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## Canadian Studies Center Report January 2015

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

Welcome to winter quarter – a great time of year for Canadian and Arctic enthusiasts! Vince and I wish to welcome Joel Heath to the University of Washington (UW). Joel is the UW's second Canada Fulbright Visiting Chair in Arctic Studies. He is a biologist who works in the Inuit community of Sanikiluaq on the Belcher Islands in Canada's Hudson Bay. Joel will teach ARCTIC 401 – *Current Issues in the Arctic Region* in Spring Quarter as part of the Arctic minor. Please enjoy the story below about Joel's work, an article on Mick's presentation on the Inuit language in Canada, and other news from Charlotte, Dian, Quintard, our students and our colleagues. Happy New Year! – Nadine & Vince

### Center News

 People of a Feather  
Cover

#### Documentary Film Producer is this Year's Canada Fulbright Visiting Chair in Arctic Studies

by Jack Truitt, Journalism

The director and producer of the award-winning documentary, *People of a Feather: A Film About Survival in a Changing Canadian Arctic*, Joel Heath, spoke with Jackson School students in November about his research on the eider duck, his film, and the problems that Québec hydroelectric dams pose for the Arctic.

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 2014 Linguistics Coll

#### Inuktitut Scholar Speaks at Linguistics Colloquium

by Brent Woo, Linguistics

The Department of Linguists hosted Mick Mallon, Canada's preeminent Inuktitut instructor, as a speaker for the weekly Colloquia series – one of the most well-attended ever. [Read More ...](#)

 Daniel Justice

#### Why We Eat Our Relatives – Difference in a Not-so Post-Colonial World

by Rachael Nickerson, Comparative History of Ideas

Daniel Heath Justice (Cherokee Nation), the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Literature and Expressive Culture and Chair of the First Nations Studies Program at the University of British Columbia, was a special guest at the UW this fall. [Read More ...](#)

### Faculty News

#### *The Living Breath of Wəłəb?altx<sup>w</sup>*

by Charlotte Coté and Dian Million, American Indian Studies

In Fall Quarter UW's American Indian Studies Department held their second annual symposium entitled, *The Living Breath of Wəłəb?altx<sup>w</sup>: Indigenous Ways of*



Cote & Dian  
Workshop

*Knowing Cultural Food Practices and Ecological Knowledge*, that brought together speakers from the United States and Canada. [Read More ...](#)



Quintard Taylor

### **Black History in Canada**

by Quintard Taylor, History

The Canada Project is the latest effort by BlackPast.org, a project dedicated to the promotion African Americans and Global African history that links hundreds of entries and articles on the website to appropriate provinces and territories in Canada. [Read More ...](#)

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## Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) News



Devon Thorsell

### **International Cooperation in the Arctic**

by Devon Thorsell, International Studies/School of Marine & Environmental Affairs, 2014-15 FLAS Fellow, French

My research is concerned with international cooperation in the Arctic region particularly as it relates to the Arctic Ocean and adjacent seas. [Read More ...](#)

### **African Diasporic Music in Montréal, Québec**

by Julia Day, Ethnomusicology, 2011-12 FLAS Fellow, French

In the summer of 2014 I was funded through the International Council for Canadian Studies Graduate Student Scholarship to conduct research on the West African music community in Montréal. [Read More ...](#)

## Undergraduate News

### **UW's First Student Ambassador to University of Arctic**

Ian Lee, Earth and Space Sciences, is among the first cohort of students from the circumpolar world to be selected as a youth ambassador for University of the Arctic. [Read More ...](#)

### **Student in UW's First ARCTIC 200 Course now Intern for Arctic Caucus**

by Devon O'Neill, International Studies

*ARCTIC 200 Indigenous Diplomacies and International Relations* gave me the opportunity to meet Executive Director of Pacific Northwest Economic Region, Matt Morrison, where I learned about the Arctic Caucus where I now serve as an intern. [Read More ...](#)

## Alumni News

### **Task Force Alum now a Fulbright Scholar at University of Lapland**

by Michael Brown, International Studies (2013)

My experience as a member of the *JSIS 495 Task Force on Arctic Securities*

introduced me to an area of the world that is on the cutting edge of international relations and ultimately lead me to the University of Lapland. [Read More ...](#)

## K-12 STUDY CANADA

### **K-12 STUDY CANADA Outreach at NCSS 2014 Conference**

More than 4,300 social studies educators attended the Annual National Council for the Social Studies Conference in Boston in November where, as has been a tradition since 2001, a notable profile for Canadian Studies was offered. [Read More ...](#)

### **Back to Basics: Elementary Students Learn How Inuit People Survived in the Arctic**

by Mary Cingcade, Elementary Educator

Ever since I attended a Canadian Studies Center presentation entitled “Who Owns the Arctic?” I have wanted to increase content of the Arctic region in the elementary school curriculum. [Read More ...](#)

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