

NORTHERN NEWS

The 2008 William Mills Prize

The winners of the 2008 William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books were announced at the 22nd Polar Libraries Colloquy held in Edmonton, Alberta, in June 2008. Top prize went to *Encyclopedia of the Antarctic*, edited by Beau Riffenburgh and published by Routledge in 2007. An Honourary Mention prize was awarded to Ann Fienup-Riordan's book *Yuungnaqpiallerput/The Way We Genuinely Live: Masterworks of Yup'ik Science and Survival*, published by the University of Washington Press in 2007.

Encyclopedia of the Antarctic is a two-volume set with entries contributed by 319 specialists covering topics such as Antarctic history, exploration, treaties, and culture, as well as scientific research in biology, geology, oceanography, climatology, and many other disciplines. Also included are more recent issues such as human impact, eco-tourism, and politics. Editor Dr. Beau Riffenburgh is an associate with the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, England, where he previously served as editor of the journal *Polar Record* for 14 years.

Yuungnaqpiallerput/The Way We Genuinely Live presents Yup'ik elders' stories, observations, and cultural traditions about, as well as the scientific principles behind, the tools that the Yup'ik people have developed to live successfully and respectfully in the harsh environment of southwestern Alaska. The book was published as a companion to a museum exhibit of the same name, curated by Fienup-Riordan, a research associate with the Smithsonian Institution's Arctic Studies Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Polar Libraries Colloquy is an international organization of librarians and others interested in the collection, preservation, and dissemination of polar information. First awarded in 2006, the William Mills Prize is awarded every two years for the best Arctic or Antarctic nonfiction books published throughout the world. The award is named in honor of William Mills, a polar librarian and author and a member of the Polar Libraries Colloquy. The winning titles were selected by a group of six Polar Libraries Colloquy members from the United States and Canada.

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Circumpolar Health Supplement (CHS) Publication Series

CHS is a new independent publication series featuring a wide variety of material in the field of circumpolar health and wellbeing, including reports, monographs, PhD theses, abstracts, conference publications, and books. The series is designed to provide material that is valuable to health care professionals, officials, and decision makers or otherwise useful for health care development in the

circumpolar areas. It is produced in Oulu, Finland, by the International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers (IACHP), who also produce the *International Journal of Circumpolar Health*. IACHP plans to publish a varying number of supplements annually, depending on client and collaborator needs.

The series currently includes three volumes: *Indigenous Peoples of Northern Russia: Anthropology and Health*, by Andrew Kozlov, Galina Vershubsky, and Maria Kozlova (CHS No. 1, 2007); *Dietary Transition and Contaminants in the Arctic: Emphasis on Greenland*, by Jens C. Hansen, Bente Deutch, and Jon Øyvind Odland (CHS No. 2, 2008); and *Circumpolar Health Indicators: Sources, Data and Maps*, by T. Kue Young (CHS No. 3, 2008).

The supplements are available for 40 Euros each from the International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers, Aapistie 1, FI-90220 Oulu, Finland, E-mail: ijch@oulu.fi. The order form can be downloaded at www.ijch.fi.

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Grant-in-Aid Program Recipients for 2008

The Grant-in-Aid committee received 19 applications in 2008 and awarded grants of \$1000 to ten students. The committee congratulates the successful applicants, whose names and research topics are as follows:

- Beatrix Arendt, University of Virginia, is conducting excavations at a mid-18th-century Inuit sod house village in Labrador, Canada;
- Jesse Chambers, University of Calgary, is researching the habitat carrying capacity for elk (*Cervus canadensis*) in the Takhini Valley, Yukon Territory;
- Ben Dantzer, Michigan State University, is studying hormone-mediated maternal effects and the impact of simulated population density on offspring phenotype in North American red squirrels in the Southwest Yukon;
- Simone Duvette, University of Western Ontario, is undertaking ethnographic research on Inuit beliefs and values regarding child development and well-being;
- Stacey Fritz, University of Alaska Fairbanks, is investigating the legacies of Arctic militarization with respect to the DEW Line;
- Allison Hayward, Trent University, is analyzing phytochelatin accumulation in metal-tolerant populations of tufted hair grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*) in the Yukon;
- Bryanne Hoar, University of Calgary, is looking at the impact of climate change in the North on the development and survival of *Ostertagia gruehneri*, a pathogenic, gastrointestinal nematode in barren-ground caribou;
- Lisa-Marie Leclerc, Narwhal Tusk Research and Harvard University, is collecting Inuit traditional knowledge to understand the function of the tusk in narwhals (*Monodon monoceros*);