Task Force has been part of the International Studies major since the program’s inception in 1982. It operates much like a Presidential Commission or other investigating group whose object is to arrive at a set of policy recommendations. The Task Force researches the policy issue using a variety of resources, debates, policy proposals, and develops a set of recommendations. Students then present their findings in a written report that is subjected to an oral evaluation by an experienced policy maker.

Arctic Sovereignty was one of seven Task Force issues offered in Winter Quarter 2009. The Arctic Sovereignty Task Force is just the second Task Force to offer a fact-finding mission abroad to facilitate “on the ground” research. Thirteen students enrolled in the course. They traveled to Ottawa for one week where they heard from many experts in the field and visited international embassies, non-governmental organizations, and met with university legal experts. This booklet provides a listing of the host organizations, speakers and Ottawa schedule.

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2009 SIS 495C Arctic Sovereignty Task Force

Departments / Organizations / Embassies
Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Delegation of the European Commission to Canada
Embassy of Denmark, Ottawa
Embassy of Iceland, Ottawa
Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada
Embassy of the United States of America, Ottawa
Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
International Polar Year, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
International Relations Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Inuit Circumpolar Council, Canada
Inuit Relations Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
Northern Affairs Organization, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Northern Strategy, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Oceans Law Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Polar Continental Shelf Project, Natural Resources Canada
Royal Norwegian Embassy, Ottawa
United States Relations, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada

Speakers / Hosts
Avdoshin, Evgeny A., Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada
Bergmann, Martin, Polar Continental Shelf Program, Natural Resources Canada, Ottawa
Borbey, Patrick, Northern Affairs Organization, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Chumakov, Valery, Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada
Duschenes, Christopher, Inuit Relations Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Di Girolamo, Giovanni, Delegation of the European Commission to Canada
Finkler, Harald W., Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Graham, Angela, North America Outreach and Mission Liaison Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Henningsen, Jakob, Embassy of Denmark, Ottawa
Heynen, Jeff, US Relations, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Kadas, Robert, Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Kudluk, Henry, Communication and Liaison Office, Inuit Relations Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Kozij, John, Strategic Policy and Integration Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Lalonde, Suzanne, Faculty of Law, Université Montréal
Locklear, Lonzell, Embassy of the United States of America
Loring, Eric, Environment Department, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
McRae, Donald, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
Morse, Bradford, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
Moss-Davie, Pitseolalaaq, Research Coordinator, Inuit Circumpolar Council
Naess, Tor B., Royal Norwegian Embassy, Ottawa
Okalik, Paul, Nunavut
Pelletier, Benoît, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
Pharand, Donat, International Law, University of Ottawa
Rees, Stephanie, International Polar Year, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Reimer, Chester, Chester Reimer Consulting Inc.
Savoie, Donat, Inuit, Arctic and Circumpolar Affairs
Silundika, Cecilia Sithembile, Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Northern Affairs Organization, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Sim-Nadeau, Sue, Polar Continental Shelf Project
Steele, Earl James, Embassy of the United States of America
Stewart, Allison, Oceans Law Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Thériault, Sophie, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
Thordardottir, Siridur Anna, Embassy of Iceland, Ottawa
Vatne, Per, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Ottawa
Whitaker, Marilyn, International Relations, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Ottawa was the most exciting and engaging academic experience I have had throughout my International Studies classes. The structure of the trip proved itself extremely beneficial as I learned more about networking, interviewing, camaraderie, self-expression and thoughtfulness. I felt that people were actually interested in telling us about the Arctic and it made me feel more connected with my work than I have felt in the ordinary classroom. It was a great learning experience to have before graduating that will prove very fortunate as my career in the 'outside' world begins in a few months. – Gus Andreasen

Our time in Ottawa was invaluable in so many ways. Getting to speak to many knowledgeable people completely changed my outlook (and outline) for the chapter I am working on. It gave me a more 'real' understanding of the current situation in the Arctic, as well as the necessary diplomacy that is involved with such a large issue. The trip gave us a chance to bounce ideas off my peers and was the first time I have bonded so closely with other students in the Jackson School. This trip was the first of its kind in my education experience and I hope that other students can experience something so amazing in the future. – April Nishimura

**Sunday, 25 January 2009**

10-11:30 a.m. – Canadian Museum of Civilization Tour
Canada Hall - Remarkable journey through one thousand years of Canada's social history and First Peoples Hall – Highlights the cultural, historical and artistic achievements of Canada's First Peoples

1 p.m. – Parliament of Canada Tour, Ottawa

**Monday, 26 January 2009**

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
Host – Nancy Hector, Senior Program Advisor, North America, International Education and Youth Division

Program:
9 a.m. – Welcoming Remarks, Nancy Hector
9:10-10:00 a.m. – “The Canada-US Relationship,” Jeff Heynen, Deputy Director, US Relations and Angela Graham, North America Outreach and Mission Liaison Division
10-11:00 a.m. – “The Arctic Relationship,” Robert Kadas, Deputy Director, Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs Division
11 a.m.-Noon – “Arctic Sovereignty,” Allison Stewart, Oceans Law Division

Noon-1 p.m. – Lunch hosted by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
1:30-4 p.m. – Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Inuit Circumpolar Council
Host – Oxana Golovkina, Russian Liaison, International Development, Projects Coordinator, Inuit Circumpolar Council

