



Northern Research Forum

Seeking Balance in a Changing North

24- 27 September 2008

Anchorage, Alaska

Final Program and Schedule

Tuesday - 23 September, Pre-Conference Day

Location: University of Alaska Anchorage Campus

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM NRF Steering Committee Meeting (UAA Library 302)

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM Meeting with NRF Young Researchers

Late registration in the Clarion Suites, 325 W 8th Avenue, Anchorage, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wednesday – 24 September

Location: Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

08:00 AM - 09:00 AM Late registration in lobby of Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM Opening Session (Museum auditorium)

- Blessing and opening performance by Lepquinm Gumilgit Gagoadim
- Welcome by Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, PhD., President of Iceland
- Mead Treadwell, Co-Chair of the 5th Host Organizing Committee
- Message from Senator Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senate
- Vice Admiral Thomas Barrett, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation
- Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell, State of Alaska
- Julie Kitka, President of the Alaska Federation of Natives
- Introductory words by Lassi Heininen, PhD., Chairman of the NRF Steering Committee

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee break

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM Plenary Session I: **The Future of Northern Cooperation**
Chairs: Steven Bigras and Zaneta Ozolina, members of the NRF Steering committee (Museum auditorium)

Panelists:

- Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, PhD., President of Iceland
- Professor Nikita Lomagin, Dept. of World Economy St.Petersburg State University, Russia
- Deputy Minister Inuuteq Holm Olsen, Greenland: *The International Perspective of Greenland*

Presentations by NRF Young Researchers

- Rasmus Bertelsen, PhD Research Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge: *A Vision for a North Atlantic Security and Surveillance Organization*
- Jussi Laine, Doctoral student of the Department of Geography, University of Joensuu: *B/ordering North: Russia and the Balance of Northern Co-operation*

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch (on own)

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Roundtable discussion: **The Arctic Council and Multilateral Cooperation** [participants only] (Museum auditorium)
Chairs: Steven Bigras, member of the NRF Steering committee and Lawson Brigham, Deputy Director of the US Arctic Research Commission

Panelists:

- Ragnar Baldursson, Senior Arctic Official of Iceland
- Patricia Cochran, Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Chair of the Indigenous Peoples Secretariat
- Ms.c. Adèle Dion, Ambassador, Senior Arctic Official of Canada
- Victoria Gofman, Aleut International Association
- Jyrki Kallio, Senior Arctic Official of Finland: *Creating Room for Political Discussion in the Arctic Council*
- Anton Vasiliev, Ambassador at Large, Senior Arctic Official of the Russian Federation

Presentations by NRF Young Researchers

- Heather Exner-Pirot, PhD Candidate, University of Calgary: Human Security in the Circumpolar North: *What Role for the Arctic Council?*
- Lotta Numminen, researcher in the Finnish Institute of International Affairs and PhD student at University of Helsinki: *The new Geography of a warming North*

- 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Coffee break
- 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Open discussion in breakout sessions (Five breakout groups - each breakout will be facilitated by panel member, NRF Steering Committee member, and Young Researchers) and breakout summaries presented by Young Researchers.
Group 1: Museum classroom
Group 2: Gallery 1
Group 3: Museum auditorium
Group 4: Gallery 7
Group 5: Art activity room
- 6:00 PM-6:45 PM Breakout summaries presented by Young Researchers (Museum auditorium)
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Evening Reception and Dinner (Museum atrium)
- Welcome by David Ramseur, Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Mark Begich, Municipality of Anchorage
 - James Pepper Henry, Director, Anchorage Museum
 - Ann Riordan, Anchorage Museum Curator, “The Way We Genuinely Live: Masterworks of Yup’ik Science and Survival”
- 8:45 PM - 10:15 PM Film Festival (Museum auditorium)
Old Man Peter (2008) by Ivan Golovnev from Khanty-Mansiysk
Welcome to Enurmino (2007) by Alexei Varkhushev from Chukotka

