



Inclusion Matters: Indigenous Knowledge and Arctic Research

Canadian International Arctic Centre and Polar Knowledge Canada

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Rooted in modern land claim agreements and the desire to improve Indigenous self-determination in research, there is an increasing expectation for Arctic researchers to include Indigenous knowledge in science activities. This often means going beyond the typical research process to draw in lived experience, traditional and cultural knowledge to inform project design, data collection and result analysis. This session aims to discuss and explore how to best advocate for including Indigenous Knowledge, what it looks like in practice, and to share best practices.

Guest speakers:

- **Candice Pedersen**, SIKU
- **Pitseolak Pfeifer**, Inuit Solutions
- **Lisa Loseto**, Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Moderator:

- **Bob Paquin**, Canadian International Arctic Centre

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Biographies

Candice Pedersen

Candice Sudlovenick is a young Inuk who grew up in Iqaluit, Nunavut. A graduate of the Environmental Technology Program, Candice has been a part of the Ikaarvik Program since 2018, which focuses on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) and the relationship between Inuit and researchers. Candice first joined the SIKU.org development team after participating in a training workshop in March 2019, and represented Arctic Eider Society at the United Nations Forum Convention on Climate Change in June 2019. Candice often represents SIKU in workshops, training sessions and conferences. She has spoken at the UN, participated in multiple interviews and trained numerous Inuit communities on the uses and technology of SIKU.

Pitseolak Pfeifer

Pitseolak Pfeifer is an Inuk who was born and raised in Iqaluit, Nunavut. He has over twenty-five years of Inuit advocacy and Inuit development experience, coupled with ten years of middle & senior management experience in the fields of public policy, business & organizational development, issues management, as well as Inuit relations and community development. He is owner of Inuit Solutions, which provides consulting services to projects that advance Inuit community development. Pitseolak holds a Master's degree in Northern Studies and an Honours degree in Canadian Studies/Indigenous Studies from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. He has published essays and articles related to Arctic research governance. He is often invited to guest lecture and facilitate conversations with Canadians to strengthen various communities of practice, thru the lens of an Inuk.

Lisa Loseto

Dr. Lisa Loseto is a Research Scientist at Fisheries and Oceans Canada in Winnipeg and an Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Lisa's research focuses on characterizing beluga

health as means to understand ecosystem health in the Western Canadian Arctic. She works closely with Inuvialuit communities and beluga hunters to develop ways to study beluga whales, their habitat and how climate change is impacting them, using and respecting both Western science and traditional ecological knowledge (TEK). Her research programs are carried out in partnership with communities and co-management boards of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. She strives to serve all Canadians by providing knowledge and advice to decision makers and by helping to empower the people of the north through scientific knowledge combined with their own knowledge of their ecosystem and home.

Lisa obtained a B.Sc. Honours at York University in Toronto, a M.Sc. in toxicology at the University of Ottawa, and a PhD in zoology from the University of Manitoba.

Bob Paquin (Moderator)

Bob Paquin took up his position as Head of the Oslo-based Canadian International Arctic Centre in 2015. Established in 2009, the Arctic Centre is a reflection of the emphasis placed in Canadian foreign policy placed on Arctic issues. Working in partnership with Canadian diplomatic missions and other departments and agencies in Canada, the Arctic Centre offers strategic advice to inform Canada's Arctic advocacy, foreign policy directions and actions. It also strengthens and coordinates Canadian engagement with Arctic state partners and beyond. Prior to this, Mr Paquin worked in Global Affairs Canada on a range of policy and geographic files, including human rights, counter-terrorism, international critical incidents, Middle East and Asia policy, and has also served abroad in Singapore and briefly in Afghanistan. Before joining Global Affairs, he undertook consulting work abroad for the Canadian International Development Agency, helped launch the Forum of Federations NGO, and worked in the private sector, in the publishing industry.