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Indigenous Responses to Changing Environments in the 21st Century

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Department of Urban Planning, Public and Health Administration
Eastern Washington University, USA

Strategies for Sustainable American Indian Reservations: Natural Resources, Timber, Tourism and Gaming in Northeastern Washington State

Doug DEUR
Department of Anthropology, Portland State University, USA

Wayfinding in the Contested Wilderness: Native American Interests in America's National Parks

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch, President’s Dining Room, University Center

2:00 – 4:30 pm Session 2

Chair: Berthold MOLDEN
University of New Orleans, USA

Dorothy HALLOCK
Tribal Planning Consultant, Tempe, Arizona, USA

Carriers of Culture: The Nez Perce Horse Project

Steve STRIFFLER
Department of Anthropology, University of New Orleans, USA

Labor, Indigenous Rights, and International Solidarity: Anti-Capitalist Environmentalism in Latin America
Program

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

10:00 am – 12:30 pm  Session 3

Chair: David I. BERRISS
University of New Orleans, USA

Bruce FORBES
Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, FINLAND

Cultural Resilience of Social-Ecological Systems in the Nenets and Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrugs, Russia:
A Focus on Reindeer Nomads of the Tundra

Anna STAMMLER-GOSSMANN
Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, FINLAND

Multiple Meaning of Sea Water:
Coastal Communities of the Barents Sea and Fishery

12:30 – 2:00 pm  Lunch, University Center Cafeteria

2:00 – 4:30 pm  Session 4

Chair: Ana CROGAERT
University of New Orleans, USA

Hugh BEACH
Department of Cultural Anthropology & Ethnology
Uppsala University, SWEDEN

Sami Reindeer Herding:
The Survival of Categories, but the Transformation of Contents

Liisa HOLMBERG
Sámi Education Institute, Inari/FINLAND

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Hugh BEACH (Department of Cultural Anthropology & Ethnology, Uppsala University, SWEDEN)
Hugh Beach has lived among Sámi reindeer herders for many years in Sweden, Norway and the Kola Peninsula of Russia. In Swedish Sámpi, his work has been devoted to studying the practical determinants of herding form. He has also worked as a reindeer herder in Alaska with the Inuit NANA Regional Corporation herd, researched impacts of the Chernobyl disaster on reindeer herding and Sámi society, and in general is specialized in the study of indigenous circumpolar peoples. He has served as expert advisor to the Swedish ombudsman against ethnic discrimination and led a number of inter-disciplinary and international research projects, most recently the ongoing American NSF-funded IPY project: Dynamics of Circumpolar Land Use and Ethnicity (CLUE): social impacts of policy and climate change with focus on Post-Soviet transformations of ethnicity in Russia. Since 2001 he has held the professor’s chair of cultural anthropology at Uppsala University in Sweden. His publications include: The Saami. In: Freeman, M., ed. (2000), Endangered Peoples of the Arctic: Struggles to Survive and Thrive (Endangered Peoples of the World Series, London: Greenwood Press); Self-determining the Self: Aspects of Saami Identity Management in Sweden. In: Acta Borealia (2007), 24/1, pp. 1-25; Nordic Reflections on Northern Social Research. In: Kockel, U., M. N. Craith and J. Frykman, eds. (2012), A Companion to the Anthropology of Europe (Blackwell Publishing Ltd.).

T. Mayheart DARDAR (Community Activist, Raceland, Louisiana, USA)
T. Mayheart Dardar was born in the Houma Indian settlement below Golden Meadow, Louisiana. He served for sixteen years on the United Houma Nation Tribal Council. Currently he works with Bayou Healers, a community based group advocating for the needs of coastal Indigenous communities in south Louisiana.

Doug DEUR (Department of Anthropology, Portland State University, USA)
Douglas Deur holds a MA in Anthropology (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.), a MA in Geography (Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.), and a PhD in Geography (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.). He is an Associate Research Professor in the Portland State University Department of Anthropology. He also serves as Adjunct Professor of Environmental Studies for the University of Victoria (BC) and is associated with the Pacific Northwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit at the University of Washington. He assists American Indian Tribes, Canadian First Nations and Alaska Native communities in documenting traditional natural resource management practices, Traditional Cultural Properties, and other matters pertaining to their historical and contemporary relationships with the land. In the last 15 years, he has also served as the principal individual providing ethnographic and ethnohistorical research support to the National Park Service in the western United States, including Alaska. His publications include: Subsistence and Resistance on the British Columbia Coast: Kingcome Village’s Estuarine Gardens as Contested Space. In: BC Studies, 2013; A Caretaker Responsibility: Revisiting Traditional Land Use Management among the Klamath and Modoc. In: Journal of Ethnobiology (2009), and the edited volume, Keeping it Living: Traditions of Plant Use and Cultivation on the Northwest Coast (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2006).

