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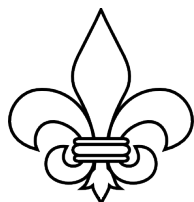
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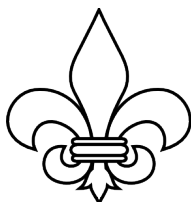
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Bonjour, Hello, Qanuippit!

Each year, students from the University of Washington's Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies engage in a senior capstone project called Task Force. For more than 25 years, the program has been a part of the undergraduate International Studies curriculum, and has proved to be a rewarding and insightful experience for the students involved.

Jackson School students are divided into Task Force sections, comprised of about a dozen students. Each group is faced with a contemporary (usually global) issue and led by faculty with an expertise in the subject area. Most students become experts on a specific aspect of the topic and are led by student editors who are responsible for revising and synthesizing the document as a whole. Students integrate extensive research with intensive amounts of writing in order to formulate a final Task Force policy report, which addresses the group's recommendations to rectify (or develop) the matter at hand.

The 2013 Arctic Taskforce led by Nadine Fabbi and Joël Plouffe focused on building capacity for security in a rapidly changing Arctic. Climate change and globalization are quickly altering the Arctic, and directly transforming the lives of indigenous peoples. The Taskforce sought to understand how to improve human capacity in the North, to build resilience and sustainability in individuals, communities, and nations.

To further our research and add a broader perspective to the issues in the Arctic, the Government of Québec and other organizations funded a research mission to Québec City and Ottawa. This trip was invaluable to our research as we tested our initial theories, explored innovative responses to global change, and met with scholarly, indigenous, governmental, and community leaders who contributed immensely to our research. Traveling to Canada humanized the research experience for us and introduced us to new and incredibly hospitable cultures. Ultimately the experience left a lasting impression on us as Jackson school scholars, young adult individuals, and united group members. Our travels will be deeply ingrained in our minds, seeped into our brains like the cold subzero temperatures that invigorated our senses.

This report hopes to share the experiences we gained, and display our gratitude for this extraordinary week. Whether meeting with foreign service officers, interacting with Inuit students, crossing frozen rivers by ferry, or sharing a scrumptious apple pie, we hope that the photographs and descriptions below convey the beauty and significance of the Arctic and its peoples. We thank all those who supported us in this mission, and wish for all other readers to become intrigued by the North.

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Québec & Ottawa Schedule

Québec

Sunday, 27 January

Tour of **Québec** City
Plan Nord

Monday, 28 January

Government of **Québec**
Québec Housing Corporation

Tuesday, 29 January

Makivik Corporation
L'Université Laval

Ottawa

Wednesday, 30 January

Barry Pottle

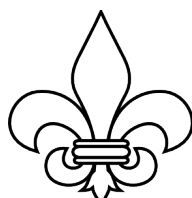
Thursday, 31 January

Embassy of the United States of America
World Wildlife Foundation
Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
National Defense and Canadian Forces

Friday, 1 February

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
Inuit Circumpolar Council
Conference Board of Canada
Government of Nunavut & Nunavut Sivuniksavut

Québec City



Tour of Québec

André Jolin, Services touristiques



Students Charlotte Dubiel and Hannah Dolph get a hug from our tour guide Mr. Jolin

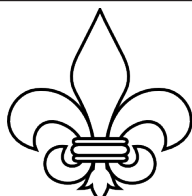
On our first day in Québec City, I learned what it was like to breathe in air so cold it burned my lungs and made me gasp. Everything about this historic city – including the cold – felt bracing, alive, and new. The trip was an immersion, a polar bear dive into Arctic security and a whole world of experts who swam in the deep waters of Arctic governance and research. I was continually surprised by the stature of the people who came to speak with us, and how approachable and sincere they turned out to be. Their candid insights contributed immensely to my research on Arctic food security, each speaker building on the next to paint a broad and lively picture. The trip's brevity and intensity brought us close to the speakers, our teachers, and each other. Even if I forget everything I learned, I won't forget Québec: Je me souviens.