Thursday – 25 September

Location: Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Plenary Session II: **The New Geography of a Warming North**
Chairs: Susan A. Crate and Mead Treadwell, members of the NRF Steering Committee. (Museum auditorium)

Panelists:

- Gudfinna Adalgeirsdóttir, PhD., Danish Meteorological Institute: *What can we learn from the ice sheets?*
- Mary R. Albert, Ph.D., Terrestrial and Cryospheric Sciences Branch, USA: Climate Change and the IPY: *Springboard for International Cooperation*
- Lawrence D. Weiss, PhD, MS, Alaska Center for Public Policy

Presentations by NRF Young Researchers

- Russell Fielding, Ph.D. Student and Departmental Assistant, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University: *Environmental Change and Local Foodways in the Faroe Islands, a North Atlantic Artisanal Whaling Societ*
- Audrey Giles, Assistant Professor, School of Human Kinetics, University of Ottawa: *Understanding Perceptions of Aquatic-based Risk in a Changing Arctic*
- Karen Hibbard-Rode, IGERT Trainee, Resilience and Adaptation Program, Biology and Wildlife Department, University of Alaska Fairbanks: *Can the history of a caribou herd be a useful scenario for policymakers imagining the future? - Preliminary findings on the history of the Teshekpuk Lake Caribou Herd*
- Elena Piterskaya, PhD. in Ethnology, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, RAS, Moscow: *Human Health and the Problem of Sustainable Development in the Arctic*

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM Coffee break

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM Open discussion in breakout sessions
Group 1: Museum classroom
Group 2: Gallery 1
Group 3: Museum auditorium
Group 4: Gallery 7
Group 5: Art activity room

- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch (on own)
- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Breakout Summaries presented by Young Researchers
- 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Roundtable Discussions, based on the following five NRF Theme Project Groups and a Project Session, with short coffee break (detailed program will be distributed later)

- 1) Future of Northern Cooperation: Legal and Political Issues
Coordinator: Natalia Loukacheva, PhD., Director of the Polar Law Program, University of Akureyri, Iceland and Zaneta Ozolina, Head of Department of Political Science, University of Latvia (Museum classroom)

- 2) Economies in the North -Migration
Coordinator: Lee Huskey, PhD., Department of Economics, University of Alaska Anchorage and Steven Bigras, Executive Director Canadian Polar Commission (Gallery 1)

- 3) Energy Issues
Coordinator: Academic Director Björn Gunnarsson, PhD., School of Renewable Energy Science, Akureyri, Iceland and Peter G. Johnson, PhD., Arctic Scientist, Ottawa (Museum auditorium)

- 4) Northern Sea Routes
Coordinator: Ragnar Baldursson, Senior Arctic Official of Iceland and Professor Willy Østreng, Chairman of the Board, Ocean Futures (Gallery 7)

- 5) Climate Change - Northern Security/ies
Coordinator: Lassi Heininen, PhD., University of Lapland and Susan A. Crate, Assistant Professor, George Mason University, USA (Art activity room)

- 6) Project Session: How do we sustain and build healthy northern communities
Coordinator: Davin Holen, Subsistence Resource Specialist (Gallery 3)

