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Canadian Studies Center Report
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Dear Friends & Colleagues,

The Center has much to report as 2016 ended with one of our biggest workshops sponsored by the Korean Maritime Institute (KMI) on Arctic Indigenous Economies in Canada. The workshop resulted in a 5-part video series in Arctic and International Relations Video Series and a symposium by the Arctic International Policy Institute (IPI) Fellows. As 2017 begins, the Center would like to welcome our incoming 2016-17 UW Canada Fulbright Visiting Chair in Arctic Studies, Kent Moore, to the University of Washington! To learn more about the KMI workshop, our new Fulbright, and other news from the Center, see below. - Nadine, Vince, Monick, and Jay-Kwon

Center News

Arctic Indigenous Economies in Canada

In early November 2016, the Center hosted a workshop – Arctic Indigenous Economies in Canada – with the Korean Maritime Institute. Six guests from across Arctic Canada provided insights into how Arctic Indigenous economies are shaping domestic and international relations including Jean-François Arteau, Kesserwan Arteau; Charlie Watt and Christine Nakoolak, Avataa Exploration and Logistics, Kuujjuaq, Nunavik; Andy Moorhouse, Vice President, Economic Development, Makivik Corporation, Nunavik; Burton Ayles, Canada Member, Canada/Inuvialuit Fisheries Joint Management Committee; and, Minister Sean Lyall, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Nunatsiavut.

View workshop program …
View workshop photos …

Arctic Indigenous Economies in Canada Video Series

This 5-part video series was developed as part of the above workshop. The presenters at the workshop were interviewed by the International Policy Institute Arctic Fellows (UW graduate students whose research interests include the Arctic). These short videos focus on the challenges and tremendous successes of Arctic Indigenous governance and economies in the Canadian Arctic. View videos …

Arctic and International Relations Podcast Series with World Policy On Air

On the latest episode of World Policy On Air, Inuuteq Holm Olsen, the first Greenland representative at the Danish embassy in Washington, explains how the semi-autonomous nation is working to balance an emerging tourism industry and natural resource extraction with environmental sustainability. Listen to podcast …

A new exchange agreement with the University of Victoria!
The Center has signed an exchange agreement with University of Victoria
enabling UW recipients of the Corbett Scholarship to study there. University of Victoria is one of a handful of institutions in Canada that has an Indigenous Governance program and is also one of the few institutions to have an undergraduate program in Canadian Studies (Canadian Studies Diploma) providing Canadian content courses important for UW students and the Arctic Studies Minor at UW. Learn more about the Corbett Scholarship and application …

Faculty News

Welcome 2016-17 UW Canada Fulbright Visiting Chair in Arctic Studies, Kent Moore
The Center would like to welcome Kent Moore this Winter and Spring Quarter 2017 to the University of Washington! Kent has a Ph.D. in Geophysical Fluid Dynamics from Princeton University. His research interests include: theoretical geophysical fluid dynamics, mesoscale meteorology, polar meteorology, high latitude air-sea-ice interactions, physical oceanography, paleoclimatology and high altitude physiology and he will be teaching a core course for the Arctic Studies Minor, ARCTIC 401: Current Issues in the Arctic. Learn more about Kent …

Book reading by affiliated faculty Margaret Wilson
Anthropologist and Center affiliate, Margaret Wilson, who worked at sea herself when she was younger, has been conducting research with seawomen in Iceland for several years, resulting in her recent book Seawomen of Iceland: Survival on the Edge (University of Washington Press 2016) in which a book reading was held on December 1, 2016. View flyer …

Affiliated faculty publishes article in Polar Geography on the early polar maps of the Northwest Passage
Harry Stern, researcher with UW’s Polar Science Center and affiliated faculty with the Center’s minor in Arctic Studies, just had his research article on the early exploration maps of Captain Cook published in Polar Geography. “The opening of the passage [Northwest Passage] has set off a scramble among the Arctic nations, all of whom want to cash in,” writes E. Cummins in Popular Science of Stern’s article. “Canada and Russia claim parts of the water for themselves, while the United States insists the passage is in international waters and therefore navigable by Americans and their allies.” Find the full article in Polar Geography …

Former Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholars participate in D.C. Arctic Week
In late October 2016 the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs hosted Fulbright Arctic Week bringing together 18 international scholars. At the event three former Center Visiting Scholars participated and formally launched Issue #4 of the Jackson School’s Arctic and International Relations Series (AIRS) titled “The Many Faces of Arctic Energy.” View Fulbright Arctic Week …

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) News

UW students receive instruction in the Canadian Inuit Language from Iqaluit, Nunavut
In Fall Quarter 2016 the UW became the first institution in the nation to offer instruction in the Canadian Inuit language, Inuktitut, to a class of 9 students!
Students received instruction via Skype from one of Canada’s top Inuktitut instructors, Mick Mallon, named to the Order of Canada in 2008 for his contributions to education and language training. View article on Mick in CBC …

Doctoral research project in Nuuchahnulth, Indigenous language spoken on Vancouver Island
David Inman, a PhD candidate in Linguistics, was awarded a Summer 2016 Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship from the Center to study Nuuchahnulth, a language spoken along the west coast of Vancouver Island. Read more …

Graduate News

International Policy Institute Arctic Fellows Research Symposium
In early December the International Policy Institute (IPI) Arctic Fellows presented their policy papers on the theme of Arctic Indigenous Economies in Inuit Nunangat (Canada) and the Circumpolar World to faculty from across campus and other guests.

See symposium program and flyer…
See symposium photos…

2015-16 International Policy Institute Arctic Fellow presents at the Alaska and Puget Sound Leadership Summit
Moh Kilani, International Policy Institute Arctic Fellow and graduate of the Master’s in Applied International Studies program (15-16) presented his research on using the city diplomacy model to build relations between the Seattle region and the Arctic. Moh’s article, “City Diplomacy and the Arctic” was published in Issue #3 of Arctic and International Relations Series. View his speaking engagement in Anchorage …

Alumni News

UW’s University of the Arctic student ambassador speaks at the UArctic Conference
There is growing unrest within the geopolitical and geographic realms of the Arctic Circle. As world powers scramble to ensure their slice of the Arctic pie, the spotlight on highly decorated political leaders and large imposing institutions invariably drowns out the voice of an oft-overlooked but significant group, that of the students. Read more …

K-12 STUDY CANADA

A perfect fit: NRCs on Canada offer workshop to International Baccalaureate educators
On November 30, 2016 the two National Resource Centers on Canada – our Pacific Northwest NRC on Canada and the Northwest NRC on Canada – collaborated to provide a one-day workshop at the Newseum for Fairfax Country educators. Read more …

A letter to K-12 STUDY CANADA
Kristen Miles, Ponderosa Elementary School Teach from Loveland CO write thank you letter to K-12 STUDY CANADA for Canada Resource Kit that has helped
provide activities to teach her students about Canada that would not else be taught. **Read her letter** …