



Northern Research Forum

Seeking Balance in a Changing North

24- 27 September 2008

Anchorage, Alaska

Theme Project Groups' Round Table Discussions

Thursday – 25 September

Location: Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

Theme Project Group 1: *Future of Northern Cooperation: Legal and Political Issues*

Location: Museum Classroom

Chair: Natalia Loukacheva, PhD., Director, Polar Law Program, University of Akureyri

Presenters:

- Dalee Sambo Dorough, PhD., Human Rights Advisor, Inuit Circumpolar Council and Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Alaska, Anchorage, USA: *The Convention on the Law of the Sea and its Relevance for the Arctic Ocean*
- Inuuteq Holm Olsen, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greenland Home Rule Government, Nuuk, Greenland: *Changes in the North: a Greenlandic View*
- Mead Treadwell, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission and Senior Fellow of the Institute of the North, Anchorage, USA.
- Maria Pettersson (Young Researcher), PhD. Student, Department of Social Science, Law Division, Luleå University of Technology, Luleå, Sweden: *The Struggle for a Sustainable Energy Supply: Legal Challenges in the Implementation of Renewable Energy Sources in the Arctic*
- Natalia Loukacheva, PhD., Director of the Polar Law Program, University of Akureyri, Iceland: *The Importance of Legal Education and Inter-disciplinary collaboration for the Future of Northern Cooperation*

Theme Project Group 2: *Economies in the North -Migration*

Location: Gallery 1

Chairs: Lee Huskey, PhD., Department of Economics, University of Alaska Anchorage and
Zaneta Ozolina, Head of Department of Political Science, University of Latvia

Presenters:

- Professor Chris Southcott, Ph.D., Lakehead University
- Professor Peter Schweitzer, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- Elizabeth Marino, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- Lance Howe, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Alaska Anchorage
- Stephanie Martin, Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Alaska Anchorage
- Andrey Petrov (Young Researcher), PhD. student at the University of Toronto:
Convergence or Divergence? Comparing Current Economic Development Policies in the Russian and Canadian North

Theme Project Group 3: *Energy Issues*

Location: Auditorium

Chairs: Academic Director Björn Gunnarsson, PhD., School of Renewable Energy Science, Akureyri, Iceland and Peter G. Johnson, PhD., Arctic Scientist, Ottawa

Presenters:

- Nick Goodman, Head of TDX Power, developer of major power projects in Alaska, including hydro and geothermal prospects
- Meera Kohler, Head of AVEC, Alaska Village Electric Corporation, which provides power generation in more than 55 villages in rural Alaska
- Markus Mager, (Young Researcher), Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) at the University of Alaska: *Economics of Greenhouse Production in Alaska: Using the Greenhouse at Chena Hot Spring Resort as a Model*

Theme Project Group 4: *Northern Sea Routes*

Location: Gallery 7

Chairs: Ragnar Baldursson, Senior Arctic Official of Iceland and Steven Bigras, Executive Director Canadian Polar Commission

Presenters:

- Ragnar Baldursson, Senior Arctic Official of Iceland
- Lawson Brigham Deputy Director of the US Arctic Research Commission
- Professor Willy Østreng, Chairman of the Board, Ocean Futures
- Reynir Gislason, International Freight Shipping SAC

Theme Project Group 5: *Climate Change - Northern Security/ies*

Location: Art Activity Room

Chairs: Lassi Heininen, PhD., University of Lapland and Susan A. Crate, Assistant Professor, George Mason, University, Fairfax, USA

Presenters:

- Patricia Cochran, Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and Chair of the Indigenous Peoples Secretariat
- Jackie Poston, Project Coordinator, Alaska Climate Change Strategy
- Deborah Williams, Alaska Conservation Solutions
- Caleb Pungowiyi, former President and CEO of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference and of the Robert Aqqaluk Newlin, Sr. Memorial Trust in Kotzebue, Alaska
- Rear Admiral Gene Brooks, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
- Kriya Dunlap, (Young Researcher), Ph.D., University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska: *Hair analysis in sled dogs illustrates a linkage of mercury exposure along the Yukon River with human subsistence food systems*
- Shirley Roburn, (Young Researcher), PhD. Student, Communication Studies, Concordia University, Montreal: *The Being Caribou Project: Local stories, international policy, and grassroots civil society-- a case study*
- Dessislav Sabev (Young Researcher), postdoctoral student, CELAT, pav. DeKoninck, Université Laval, Québec: *"What is functional survives" Sámi Reindeer Herders in a Changing Environment*
- Lia Slemmons, (Young Researcher), Graduate Student, School of Oceanography, University of Washington: *Cultural framing of science communication: Experiences involving Christian church communities in dialogue on climate change*

Project Session: *How do we sustain and build healthy northern communities*

Location: Gallery 3

Chair: Davin Holen

Presenters:

- Davin Holen, Subsistence Resource Specialist, Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game: *Introduction to the Session*
- James Fall, Statewide Program Manager (Research Director), Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game: *Overview of the Research Program of the Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game*
- Brad Robbins, Research Analyst, Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game: *Methods for Estimates and Issues Concerning Alaska Subsistence Harvests*
- Stephen R. Braund, Stephen R. Braund & Associates: *Subsistence Use Areas and Traditional Knowledge Studies*
- Davin Holen, Subsistence Resource Specialist, Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game: *Methods for Assessing the Importance of Wage-Labor in Alaska's Rural Communities*