

AINA NEWS

News from the Hess Collection

Jacob Huffman, a University of Calgary Department of Arts student volunteering at AINA, continues to build an inventory of the Margaret Hess collection that arrived at the Institute through an endowment in 2018. The collection includes documents, photographs, sculptures, textiles, and other artifacts. Through the inventorying process, Huffman has discovered a number of rare photographs depicting aspects of the Spence Bay Dye Project, a program established in the 1970s to increase economic diversity by exploring the potential for creating and selling textile products that use natural dyes. Dyes were derived from Arctic plants including yellow lichen (*Xanthoria parietina*), flowers such as Arctic poppies and mountain avens (*Papaver radicum*, *Dryas integrifolia*) and shrubs including bearberry (*Arctostaphylos alpina*). Women in the community manufactured clothing and textile arts that integrated Inuit and Western design influences. Hess



FIG. 1. Spence Bay woman models locally designed clothes. Photographer unknown.



FIG. 2. Fashion show of Inuit designs, Israel 1978. Photographer unknown.

subsequently exhibited the clothing collection in Calgary, Toronto, New York, as well as in Jerusalem where a fashion show was launched as part of celebrations for the 30th anniversary of the State of Israel. Figure 1 shows an Inuit model in Spence Bay wearing a dress and cloak. Hess's note with Figure 2 describes an Israeli model wearing a parka stating, "Rick rack trim reminiscent of Copper Inuit decoration pattern and fringe like original fur parka design." Work continues on this fascinating collection.

Educational Award Announcement

Suzanne Chew, a PhD student in the Department of Geography at the University of Calgary, is the 2019 recipient of the Budget Rent a Car Educational Award for Northern and Arctic Sustainable Development. Suzanne's research, supervised by Dr. Chui-Ling Tam, is centered in the communities of Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk in western Nunavut where she explores how people come together to make decisions in response to climate and environmental change. She focuses on understanding the socio-spatial and communicative dynamics of participation, including what

good consultation means to the community, and how these dynamics may lead to equitable and sustainable decisions and outcomes. Her research draws on story as both method and meaning, and involves semi-structured interviews, ethnographic immersion, and participant observation.

Permit and Licensing Information in ASTIS

Looking for projects for which licenses and permits have been issued in the Canadian North? The Arctic Institute of North America's Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS), now contains more than 84 000 records, 18 000 of which are research project descriptions from Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, which are derived from information collected by agencies that license field research.

Research projects often involve fieldwork and the collection of research data, which requires permission from organizations that license research for specific regions. These licenses or permits are typically issued to a researcher or to an organization for a specific period of time; projects that extend over more than one year-long cycle may require more than one license. Research project descriptions collected in the ASTIS database can

help people find information on research conducted in specific areas of the Canadian Arctic, including their own communities. This information can also help researchers find projects similar to their own planned work or to learn about research projects being conducted in the same area, thus creating opportunities for collaboration and less duplication of logistics or data collection.

The ASTIS database is available for free online at <http://www.aina.ucalgary.ca/astis/> and users can limit their search to research projects by selecting "Research Projects Only" from the Record Type drop-down menu.

Training Program Grant Announcement

AINA administers student applications for the Northern Science Training Program (NSTP) at the University of Calgary. NSTP is a program within Polar Knowledge Canada designed to defray the costs of travel for students conducting research in the Arctic and subarctic regions. This year seven students were successful in their applications and will share the \$17,509 allocated to the University. They are Andrew Clark, Araleigh Cranch, Andrea Hanke, Samantha Jones, Naima Jutha, Vinay Rajdev, and Zoe Walker.