Bruce FORBES (Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, FINLAND)
Bruce Forbes holds an MA in Northern Studies (Norwich Univ., Montpelier, Vermont) and a PhD in Geography (McGill University, Montreal). Since 2004 he has been Research Professor at the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland in Finland, where he leads the Global Change Research Group. His work encompasses both the natural and social sciences. He has circumpolar experience, having conducted field studies in the boreal forest and arctic ecosystems of Alaska, Canada, western and eastern Siberia, and Fennoscandia. Topics have included reindeer management in the context of petroleum development and climate change and shifting governance. For the past decade his field studies have focused on: (1) patterns resilience in social-ecological systems (SESs) in cooperation with indigenous Nenets and Sámi reindeer herders; and (2) annual growth of deciduous shrubs as proxy data sources for climate change and vegetation productivity in Northwest Eurasian tundra ecosystems. His current
research addresses long-term resilience based upon archaeo-
 logical, palaeoecological and oral history

Dorothy HALLOCK (*Tribal Planning Consultant, Tempe, Arizona, USA*)
Ms. Hallock is a private-sector planning consultant with 30 years’ experience working with Native American tribes on a wide range of resource conservation and development projects. She has expertise in water resources planning, environmentally responsive design for arid regions, and land use and environmental planning. Her land and water use master plan for the Gila River Indian Community won the American Planning Association’s highest national award. Client and agency reviewers of her environmental documents often comment on the clarity of her plain-language presentation of technical subjects, and her ability to build consensus among diverse stakeholders. Ms. Hallock has written innovative land development controls and prepared water resources management strategies that respond to the volatile politics of Colorado River water use. She collaborated with consulting engineers to prepare an innovative reservation water and sewer master plan which took first place in the Arizona Governor’s Rural Development Awards. She served as the only tribal representative on the California Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, which drafted a prototype Environmental Justice policy to serve as a model for all California agencies. Her Native American issues paper written for that committee had wide distribution throughout state government, and received public acknowledgement of its excellence from the Governor’s staff counsel. In her spare time she breeds heritage Morgan horses following the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy’s principles for conserving rare breeds, and trains the horses in the tradition of the California vaqueros. Ms. Hallock has a BA from Stanford University and a Bachelor as well as Master of Landscape Architecture (BLA and MLA) from the University of Oregon. Her project reports and issue papers include a *Nez Perce Indian Tribe Equine Center Feasibility Study* (2012), the *Gila River Indian Community Government Re-Organization Plan* (2010) with Parsons Brinckerhoff, the *Tule River Indian Tribe Comprehensive Plan* (2009), and *Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Water Budget: Matching Desired Land Use with Finite Colorado River Water Supply* (1998).

Liisa HOLMBERG (*Sámi Education Institute, Inari/FINLAND*)
Liisa Holmberg, who is Sámi, works as the Rector of the Sámi Education Institute in Inari, Finland. At present Liisa Holmberg is on leave until autumn 2014 as a visiting researcher in the University of Lapland, Arctic Center. Liisa Holmberg was elected to the Sámi Parliament as a MP in 2008-2011. She is a member of the Committee on Education in Sámi Parliament in Finland and a deputy member of the Sámi Parliamentary Council. She is member of the Board of the Arctic Society of Finland. The Arctic Society is working under the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. Liisa Holmberg is a member of
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The UArctic’s Membership and Nominations Committee. The University of the Arctic (UArctic) is a cooperative network with over 130 members of northern universities, colleges and other organizations dedicated to education, research and the promotion of indigenous and local capacities and sustainable development in the circumpolar North. Liisa Holmberg has worked as a film producer 1997-2007 mostly producing Sámi and Indigenous films. Politically Holmberg emphasizes the role of international activities in the indigenous issues. Youth and adult education play key roles in keeping and developing the traditions in livelihoods. University degree programmes on Indigenous Issues are of the utmost importance to promote traditional knowledge and to develop ways to use that knowledge.

Jay T. JOHNSON (Department of Geography, University of Kansas, USA)
Jay T. Johnson, BA (Kansas), MSW (Kansas), PhD (Hawai‘i) is an associate professor of geography and Indigenous studies and director of the Indigenous Geographies Research Center at the University of Kansas. His research focuses on Indigenous peoples’ cultural survival, particularly in the areas of resource management, political activism at the national and international levels, and the philosophies and politics of place that underpin the drive for cultural survival. Much of his work is comparative in nature but has focused predominately on New Zealand, the Pacific, and North America. Prof. Johnson was the founder of the IGU-Commission on Indigenous Peoples’ Knowledges and Rights, served as its first chair (2006–2010), and is presently a board member of this commission. He was also the co-chair (2004–2008) and the secretary (2011–2013) of the AAG-Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group. His publications include: Indigenous Geographies I: Mere resource conflicts? The complexity in Indigenous land and environmental claims. In: Progress in Human Geography (2012), 36/6, pp. 810-821 [together with Coombes, B. and R. Howitt]]; Place-based learning and knowing: A critical pedagogy grounded in Indigeneity. In: GeoJournal (2012), 77/6, pp. 829-836, and the edited volume, A Deeper Sense of Place: Stories and Journeys of Indigenous-Academic Collaboration (Corvallis: Oregon State University Press, 2012 [together with S.C. Larsen]).