Program:
1:30-2:30 p.m. Inuit Circumpolar Council, Pitseolalaq Moss-Davies, Research Coordinator and Chester Reimer, Chester Reimer Consulting Incorporated
2:30-4 p.m. – Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Rosemary Cooper, Political Coordinator, Stephen Hendrie, Senior Communications Officer, and Eric Loring, Senior Environment Researcher, Environment Department
**Tuesday, 27 January 2009**

9:30 a.m.-Noon – Embassy of the United States of America, James Steele, Environment Counselor

Noon – Lunch with Giovanni Di Girolamo, First Counsellor and Head of the Political and Public Affairs Section, Delegation of the European Commission to Canada

2:30 p.m. – Embassy of the Russian Federation in Canada, Evgeny A. Avdoshin, Third Secretary and Valery Chumakov, Counsellor

*After a brief discussion in Russian, Kristen Olson takes notes during the visit to the Russian Embassy.*

5:30 p.m. – Dinner with Polar Continental Shelf Project, Natural Resources Canada, Ottawa, Director, Martin Bergmann and Sue Sim-Nadeau, Senior Advisor

**Wednesday, 28 January 2009**

10-Noon a.m. – Royal Norwegian Embassy, Tor Berntin Naess, Ambassador and Per Oystein Vatne, First Secretary

*Stephen Printz poses with Norway’s Ambassador to Canada, Tor Berntin Naess, after a meeting at the Embassy.*

Noon – Lunch with Benoit Pelletier, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, former member of Québec’s National Assembly and Minister in the Québec Government

*Gus Andreasen and Alison McKay with Benoit Pelletier after his presentation.*
2-4 p.m. – Donat Savoie, Consultant, Inuit, Arctic and Circumpolar Affairs, Former Chief Federal Negotiator, Nunavik Project, Québec

Donat Savoie takes time with the Team after his discussion. From left, Marta Schwendeman, Stephen Printz, Andrew Schwartz, Gus Andreasen and April

Thursday, 29 January 2009

10 a.m. – Embassy of Iceland, Ottawa, Ambassador Siridur Anna Thordardottir

The Team poses with Icelandic Ambassador Siridur Anne Thordardottir.

1 p.m. – Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Host – Cecilia Sithembile Silundika, Circumpolar Analyst, Russia, Circumpolar Liaison
Program:
1-1:20 – Welcome Remarks and Introductions, Patrick Borbey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs Organization
1:20-2 p.m. – Overview Brief on Indian and Northern Affairs, Marilyn Whitaker, Director, International Relations Directorate
2-2:40 p.m. – The Northern Strategy, John Kozij, Director, Strategic Policy and Integration Directorate
2:40-3:30 – Inuit Relations Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Christopher Duschenes, Executive Director
3:30-4 – “Arctic Cooperation – Multilateral and Bilateral Programs,” Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Harald W. Finkler, Director
4-4:50 – International Polar Year, Stephanie Rees, Research Coordinator

6 p.m. – Nunavut 10th Anniversary Celebration
7:30 p.m. – “Nunavut – Past, Present and Future,” Paul Okalik, former premier of Nunavut

Friday, 30 January 2009

10 a.m. – Embassy of Denmark, Ottawa, Deputy Head of Mission, Jakob Henningsen, Embassy of Denmark, Ottawa

1-5:00 p.m. – University of Ottawa Symposium on Arctic Sovereignty – Legal Issues / Inuit Rights
Host – Sophie Thériault, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
Program:

1-2:30 p.m. – Donat Pharand, Professor Emeritus, International Law, University of Ottawa – Pharand is one of the foremost experts on the international law of the sea, particularly as it relates to the Arctic regions.
2:30-4 p.m. – Donald McRae, Professor of Law, University of Ottawa and Suzanne Lalonde, Faculty of Law, Université Montréal – McRae specializes in the field of International Law and has been an Advisor to the Department of External Affairs of the Government of Canada and Counsel for Canada in several international fisheries and boundary arbitration; Lalonde’s work focuses on the legal aspects of Arctic sovereignty with a focus on the Northwest Passage and challenges to Canada’s sovereignty over the region.

Indigenous Rights
4-5:30 p.m. Sophie Thériault and Bradford Morse, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa – Thériault specializes in Inuit food security in the age of climate change and melting sea ice and the role of law in securing access to traditional food; Professor Morse has been directly involved in the establishment of Aboriginal land claims, environmental disputes, and other Aboriginal governance matters. In the mid-90s Morse served as Executive Assistant to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and was involved in all aspects of the Department's responsibilities concerning First Nations as well as in the North.

7:30 p.m. – 2009 SIS 495C Task Force on Arctic Sovereignty Appreciation Reception for Ottawa Hosts and slide show presentation of the fact-finding mission by Patrick Lennon, member, 2009 Task Force on Arctic Sovereignty

Saturday, 31 January 2009

9 a.m. – Arctic Sovereignty Team leaves Ottawa for Seattle

In response to the trip, I believe it can be summed up in a couple words – amazing and intense. The past week was simply phenomenal. Although the schedule was absolutely jam packed with events I found that almost all were interesting, thought provoking and well worth the time. Meeting with these various speakers was a wonderful and rare opportunity of which I most enjoyed.

Not only was this trip beneficial on an academic level, I believe it was also created a very valuable social dynamic. At the beginning of the quarter I don't believe that many previous acquaintances existed within the group. However after this trip I can say we have all bonded significantly and in a very positive manner. Not only has the trip created new friendships, I think it will add a dynamic that will be exclusive to the Arctic Sovereignty task force. – Stephen Printz