science publications by British Antarctic Survey to establish how rates, journal choice and science trends are related to changing fashions in science and management objectives. The paper will also look forward to possible new forms of publication and increasing trends towards bipolarity, interdisciplinarity and international collaboration.

### 11:15 – 11:45 David John Hyett, Head of Information and Records Management, British Antarctic Survey NORA: An Open Window to British Antarctic Research

Abstract: As part of the open access publishing movement, Research Councils UK has mandated that the outputs of all Research Centre funded research must be deposited in an institutional or subject based repository. In response, UK's Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) has set up the NERC Open Research Archive (NORA), which aims to become a comprehensive source on NERC funded research outputs. This presentation will outline the British Antarctic Survey's participation in NORA and how we have engaged stakeholders during the development process. The publishing scientist is responsible for entering the metadata for their publication plus, where permitted, an openly available copy of the paper along with a link to the published version on the publisher's website. Library staff checks all entries before they become live in the repository. Benefits are increased visibility of science; making grey literature available to a wider audience; and providing wider access to research outputs for all. As people realise the benefits and the ease with which information can be added, we hope that user take up will increase.

12:00 – 1:15 LUNCH (Lister Centre Dining Hall)

#### Canadian Circumpolar Collection (CCC) of the University of Alberta Library

The Circumpolar Collection, now an integral component of the Science & Technology Division of the University of Alberta Library system, was founded and is still supported by CCI. The CCC is recognized by many client communities around the world as a major information resource on northern Canada and the circumpolar world. The collection is catalogued in the UofA's NEOS Libraries' Catalogue <a href="http://www.library.ualberta.ca/">http://www.library.ualberta.ca/</a>. Take a virtual tour <a href="http://www.library.ualberta.ca/screencast/circumpolar\_tour.htm">http://www.library.ualberta.ca/screencast/circumpolar\_tour.htm</a>, then check out the Library Resource Guide for Polar Studies <a href="http://www.library.ualberta.ca/subject/polarstudies/guide/index.cfm">http://www.library.ualberta.ca/subject/polarstudies/guide/index.cfm</a> that provides selective resources available through the Internet or at the UofA for *Polar Studies*.

More than 300,000 items at all reading levels in a wide range of formats.

#### Plenary Session 12 — *Media*

Convenor: Marcel Branneman, Alfred-Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research

#### 1:15–1:45 Lindsay Johnston, , University of Alberta Library

Mainstream Media Publications and Northern Issues: Examining the Nature of Information Available to the Public

Abstract: What mainstream media publications are including articles about issues that affect the North? How are these issues represented? I am currently on a research team that is working on a media content analysis that seeks to answer these questions. This pilot study examines the public values and understanding that underlie the policy decisions influencing polar bear management in North America.

Following 3 years of politically charged discussion, lawsuits, and intense media coverage, a US Government decision on whether to list polar bears as a threatened species is expected in 2008. Any change in the national and international management of the welfare of polar bears will have a fundamental impact on Northern people. Our research team seeks to provide a rationale for an integrated and interdisciplinary approach that incorporates the values and voices of stakeholders from both North and South in order to create durable and effective conservation outcomes.

Beginning with English-language newspapers and magazines that have the highest circulation in Canada and the United States, we will undertake a content analysis to identify relevant articles, and to code and record the messages, attitudes, and values that emerge. Our aim is to target articles that have been published over the last four years. We will compare our findings of mainstream media content to a parallel analysis of publications from the North. Our analysis will pay particular attention to the categorical positions and language used by a range of North American governments, scientists, Aboriginal spokespersons, and non-governmental organizations in the discussion that encompasses polar bears, climate change, and policy formulation. Our content analysis model can then be applied to a wider range of publications on an international scale.

During my presentation, the audience will learn about the types of databases, information resources, and search strategies that can be used to effectively contribute to such a research project. We will explore the database that our research team has created, and I will explain how we used it to collaborate on our research, and how the data collected will be made accessible to the research community. I will also report the findings of our study, letting librarians know what popular media publications tend to include issues that affect the North, and what messages, biases, and conclusions are commonly portrayed.

#### The Research Team:

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#### 1:45 – 2:15 Mary Katherine Jones, University of Tromso

"This isn't the 15th Century": the international media response to the Russian North Pole expedition in 2007

Abstract: The Арктика (Arktika) 2007 Russian expedition travelled from Murmansk to the North Pole in the research ship *Akademik Fyodorov*, facilitated by a nuclear-powered icebreaker, *Rossiya*. Upon arrival at the North Pole, six individuals descended over four thousand metres in submersibles *Mir-1* and *Mir-2* to the seabed, where they deposited a titanium Russian flag and collected scientific samples. News of this achievement and the expedition's prior claim that "the Arctic is Russian" was broadcast around the world, prompting Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay's expostulation, "Look, this isn't the 15th century".

This paper assesses newspaper coverage published in English, French, Danish and Norwegian of the event in the countries directly affected by a Russian Arctic territorial claim: Canada (*Toronto Star* and *Le Devoir*); Greenland (*Sermitsiaq*) – also taking into account Denmark's control of Greenlandic foreign affairs; Norway (*Aftenposten*); and the United States of America (*New York Times*). It focuses on the external perspective of this media coverage, so no attempt is made to examine the Russian media response to this event (which is reported to have been extensive), except insofar as this is directly mentioned in non-Russian media reports.

The time period of the media coverage investigated extends from the end of June 2007, coinciding with the first international reference to Russia's intention of making an Arctic claim, to early September 2007, in the aftermath of the expedition's safe return to Russia being announced – although reportage of international developments seemingly precipitated by the expedition has of course continued beyond this date.

