

CANADIAN STUDIES CENTER NEWS

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Dear Canada Community,

This fall we write with some sad news--the passing of our Inuit language instructor and noted Canadian linguist, Sydney (Mick) Mallon. Mick taught the Inuit language at the University of Washington since 2005 inspiring many students in both the language and Canada's Arctic region. Mick was a great friend of the Center and played a big role in our lives. Our hearts go out to Alexina Kublu, his wife and fellow Inuktitut language instructor, and Mick's family. In the words of one of our students, "He [Mick] and his wife Kublu brought such a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom; I will forever be grateful to have been one of their students through the Canadian Studies Center's Inuktitut program." See more about Mick's life below and the many other inspiring individuals who enrich our work.

--Nadine Fabbi, Interim Director and Marion Ferguson, Exchange Programs Manager

CENTER NEWS



Passing of a "brilliant teacher" of the Inuit language

Sydney (Mick) Mallon, a renowned Canadian linguist and the Center's Inuktitut instructor, passed away on September 18th at the age of 90. [MORE](#)



Center awarded grant from the Government of Canada

The Center was awarded a grant from the Government of Canada's Global Arctic Leadership Initiative to support the 2024 Arctic Task Force. [MORE](#)



Center is a partner in grant from the Scottish Government

The Center will partner with University of Aberdeen for a grant project on Arctic environments funded by the Scottish Government. [MORE](#)



Center provides insights into Inuit in Canada policy at PCC Summer Institute

Nadine Fabbi gave a talk at the annual Program on Climate Change Summer institute on Inuit policy in Canada. [MORE](#)



Ferguson awarded funding to participate in Global Inclusion Conference

Marion Ferguson will be a panel speaker for the session "IDEAS for Indigenous Inclusion in Education Abroad." [MORE](#)

FACULTY NEWS



Hedwige Meyer travels to Québec

Hedwige traveled to Québec in July to conduct research for a new French course on Québécois literature with a focus on Indigenous writers. [MORE](#)



Rich Watts awarded course development grant

Rich was awarded a grant from UW's Global Business Center to integrate Québec business language into an advanced third year French course. [MORE](#)

STUDENT NEWS



FLAS fellows to Vancouver Island to study Nuu-chah-nulth

This summer three Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellows traveled to Vancouver Island for intensive study of the First Nations language. [MORE](#)



JSIS grad interns at U.S. Consulate

Aidan Swayne, JSIS master's student, will work with the U.S. Consulate in Vancouver, B.C. on a project concerning cross-border economics and energy. [MORE](#)



Inuit communities and COVID-19 – perspective from a FLAS fellow

During her fellowship, Robyn Long interned at the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) Canada and co-wrote a published paper with ICC colleagues. [MORE](#)



Icelandic student to UW as part of north2north

Through the Center's membership in the UArctic north2north mobility program, Icelandic student Haukur Brynjarsson is studying at UW this fall. [MORE](#)

OUTREACH PROGRAMMING



Douglas Janoff on diversity in the federal government

July's Community College Master Teacher Institute included a talk by author Douglas Janoff on diversity in the Government of Canada. [MORE](#)

DIVERSIFY YOUR FRENCH



Study Canada K-12 hosts "Diversify Your French" summer institute

French teachers from around the country met weekly online to expand their understanding and knowledge of French throughout the diaspora. [MORE](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

- [Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Arctic Studies](#) -- deadline November 15, 2023
- [Killam Fellowship Program](#) (undergraduate students) -- deadline December 15, 2023
- [Corbett British Columbia-Washington International Exchange Program](#) (undergraduate and graduate students) -- deadline January 31, 2024
- [Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship](#) (graduate students) -- application opens November 1, 2023

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