– Kevin Shaw

Occasionally it felt like I understood the Arctic, but then a new perspective – Inuit, Québécois, military, anthropological, or even American – would clean the slate, unsettle assumptions, and create new puzzles. - Max Sugarman

Aside from the majestic parliament buildings, the thrilling ferry ride across what felt was a frozen tundra, and the lovely bed and breakfasts, my favorite part about Québec and Ottawa was the people we met. Who knew one could learn so much in just one week! - Binh Vong

I didn't know that Québec City was such a historical site; that in fact, almost 20% of Canadians are Francophones. I also didn't know that Québec makes some fine brews! - Mike Brown



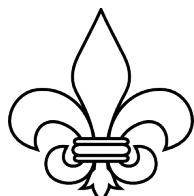
Gouvernement du Québec

Dominic Maltais, Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones,
Direction des relations et du suivi des ententes



Students Nic Van Tulder, Hannah Dolph, Max Sugerman, Steve Moore, Mike Brown and Binh Vong pose with former Task Force Student Dominic Maltais

Our first guest in Québec was Dominic Maltais, a Jackson School Alumni who took this exact same task force two years ago in 2011. She brought refreshing insight on how Task Force introduced her to Québécois politics and policy-making. Dominic provided interesting insights in regards to Plan Nord, its implications and how the changing administration has changed or tabled the Arctic program. She further brought an insider's view of intergovernmental workings of Québécois governance, how policies are made, and the frustrations and rewards that comes with government positions.



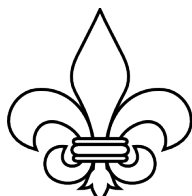
Ministère des relations internationales

SiaSia Morel & Mathieu Doyle Gosselin,
International Affairs Advisors
Claude Trudelle, Deputy Director for Policy Analysis



Bihn Vong and Zoë Cosford pose with members of the Ministry of International Relations, Francophonie and External Commerce

Our first encounter of the morning was with SiaSia Morel, the coordinator of our meetings for the day, and Mathieu Doyle Gosselin, who brought a wealth of insights on Québécois governmental relations within and outside of Québec. SiaSia did a wonderful job in coordinating our meetings with the Québécois Ministry of International Relations, providing us with intriguing speakers such as Mr. Claude Trudelle as well as an opportunity to enjoy lunch at Le Parlementaire restaurant. Afterwards, we had the opportunity to tour Assemblée nationale, learn technicalities of Parliament in its functions, seating and broadcasting, and to actually view a parliamentary interview take place.



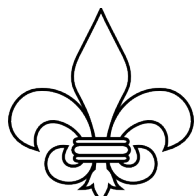
Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones

Julie Rodrigue, Advisor



Student Zoë Cosford and Julie pose for a photo by the flag of Québec

Our morning was capped off with a surprise presentation from Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones, the ministry responsible for aboriginal affairs. Julie Rodrigue gave us a very interesting presentation on the relations between the government of Québec and the First Nations (such as Cree and Innu) and Inuit in Québec. As someone who works closely with these communities, Ms. Rodrigue gave an interesting perspective as both an anthropologist and government representative. It was especially fascinating to learn about programs being developed to save and promote indigenous languages.



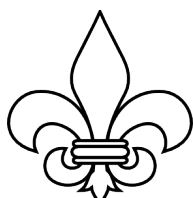
Assemblée Nationale, Parliament of Québec

Luc Ferland, Member of Parliament for Ungava



Luc Ferland (2nd from bottom left) joins us outside Le Parlementaire Restaurant

Luc Ferland, the MP for Ungava, explained to us the particulars of the land claims agreements negotiated with aboriginal peoples in Québec including the division of land into three categories: Category 1 over which aboriginal peoples had full ownership and responsibility, Category 2 over which aboriginal peoples enjoy exclusive rights or shared authority over resources, and Category 3 land over which aboriginal people had certain resource rights but were included in joint management. Our Taskforce professor, Joël Plouffe kindly interpreted Luc Ferland's expansive knowledge on Québec's division of land, the categories and its implications. In-depth knowledge from Luc was vital to our understanding of governance between the province and indigenous communities.



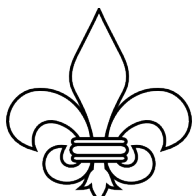
Societe d'habitation du Québec

John Mackay, President & Director
Jean-Francois Arteau, Vice-President



ask Force students and instructors at the Québec Housing Corporation Reception hosted by John Mackay, President and Director General and Jean-Francois Arteau, Vice-President

Societe d'habitation du Québec (Housing Corporation of Québec) kindly greeted us late in the evening, sharing their space, beverages, and knowledge of housing in Northern Québec with our group. Nunavik consists of 14 remote communities situated between the 55th and 62nd parallel, therefore, the cost of living is very high with basic foods and necessities amounting to four to ten times the normal costs. To make matters even worse, large shortages of housing in the north has contributed to increase social violence and drug and alcohol abuse. John Mackay and Jean-Francois Arteau introduced us to how the history of the Inuit in Québec has led to these present issues, and the possible solutions .