Every effort is made to maintain a distinction between events and the *media presentation* of events, between an international response and an international *media response*. Aspects of media coverage discussed include the actors (expedition members, politicians, researchers and other national representatives); news providers, publishers and writers; the style and presentation of the articles, nationally and collectively, reflecting contemporaneous media attitudes to Russia, the Arctic and factors such as global warming and oil and gas reserves. There is also a summary of the passive, active and interactive options available to contemporary consumers of media coverage, and the potential for an individual reader to investigate this topic in greater depth than via standard national and international media sources. In addition, an initial, brief analysis is provided of events that took place in the Arctic a hundred years ago, examining historical parallels between contemporary events and American, British, German, Norwegian, Russian and Swedish exploration and scientific and commercial discoveries in the Arctic, together with the international response that these engendered.

#### 2:15 – 2:45 COFFEE BREAK

(Telus Centre, Foyer)

#### 2:45 – 3:45 PLC Closing Session

Summary of the Meeting - David Walton Invitation to PLC 2010 Formal closure – Heather Lane

Bus leaves from Telus Centre at 6:15 and 6:30

#### 6:30 – 10:00 DINNER AND OUTCRY AUCTION

Snow Valley Ski Club Cocktails at 6:30 (Cash Bar); Dinner at 7:00

Bus leaves Snow Valley at 9:45 and 10:15)

### JUNE 3-5, 2008 POSTER SESSIONS (Timms Centre Foyer)

#### Poster 1. David Walton, Peter Clarkson

#### The History of the Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research

Abstract: The poster will examine the origins of SCAR and its development alongside the establishment of the Antarctic Treaty using the limited archives and published reports and symposia. It will highlight the role played by several SCAR initiatives in providing key scientific elements for the development of Antarctic law, important new international resources (such as the Composite Gazetteer and the Seismic Data Library) and look at how the recent evolution of SCAR provides new opportunities for information availability.

#### Poster 2. Ross Goodwin

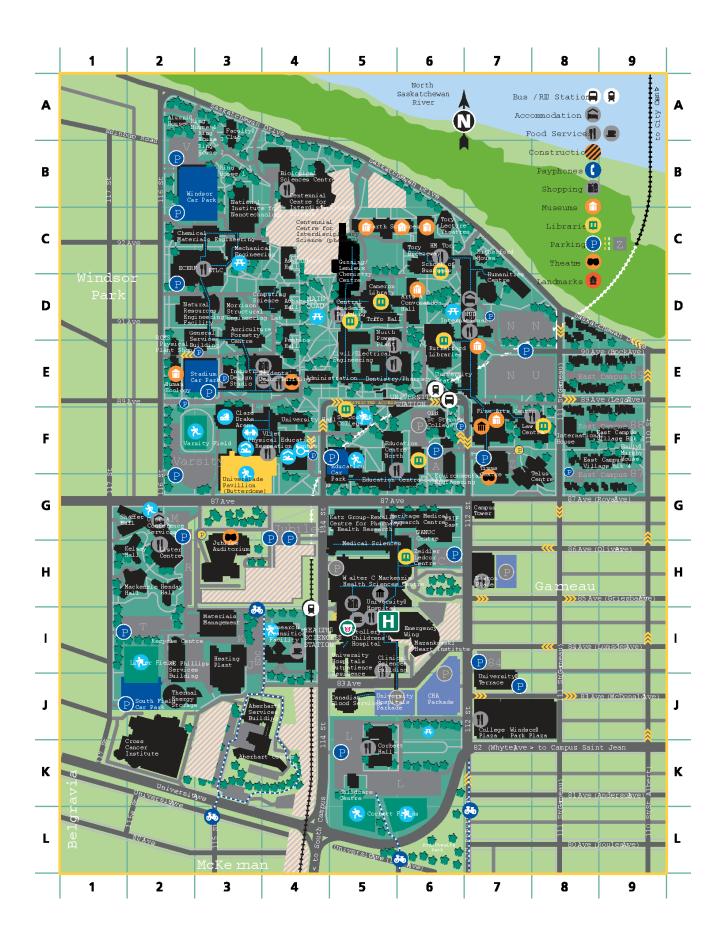
#### Canadian IPY Publications Database

Abstract: The Canadian IPY Publications Database (CIPYPD) describes publications from IPY 2007-2008 and the three previous IPYs. The database includes publications from or about Canadian IPY projects, as well as publications from or about foreign IPY projects that studied northern Canada or the adjacent waters. The records in the CIPYPD contain citations, abstracts, detailed subject and geographic indexing terms, interlibrary loan symbols, and DOIs or URLs linking to online publications. The database is available from a bilingual website at <a href="https://www.aina.ucalgary.ca/ipy">www.aina.ucalgary.ca/ipy</a>, and currently describes 430 publications. All records in the CIPYPD are also included in the Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS), the international IPY Publications Database and the Arctic & Antarctic Regions database. The CIPYPD was made possible by the generous support of the Government of Canada Program for International Polar Year and EnCana Corporation.

#### Poster 3. Bjørn Olav Skancke

#### NAROS: northern areas open scholarly documents—a pilot project

Abstract: NAROS, is currently a pilot project, testing the idea of a thematic OAI-harvester of scholarly documents related to the northern areas. Several institutions are involved in research within this area. One of the goals of the pilot project is to identify these institutions. For those who do not have a OAI-PMH-compatible archive, we hope to stimulate them to establish one. The pilot project will however also test other means of collecting content than harvesting through OAI-PMH. Furthermore, sources other than institutional archives may contain very applicable documents for NAROS, and we need to detect these. For our thematic harvester it will be a challenge to extract the documents we want in NAROS. The pilot project is testing search algoritms in selected archives, to establish default searches that may yield results NAROS, wish to include. The pilot project also aims at describing the amount of manual labour needed in the process of detecting and extracting documents for NAROS,.



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