Anna STAMMLER-GOSSMANN (Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, FINLAND)
Anna Stammler-Gossmann is a social anthropologist at the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland (Finland). Her main interests are local community adaptation and vulnerability to social and environmental changes; human-nature, human-animal relations; indigenous and non-indigenous identities; the concept of the North in politics, economics, and culture. One of her current projects focuses on the fishery and multiple meaning of sea water for the coastal communities in Northern Norway. She carried out research from 1995 to 2002 at the Institute for East European Studies of the University of Cologne (Germany), in 2003-2004 as a visiting scholar at the Scott Polar Institute of the University of Cambridge (UK), and in 2009 at the Centre for Northeast Studies of Tohoku University (Sendai, Japan). Since 2005 Anna Stammler-Gossmann is working at the Arctic Centre. Her research sites have covered different parts of Fennoscandia (Lapland/Finland and Finnmark, Svalbard/Norway), Northwest Russia (the Murmansk region and the Nenets Autonomous District), the Russian Far East (the Republic of Sakha Yakutia and the Kamchatka region), as well as Iceland and Greenland. Her publications include: The Big Water of a Small River: Flood Experiences and a Community Agenda for Change. In: Tennberg, M., ed. (2012), Governing the Uncertain in the Arctic: Adaptation and Climate Change in Russia and Finland. (Dordrecht et al.: Springer, pp.55-82); ‘Translating’ vulnerability at the community level: Case study from the Russian North. In: Hovelsrud G.K. and B. Smit, eds. (2010), Community Adaptation and Vulnerability in Arctic Regions. (Berlin: Springer, pp.131-162); Who is indigenous? Construction of ‘indigenousness’ in Russian legislation. In: International Community Law Review (2009), 11/1, pp. 69-102.

Steve STRIFFLER (Anthropology and Latin American Studies, University of New Orleans, USA)
Steve Striffler is the Doris Zemurray Stone Chair in Latin American Studies and Professor of Anthropology at the University of New Orleans. His work focuses on labor, Latin America,
immigration, the environment, and indigenous-peasant politics. His first book, *In the Shadows of State and Capital* (Duke University Press 2002), explores how the most conspicuous form of U.S. capital operating in Latin America – the United Fruit Company – transformed state institutions, gender relations, the environment, and labor practices within the Americas. His second book, *Chicken: The Dangerous Transformation of America’s Favorite Food* (Yale University Press 2005), traces the large-scale migration of Latin Americans into the U.S. South starting in the 1980s. Steve’s current research is centered in Colombia around the two largest coal mines in the world. The project explores how indigenous understandings about the destruction of land, culture, and the broader environment – understandings which often reject pro-growth models of development – are being integrated into a Left-labor politics that is militantly anti-imperialist, yet generally assumes that a more equitable form of economic growth will be financed by large-scale resource extraction.

**Dick WINCHELL (Urban and Regional Planning Programs, Eastern Washington University)**

Dick Winchell is Chair of the Department of Urban Planning, Public and Health Administration at Eastern Washington University and a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP). He has engaged in applied and community-based research with American Indian tribal leaders, reservations and urban communities throughout his career. He served as planning director for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Reservation and was Director of the Native American Public Administration Program at ASU offering a Master of Public Administration (MPA) in Window Rock, AZ to serve the Navajo Nation. Winchell has developed a tribal planning curriculum around the principles of tribal sovereignty with NW tribal leaders and planners at EWU and actively works with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) and tribes in the Pacific Northwest. He is co-Principal Investigator of the Northwest Tribal Technical Assistance Program (NW TTAP) since 1993 serving 45 tribes in the Pacific Northwest, and is active with the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies. Winchell has a PhD in Geography from Arizona State University and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) from the University of Colorado-Denver Center. His publications include co-editor of the book *Geographical perspectives on sustainable rural change* (2010), the *Washington State Guide to Tribal Transportation* (2009 on-line); seven book chapters on American Indian planning, governance and community development and *Urban spaces of American Indians in ‘The Exiles’*. In: *Geographical Review* (2012), 102/2, pp. 149-165 [together with Leo Zonn], along with articles in the American Indian Culture and Research Journal, Focus, Cultural Survival, and Journal of Geography among others.