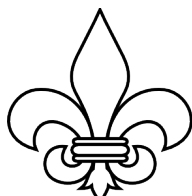
Donat Savoie

Inuit, Circumpolar, and Arctic Affairs



Arctic expert, Donat Savoie and student Kevin Shaw at Hotel Du Parc over breakfast

Early on in the trip, Donat Savoie provided the Task Force with an excellent primer on indigenous issues in Northern Québec. Donat sketched a brief history of the relationship between Inuit communities and the Canadian government. It began with mutual disinterest, as the remoteness of Inuit communities placed them outside the ambit of the state's concern. With WWII came the establishment of northern military bases and other Canadian attempts to assert sovereignty. Meanwhile, Inuit started cooperatives, first created in 1958. Donat's evident passion for socio-economic issues among Inuit was a huge benefit to the Task Force. His influence can most clearly be seen in the chapters discussing food security and homelessness.



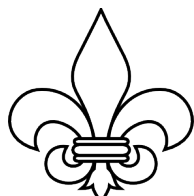
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Joë Lance, Executive Assistant to the President of Makivik



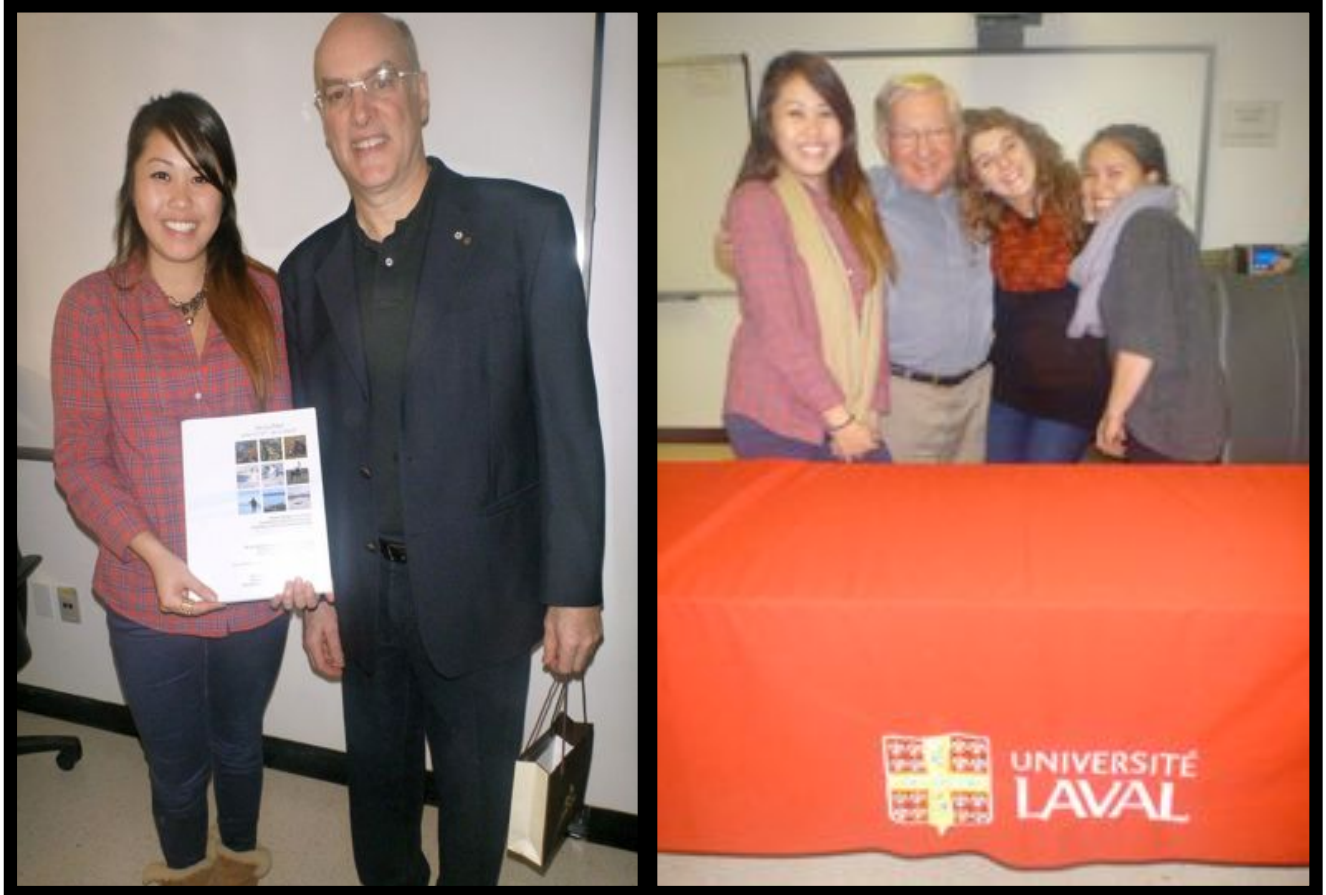
Student Charlotte Guard shares a gift with Kitty and Joë at the Makivik Corporation office

