



Colloquium

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Food Security and Economic Interdependence in the Canadian Arctic



Food security among Inuit is a contemporary problem with deep historical roots. In this presentation, I discuss results of an extended ethnographic project in Kangiqsujuaq, Nunavik, focused on food security

and household economic strategies. First, I focus on the measurement of food security among Inuit, showing that standard assessment techniques used in the U.S. and Canada do not adequately capture how Inuit experience food insecurity. Secondly, I show how Kangiqsujuaq is characterized by social structures that are reinforced by traditional harvesting, and that have consequences for the creation and persistence of power, inequality, and poverty in the community. Finally, I discuss the implications of these results for northern social policy.

Buffet lunch at noon followed by lecture at approximately 12:20.

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