

Indigenous News Flash ARCHIVE: OCTOBER 2009



News:

1. Indigenous peoples in Amazon try to protect traditional land from oil companies. For more information: http://news.mongabay.com/2009/1025-hance_huntoil.html
2. First time Australian National Park handed back to Traditional Custodians. For more information: <http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/oct2009/2009-10-26-02.asp>
3. Google Map assists an Indigenous community's quality of life. For more information: http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/news_content.php?id=1059804&lang=eng_news

New Recommended References:

1. Richmond, C.A.M. & Ross, N.A. (2009) The determinants of First Nation and Inuit health: A critical population health approach. *Health & Place*. Vol. 15, No. 2, pp. 403-411
2. Giles, A.R., Castleden, H. & Baker, A.C. (In Press) "We listen to our Elders. You live longer that way": Examining aquatic risk communication and water safety practices in Canada's North. *Health & Place*, in press
3. Prout, S. & Howitt, R. (2009) Frontier imaginings and subversive Indigenous spatialities. *Journal of Rural Studies*, Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 396-403

Education Centre:

November 'Book Club'

In this month Skype "book club" we will be look at the journal article:

Wernham, A. (2007) Inupiat Health and Proposed Alaskan Oil Development: Results of the First Integrated Health Impact Assessment/ Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Oil Development on Alaska's North Slope. Ecohealth. No. 4, pp. 500 – 513

I have put 4 quotes from the article to get you thinking about the topic:

1. "Subsistence is a way of life in rural Alaska that is vital to the preservation of communities, tribal cultures, and economies. Subsistence resources have great nutritional, economical, cultural, and spiritual importance in the lives of rural Alaskans... Subsistence, being integral to our worldview and among the strongest remaining ties to our ancient cultures, is as much spiritual and cultural, as it is physical"

2. “For years, Nuiqsut residents have expressed concern about the potential associations between oil development and health. In public hearings, residents have testified to concerns ranging from possible effects of contaminants (including cancer, asthma, and thyroid disease) to a rise in social problems such as alcoholism, domestic violence, and suicide... and, increasingly, to more generalized fears regarding the survival of Inupiat culture and tradition”

3. “The feelings of disempowerment that result when developments are approved repeatedly over such objections compound the problem”

4. “There is an imperative for collaboration between communities, environmental planners and regulators, and public health to address the growing burden of disease attributable to human-mediated environmental change.”

The proposed date for the Skype conversation will be Sunday the 29th of November at 8.30pm UK time.

If you would like to participate all you will require is a pen and paper. If you are interested in participating please let me know via email on jk470@cam.ac.uk