Our second meeting of the day was at the Makivik Corporation. We were introduced to Joë Lance, Executive Assistant to the President of Makivik Corporation, and Kitty Gordon, Communications Officer. Kitty Gordon provided us with an informative summary of how Makivik was founded and where the company was headed. It was especially cool because Kitty is an alumni of the 2011 Arctic Task Force! Joë Lance was able to provide us with an excellent summary of where the socio-economic problems in Inuit communities are originating and how they could be improved. He also discussed both the challenges and potentials for resource development in the North and stressed the importance of including the Inuit voice in the dialogue. Though we had a busy day ahead of us, we pushed our cab back in order to have a bit more time with these two presenters and apologized in advance for the countless emails they would receive with further questions!



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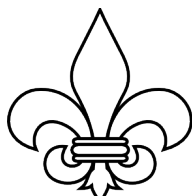
Louis Fortier, Professor of Oceanography, ArcticNet
Louis-Jacques Dorais, Professor of Anthropology



Professor Fortier shares the IRIS report with Rachel Tam at the symposium (left), and Rachel, Hannah, and Ngoc share a moment with Louis-Jacques Dorais (right)

Professor Fortier discussed the ramifications of the warming Arctic. Since 1980, research shows an 82% volume loss in the ice cap. Major climatic, geopolitical, social and economic consequences will follow from the warming. Professor Fortier also mentioned the innovative approach that scientists now utilize, called the Integrated Regional Impact Study (IRIS). This is a breakthrough that only occurred recently, as a mechanism to consolidate scientific research and policy making.

We also heard from Louis-Jacques Dorais, a premier linguist of Inuktitut who shared his findings of Inuktitut terms for leaders. He also expressed his concern for the native language that is on the verge of extinction because Inuktitut doesn't stick. Although there's a lack of materials in Inuktitut about grammar and mathematics, it is necessary to fund transcriptions of educational materials into Inuktitut to ensure that the language, culture and traditions are upheld.



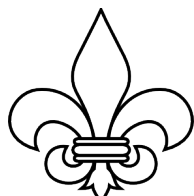
Université Laval Symposium, Faculty of Law

Thierry Rodon, Associate Professor of Political Science,
Chair of Northern Development Research



Student Mike Brown after Thierry Rodon's presentation on "Inuit Governance in Canada and Greenland"

Thierry Rodon summarized the Inuit's history of colonization and decolonization, putting an emphasis on the Inuit's attempts at claiming their land back. Starting in the 1950s the Inuit were effectively colonized by the Canadian government and until the 1970s had little autonomy. The 1970s saw the beginnings of a movement aimed at establishing treaties that would give the Inuit some autonomy back, which ended up being quite successful. Thierry then spent some time talking about what lays ahead for Inuit governance as they try to decide how to approach resource development.



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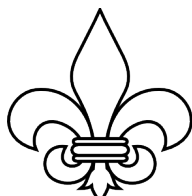
Frédéric Lasserre, Professor of Geography
Kristin Bartenstein, Professor at Law



Student Rachel Tam with Dr. Lasserre (left), Task Force Instructor, Joël Plouffe, and student, Max Sugarman, pose with Dr. Bartenstein (right)

Professor Lasserre's presentation was thought provoking and challenges prevalent beliefs of the Northwest passage. Lasserre discussed the recent increased traffic in the Arctic region, owing to cruise ships rather than commercial purposes such as cargo or transit shipping. He argued that, in some cases, distances are in fact shorter in the Northeast Passage as compared to the Northwest passage however, there also many constraints.

