

## International Policy Institute Arctic Fellows Symposium

### *Indigenous Influence in Arctic Affairs*

Friday, 2 June 2017 – 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (9:00 coffee)

Walker Ames Room, Kane Hall, UW Campus

Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies (JSIS), University of Washington

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The Arctic is emerging as one of the most dynamic regions in global geopolitics in part as a result of the increased influence of Indigenous peoples in international affairs. This phenomenon has not been given much attention nor is it well understood. Yet, Arctic Indigenous peoples are shaping international policy with implications for the circumpolar world and beyond. Scholars now argue that the Arctic is a unique region where reform can take place. It is viewed by some as a potential laboratory for international collaboration and the site for meaningful engagement between nation-states and Arctic Indigenous peoples.

In Spring Quarter 2017, fifteen UW graduate students took part in a weekly symposium titled, “Arctic Indigenous Internationalism.” They discussed the history of this global movement, the United Nations as a legal mechanism for ensuring self-determination, analyzed sub-national Indigenous regions, and participated in a field experience to the Arctic Council Ministerial Meetings in Fairbanks, Alaska. These students – International Policy Institute Arctic Fellows – represent the Schools of Education and Marine and Environmental Affairs, the Law School, and the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

In this final symposium the Fellows interview key leaders in Arctic affairs, or present short papers on issues related to the Arctic with international relevance. The goal of this symposium is to bridge the gap between academia and the needs of policy makers as they relate to a better understanding of how Indigenous peoples are influencing Arctic affairs and what this means for international relations today.

## PROGRAM

9:30 – Welcome by **Judy Howard**, Divisional Dean, Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

9:40-10:00 – Welcome from the symposium co-chairs – **Nadine Fabbi**, Lead, International Policy Institute Arctic Fellows program; **Erica Dingman**, Director, Arctic in Context, World Policy Institute, New York; **Jean-François Arteau**, Advocatus emeritus, Kesserwan Arteau, Québec City

10:00-10:30 – Interview with **Inuuteq Holm Olsen**, Head of Representation, Greenland Representation, Washington, D.C. with **Valerie Cleland**, MA, Marine and Environmental Affairs, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, Inuktitut, Canadian Studies Center, JSIS, 2017-18

10:30-11:00 – Interview with **Jim Gamble**, President, Aleut International Association with **Ian Scott Hanna**, MA, Marine and Environmental Affairs, **Jay-Kwon Park**, MA student, International Studies, JSIS, and **David Rivera**, MA, School of Marine and Environmental Affairs

11:00-11:30 – Interview with **Troy Storfjell**, Department of Languages and Literatures, Pacific Lutheran University, with **Michael Brown**, MA student, International Studies, JSIS and **Lucy Kruesel**, MA student, Education

11:30-12:30 – Lunch and Key note talk, “A Personal Perspective of the Changing Arctic Climate,” by **Kent Moore**, UW’s 2016-2017 Canada Fulbright Visiting Chair in Arctic Studies

12:30-1:00 – Interview with **Paul Okalik**, Legislative Assembly of Nunavut for Iqaluit-Sinaa and former premier of Nunavut with **Malina Dumas**, JD student, Law; Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, Inuktitut, Canadian Studies Center, JSIS, 2016-17 and 2017-18, and **Katie Aspen Gavenus**, MA student, Education; Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, Canadian Studies Center, JSIS, Inuktitut, 2016-17 and 2017-18

1:00-1:30 – Interview with **Jean-François Arteau** with **Amy Delo**, MA, International Studies, JSIS; Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, French, Canadian Studies Center, JSIS, 2016-17 and 2017-18 and **Rachel Freeman**, MA student, Marine and Environmental Affairs; Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, French, Canadian Studies Center, JSIS, 2016-17

1:30-2:00 – Interview (in Russian) with **Pavel Vasilievich Sulyandziga**, Chair of the Board, Batani Foundation and Member of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights with **Brandon Ray**, MA student, International Studies, JSIS and Marine and Environmental Affairs; Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, Russian, Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, JSIS, 2016-17 and 2017-18 and **Elena Campbell**, Associate Professor, Department of History

2:00-2:15 - Break

2:15-3:15 – **Policy Paper Presentations**

- “U.S. National Security for the Arctic,” **Sita Kouhi**, MA student, Applied International Studies, JSIS
- “Joint Policy Development: Canada and Nation-to-Nation Collaboration with Inuit,” **Arfian Setiaji**, LL.M in Sustainable International Development, School of Law
- “Oil and Arctic Indigenous Political Mobilization,” **Marwa Maziad**, Ph.D. Candidate, Interdisciplinary program in Near and Middle East Studies, JSIS

3:15-3:30 - “Bridging the Gap at Week of the Arctic,” video presentation with **Kate Griffith**, MA student, Applied International Studies, JSIS

3:30-4:00 – Concluding Remarks by **Vincent Gallucci**, Faculty Director, Canadian Studies Center and **Jean-François Arteau**

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