Free evening: explore Anchorage; dine at locations of your choice

Friday – 26 September

Location: Town of Palmer, Chickaloon village and Alaska Native Heritage Center

- 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bus transportation to Palmer and Chickaloon
- 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM Opening welcome and presentation of day's events in Palmer by Jennifer Harrison, Executive Director, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
- Historical Overview by Angie Wade
 - Health and Social Services Department by Lisa Wade
 - Moose Creek Salmon Restoration Project by Angie Wade and/or Jessica Dryden
 - Ecosystem-Based Plan by Robert Black and/or Lisa Borowsky
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Depart for Chickaloon with local tour guide.
- Matanuska River Overlook
 - Musk Ox Farm
- 12:30 PM -1:30 PM Lunch in Palmer with Chickaloon Village staff in Raven Hall at Alaska State Fairgrounds.
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Return to Anchorage, Alaska Native Heritage Center
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Plenary Session III: **The Accessible Arctic in the Global Economy**
(Location: Alaskan Native Heritage Center)
Chairs: Peter Johnson and Willy Østreng, members of the NRF Steering Committee
- Panelists:**
- Lawson Brigham, Deputy Director of the US Arctic Research Commission
 - Reynir Gislason, International Freight Shipping SAC
 - Bjorn Gunnarsson, PhD., Academic Director of School for Renewable Energy Science, Iceland: *Renewable Energy Societies: Iceland as a Case Study*
 - Professor Sergei Sutyryn, World Economy Department Head St. Petersburg State University, Russia: *What Type of Global Governance Do We Need in Arctic?*

Presentation by NRF Young Researchers

- Nicole Footen, PhD., MSW, Director of Student Services: School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA: *Human Trafficking as a Human Rights Issue and Policy Responses of Northern States*
- Oliver Krone, PhD., Germany: Senior Consultant, Promatis software GmbH: *The Accessible Arctic in the Global Economy*

- 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM Open discussion in breakout sessions
Group 1: Museum classroom
Group 2: Gallery 1
Group 3: Museum auditorium
Group 4: Gallery 7
Group 5: Art activity room
- 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM Tour of Alaska Native Heritage Center with docents
- 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Breakout Summaries presented by Young Researchers
- 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Dinner buffet / Native dances
- Keynote speech by Governor Walter Hickel, Former Governor of Alaska and US Secretary of the Interior
- 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM Film Festival, Alaska Native Heritage Center Auditorium
Living From the Land and Sea (2005) Jeff Silverman & Steven Alvarez from Alaska
The Box of Wisdom Totem Pole (2007) Steven Alvarez & Jon Stanton from Alaska
The Duck-in (2005) Rachel Naninaaq Edwardson from Alaska

Saturday – 27 September

Location: Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

- 09:00 AM - 11:00 AM Plenary session IV: **Leadership in the Age of Uncertainty**
Chairs: Amy L. Wiita and Lassi Heininen, members of the NRF steering committee.

Panelists:

- Elaine Abraham, Chair of Alaska Native Science Commission
- Susan Chatwood, Arctic Health Research Network - Northwest Territories: *Building Partnerships for a Health Research Network in Northern Canada*
- Mark Hamilton, President of University of Alaska

Presentation by NRF Young Researchers

- Lisa Cockburn, Lisa M Cockburn, MSSc, University of Lapland: *Accepting Uncertainty, Transforming Power: What can an understanding of nonhuman agency offer science*
- Drew Gerkey, PhD. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Tristan Pierce, PhD. Student, Dept. of Geography, University of Guelph: *Adaptation to Climate Change in the Arctic: knowledge transmission and information exchange among Inuit in an arctic community*
- Rosa Rut Thorisdottir, Ph.D., Université Paris Diderot-Paris: *Equitable Anthropological Research Through Knowledge Sharing*

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2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Breakout Summaries
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Roundtable Discussions, based on the five NRF Theme Project Groups (Wrap up, conclusions, how to continue the work) (Detailed program will be distributed later)
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks by Patricia Cochran and Lassi Heininen, NRF Steering Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last impression of the meeting/Anchorage• Announce location for 6th NRF Open Assembly
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Closing Reception (with light hors de oeuvres)
6:15 PM – 7:45 PM	NRF Young Researchers Work Session (Location Clarion Business Center), For NRF Young Researchers and invited panelists
6:00 PM	Saturday evening film festival at Anchorage Museum: <i>The Furies</i> : This 1950's classic superimposes the mythic grandeur of the American West with the soul-churning struggles of Greek tragedy. Admission: \$6.00.

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