Kristen Bartenstein then introduced us to environmental security and the gaps of policy that can be filled by international law. With a clever diagram, she explained the zonal approach created by the Law of the Sea defining the spaces of the aquatic Arctic in terms of permissible activities.



Ottawa



Barry Pottle

Inuk Photographer



Barry Pottle demonstrates traditional Inuit drumming and lets Kevin Shaw have a turn

Barry Pottle visited us at the beautiful bed and breakfast where we stayed in Ottawa. Over a dinner of delicious Indian fare, he shared from his unique expertise on Inuit art and social issues. We received an education in Inuit art history and the unique predicament of urban Inuit, a topic that went largely unmentioned by other presenters. Although a relatively small population, urban Inuit are growing and facing new challenges. Facing alienation from both Arctic communities and southern cities, urban Inuit suffer from lack of access to country food and cultural traditions, particularly among youth. His presentation framed photography and art-making as an Inuit response to social and political disenfranchisement. After dinner, Barry shared some of his own work in photomedia, including the collection Foodland Security. He demonstrated how to play an Inuit tribal drum and even let a few Task Force members try their hand at it. All in all, it was evening rich with art, music, sharing, and conversation.



Embassy of the United States of America

Lonzell 'Bud' Locklear, Special Advisor for Energy & Environment

Robert L. Gandolfo, Captain US Coast Guard

Gretchen L. Tierje, Science & Technology Officer



Student Zoë Cosford and others brace against the cold as they leave the Embassy of the United States of America

First thing in the morning, after a hearty breakfast at 6:30 am, we took a brisk walk to the bus stop that would take us on the beginning of a packed day of meetings beginning with the US Embassy. There we met Bud Locklear and Captain Robert Gandolfo who discussed US foreign policy in the Arctic. Priorities of the American state department in Canada include the Arctic Council, Northwest Passage, and science and technology infrastructure. We are grateful to the gentlemen for their knowledge and responses to our questions, aiding us in diversifying our perceptions of the North. The officers at the embassy even handed out "embassy M&M's!"



World Wildlife Fund

Alexander Shestakov, Director Global Arctic Programme
Marc-André Dubois, Advisor External Relations



Max Sugarman thanks Alexander Shestakov and Marc-André Dubois after their presentation for the World Wildlife Foundation

Thursday morning we graciously borrowed the Fulbright Canada office to meet with Alexander Shestakov and Marc-Andre Dubois from the World Wildlife Fund. They framed their discussion with the concept of environmental security and the new threats we face in the Arctic with climate change and globalization such as pollution. After some cute and terrifying stories of polar bears, walruses, and caribou, we discovered how damaging certain development could be to the Arctic environment. We also discovered the importance of ecosystem services and the international laws and national policies that can protect wildlife and ecosystems in the Arctic.



Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Renée Sauvé, Director Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans
Melissa Weber, Policy Analyst



Student host, Charlotte Guard, presents a gift of Alaskan smoked salmon to Ms. Sauvé,

Our last stop of the morning was a visit to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans where Renée Sauvé gave us an overview of environmental impacts of climate change to the Arctic, especially the general increase in interest in Arctic waters. She stressed the importance of increasing knowledge and understanding through integrated assessments and observation in waterways. She also discussed the necessity of sustainable development and conservation of significant areas and species in the North. Her insight into the inner proceedings and processes of the Arctic Council provided meaningful context for our research. It was an excellent summary for all of us!



National Defence and Canadian Forces

Brigadier General Guy Hamel, Joint Task Force North
Philippe Hébert, Director of Policy and Development



Task Force student Binh Vong and stands with Guy Hamel and Philippein front of their presentation at the National Defense and Canadian Forces

General Guy Hamel is the commander of the Joint Task Force North. His presentation began with an exhilarating video of Canadian Joint Task Force North. During his presentation, General Hamel shared with us his experience working in the Canadian Arctic. We were impressed by the approach of the Canadian military in the North, especially their close ties with indigenous populations and inclusion of local people in their projects. Other than being fascinated by all that he had accomplished, we also very much appreciate General Guy's passion and enthusiasm for his work.



