

Canada, 2012-2013*

Project title	Contact	Institution - lead	Institution - other	Country - Lead	Country - other	Project leader	Other participant	Project Period	Investigated area	Description/abstract
18th Inuit Studies Conference, SSHRC** Connection Grants	Murielle Nagy (murielle.nagy@fss.ulaval.ca)	Université Laval	William Fitzhugh Smith	Canada	USA	Murielle Nagy		2012-2013	Regions inhabited by Inuit	For the organisation of the 18th Inuit Studies Conference
Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law	Michael Byers (michael.byers@ubc.ca) http://byers.typepad.com/arctic/	University of British Columbia		Canada		Michael Byers		2004, renewed in 2011	Arctic sea-shelf	Examining the interaction of international politics and international law on such topics as the Arctic, United States-Canada relations and international organizations. Keywords: international relations; international law; arctic; diplomacy; cooperation; security; climate change; nato-russian relations; arctic council; northern development
Resource and Sustainable Development in the Arctic (ReSDA), SSHRC's Major Collaborative Research Initiatives Program	Chris Southcott (csouthco@lakeheadu.ca) http://yukonresearch.yukoncollege.yk.ca/resda/	Lakehead University		Canada		Chris Southcott		2010-	Although the project concerns largely the Canadian Arctic, it also has a focus on other regions of the Arctic	ReSDA aims to find ways to ensure that a larger share of the benefits of resource development in the Arctic stay in the region with fewer costs to northern communities. Research will aim to better understand how the sustainable development of Arctic natural resources can be pursued in a manner that improves the health and well-being of northern communities and conserves the northern environment. The project will create new research networks that bring together researchers from a wide range of disciplines and organizations representing communities, government, the private sector, and non-profit organizations. The four main research themes include: Sustainable Regions; Sustainable Communities; Sustainable Cultures; Sustainable Environments.
Illegal timber in retail supply chains: a global investigation, SSHRC's Partnership Development Grants	Jane Lister (jane.lister@ubc.ca) http://www.internationalreporting.org/cut/index.php	University of British Columbia	International University in Moscow	Canada	Russia	Jane Lister	Alexander Altunyan	2012-	Cameroon, Indonesia and the Russian Far East	The "International Reporting Program's" investigative work on the issue of timber smuggling began in September 2012. After months of research, the class decided to focus on three hot spots – Cameroon, Indonesia and the Russian Far East – regions whose remaining forests are under increasing pressure and that have been battling illegal logging for decades. Students conducted and filmed interviews with experts, government officials, representatives of one of the largest pulp and paper companies in the world, makers of musical instruments and those most affected by illegal logging, members of century-old indigenous groups, such as the Baka in Cameroon or the Udege in Russia. The result is an evolving multimedia website with videos, articles and photos for each country that aim to demonstrate how much the average consumer is unwittingly complicit in this dark business.
Molecular characterization of low-temperature tolerance in cereals, NSERC***	Ravindra Chibbar (http://www.healthygrains.ca/about/scientific-advisory-council/dr-ravindra-chibbar-ph-d/)	Healthy Grains Institute		Canada		Ravindra Chibbar		2012-2013	Mainly Western Canada, but with interests in Scandinavia and Siberia	The proposed research project builds on previous research conducted over the last decade of cold tolerance research in winter wheat. They have by genetic mapping and DNA sequencing identified a family of >23 regulatory genes (CBFs) that are associated with tolerance to freezing temperatures in a cold-hardy winter wheat cultivar. In this project they will conduct genetic, functional and biochemical assays to identify the critical CBFs among this large family. In the next step, they will analyze the corresponding CBFs produced in very cold-hardy rye and wheat lines obtained from Siberia and Northern Scandinavia. The goal is to find the critical functional property that confers winter survival and to identify CBF siblings with extreme ability to enhance tolerance to freezing temperatures.
Small places of large importance: a bioarchaeological exploration of small prehistoric mortuary sites in the Lake Baikal Region of Siberia, Russia. SSHRC's Insight Development Grant	Hugh McKenzie (mckenzieh2@macewan.ca) http://academic.macewan.ca/mckenzieh2/research/small-cemeteries/	MacEwan University	Irkutsk State University	Canada	Russia	Hugh McKenzie	Alexei Novikov	2013-	Lake Baikal Area	Their aim is to investigate the nature of small mortuary sites in the Baikal region to complement and extend their previous work on large sites. This work will not only enrich their understanding of prehistoric Siberian lifeways, but it will also add to the broader field of forager studies by helping to develop new theoretical models that are appropriate for the interpretation of hunter-gatherer mortuary practices generally.

* The results for the 2013-2014 competitions by Canadian Funding agencies will only be made public in the coming April

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