Canadian Polar Commission

Bernie Funston, Chair
Marc Meloche, Senior Policy Analysis
Nick Xenos, Director of Arctic Science Policy and Integration, AANDC
Jean-Marie Beaulieu, Senior Science Advisor
Lori Wilkinson, Polar Continental Shelf Program



After an enlightening presentation on Arctic research Charlotte and Hannah share a smile with the Canadian Polar Commission and others

Bernie Funston introduced the Canadian Polar Commission through a thought-provoking and stimulating introduction. We then moved on to research facilities and capabilities in the North and impending technological advances. Nick Xenos discussed communication, internet availability, and government research in the North. He emphasized the need for traditional knowledge and modern-expertise to be connected at the crosshairs of science. Mr. Xenos highlighted the importance and implications of human research dialogue being constructed in Canada's North. In pulling information from this presentation, we were able to better understand the huge opportunity the North provides in innovation and research development.



Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Stephen Hendrie, ITK President



Nick and Binh ask tough questions to ITK president, Stephen Hendrie

Stephen went above and beyond the usual interest in our subjects and turned out to be an excellent resource for contacts with special expertise on our chapters. He introduced us to the history of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Canadian Inuit Organization., explaining the pathways in which Canadian Inuit have asserted their rights. Additionally he gave us a beautiful visual presentation on Inuit communities through photography and adeptly answered questions on subjects as varied as Inuit unity and tourism development.



Inuit Circumpolar Council

Leanna Ellsworth, Climate and Health Advisor



Task Force Students appreciate the art in the ICC offices

On a visit to the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC), Leanna Ellsworth offered us an important look into the history and functioning of the foremost international organization for Inuit advocacy. Leanna clarified the ICC's responsibilities in advocacy, education, and awareness-raising for Inuit issues around the world. She explained how the ICC takes issues from the community level, feeds them through national committees, and brings them to international attention. In addition, Leanna helpfully summarized the ICC's recent activity around issues relevant to health and food security. After the presentation, Leanna graciously offered us a tour of the premises of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami.



Centre For the North, Conference Board of

Anja Jeffrey, Director
Siomonn Pulla, Senior Research Associate
Stefan Fournier, Research Associate



Steven and Charlotte exchange Arctic knowledge with Anja Jeffrey, Siomonn Pulla, and Stefan Fournier

Anja Jeffrey, Siomonn Pulla, and Stefan Fournier were very open and friendly with us in our discussion and were a wealth of knowledge on a variety of topics relating to the Canadian Arctic and our overall research. We were all impressed at their clarity competence in his field. The panel discussed many of the usual issues faced by the Inuit community and how they have responded to many of these challenges. One issue of interest which they touched upon was the difficulty of Inuit to adapt to life in the south which often results in homelessness. After a week of meetings this conversation was riveting and woke us up from a PowerPoint induced stupor. A special thanks to them for the reports they let us bring home and draw from for our own work.



Government of Nunavut

Bill MacKay, Senior Advisor,
Intergovernmental Relations of Nunavut



Nic van Tulder and Bill Mackay after an informative discussion on the Nunavut

Bill MacKay provided a detailed overview of the establishment and current status of Nunavut as a territory. He suggested that with proper implementation of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and transfer of resource management, Nunavut will be able to develop as a region in due time, similar to the Yukon and NWT. He delved into detail about Nunavut's current governance and its dependency on the Crown for more than 90% of its intergovernmental spending through Territorial Formula Financing. Nunavut receives the largest TFF from the Federal government. His insights are vital to our understandings of governance in Nunavut and how the prosperity and wealth of the region can be improved.



Nunavut Sivuniksavut

Morley Hanson, Director



Task Force students took a lot from their conversations from Inuit youth at Nunavut Sivuniksavut

We wrapped up our meetings with a memorable trip to the Nunavut Sivuniksavut training school. The training school is a unique eight-month program where Inuit students learn about land claims, their history and cultural traditions like Inuit song and dance. Morley Hanson, director of NS, first gave us an overview but quickly opened it up for us to ask questions of the students. Everyone pointed to where they were from on the map and it was amazing to see not only the length they had traveled from their towns to Ottawa, but also the distance between their communities in the north. Before we left some of the NS students demonstrated a traditional Inuit dance and throat song. We were all impressed by their performance and moved by the conversation discussing their pride for their communities but also the challenges associated with living in the North and their experiences in the South. After so much time researching the Arctic, meeting Northern students close to our age was a fantastic and inspiring way to end our trip to Canada.



More at Nunavut Sivuniksavut



The boys take advantage of a photo opportunity and everyone watches as two students, Christine Tootoo and Savannah Angnaluak, demonstrate throat singing



The Members of the 2013 Arctic Governance Task Force

Task Force Instructors



Nadine C. Fabbi is the Associate Director of the Canadian Studies Center. For the last ten years her work has centered on the history and geopolitics of the circumpolar north. She is currently engaged in research on indigenous diplomacies and international relations in the Arctic. She earned her MA in Canadian Studies from Carleton University and is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of British Columbia. Nadine has travelled to Alaska, the Yukon, Churchill, Manitoba, Greenland, Iceland and Siberia. In addition to the 2009 and 2011 Arctic-focused Task Force classes, she has taught on Inuit history and political mobilization at the University of Alberta and the University Centre of the Westfjords, Ísafjörður, Iceland.

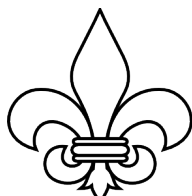


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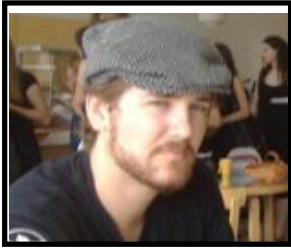
Expert Evaluator



Tony Penikett is a Vancouver-based mediator and has served in politics for 25 years including two years in Ottawa as Chief of Staff to federal New Democratic Party Leader Ed Broadbent MP; five terms in the Yukon Legislative Assembly; and two terms as Premier of Canada’s Yukon Territory (1985-92). His government negotiated final agreement for First Nation land claims in the territory and passed pioneering education, health, language legislation, as well as leading a much-admired bottom-up economic planning process.



Task Force Team



Mike Brown: I'm a student of Finnish area studies and Finnish language as well as a student of the Jackson school. I plan to examine the Arctic Council and how they have cooperated with other indigenous groups, states, and organizations in the Arctic.



Zoë Cosford: A native of Canada, in this task force I hope to focus on Inuit-Federal cooperation over the Northwest Passage, looking at issues of governance and diplomacy in this highly important area of the Arctic.



Hannah Dolph: I am passionate about the socio-economic issues that have impacted indigenous communities such as hidden homelessness and youth participation in the Arctic. I especially want to focus on its effects on international perspectives of human rights in the area.



Charlotte Dubiel: Permanent Participants' capacity to bring awareness and positive progress in the international arena piqued my interest in redefining security as capacity building on an individual, community, and nation-state level. I served as editor to the Arctic Task Force along with Binh Vong.



Charlotte Guard: In recent years, strategies have been developed in order to improve Inuit-centered public education to allow students to better contribute to Inuit, Canadian and global society. This is key to their role in Arctic security.



Kevin Shaw: I focused my research on issues relevant to Arctic food security, including access to country food and locally grown produce. I am particularly interested in the design and implementation of community infrastructure to strengthen local food systems.





Steven Moore: In this task force course I will be focusing on the tourism industry in the Arctic and it's current effects and future implications on the regions ecological security.



Ngoc Ho: My interest in government participation in resource management led me to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and how lack of financial support and full implementation of the modern treaty had severe social and economic retributions.



Max Sugarman: As a dual citizen of Canada and the United States, I am interested in how climate change intervenes in the already complex relationships between indigenous communities and science. In particular, conservation in the warming arctic presents many challenges that must be balanced with the needs of communities.



Rachel Tam: I am interested in this task force not only due to its environmental aspect, but also the social aspect of Arctic governance. I am curious to see how observer statuses contribute to the Arctic Council and what role China will partake as an emerging global power.



Nicolas van Tulder: I'll be focusing on issues of sovereignty, security, and diplomacy in the arctic with a focus on indigenous efforts for diplomatic engagement with the arctic powers.



Binh Vong: As co-editor to the Arctic Task Force, we focused on redefining security in the Arctic. Arctic security is the capacity for individuals, communities, and nations to build sustainable and resilient systems and to assert a representative voice in arenas of diplomacy and policy-making.

