

# Arctic Social Sciences Program | 2001 Workshop Agenda

## Wednesday, January 17

19:00-21:00 Evening Reception/icebreaker at the Hotel Edgewater

## Thursday, January 18

8:00 Registration and buffet breakfast

### PLENARY

8:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks  
*Workshop co-chairs, Harald Gaski and Carole Seyfrit*

8:45 *Tom Pyle, Arctic Section Head, National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs*

9:00 Context and Goals  
*Fae Korsmo, Arctic Social Sciences Program Manager, National Science Foundation*

9:15 Research, Assessment, and the Importance of the Social Sciences  
*Robert Corell, American Meteorological Society*

9:45 The Architecture of Decision: What Drives Policy Choices?  
*Bryan Jones, Director of Center for American Politics and Public Policy, University of Washington*

10:15-10:45 Break and Informal Discussions

10:45-12:15 Roundtable: Introduction of Arctic Social Science Issues

*Moderated by Rick Wilson*

*Panelists Herbert Anungazuk, Audrey Khalkachan, Jack Kruse, Vera Metcalf, Ludger Muller-Wille, and Vigdis Stordahl*

- What research questions are of the greatest importance in the Arctic today?
- What topics in Arctic social sciences research are of the most compelling intrinsic interest?
- What are the promising research intersections between the social sciences and other disciplines, and how can the social sciences contribute most effectively to interdisciplinary arctic research?

12:15-13:30 Lunch

### Arctic Social Sciences: Where do we go from here?

### CONCURRENT WORK SESSIONS

13:30 Break into four working groups to address a series of questions for each of the following thematic research areas: [Working groups will be asked to prepare their information either on overheads or on a computer for presentation during plenary and for use in subsequent integration and synthesis.]

- WG 1. The role of humans in northern environmental history and pre-history.  
*Leader Dennis O'Rourke*
- WG 2. Institutional development in the Arctic, such as self-governance, common property management, and informal decision-making.  
*Leader Jens Dahl*
- WG 3. Linkages between identity and socioeconomic transitions in the Arctic. *Leader Louis-Jaques Dorais*
- WG 4. Traditional knowledge and the intersection between the social sciences and the humanities.  
*Leader Harald Gaski*

Each of the four concurrent working groups will develop ideas and information to report back to the larger group on the following questions:

- What is the "state of the art" in this area of research?
- What are the critical unknowns (the gaps in knowledge that prevent further inquiry in these areas)?
- With regard to these unknowns, which are most tractable and mature (ripe) for research efforts?
- What are the impediments to the conduct of this priority research?

### PLENARY

15:30 Working group reports and discussion

17:00-18:30 Poster Session with refreshments

18:30 Adjourn for the day

**Friday, January 19**

8:00 Buffet Breakfast

PLENARY

8:30 Roundtable: The Challenge of Doing Social Science Research that Meets Agency Needs

*Moderated by Chris Elfring*

*Panelists Sally Brandel, Dept. of State; Taylor Brelsford, USFWS; Virginia Cain, NIH; John Calder, NOAA; Fran Stefan, EPA*

10:00-10:30 Break and informal discussions

WORK SESSIONS

10:30-12:00 Break into the four concurrent working groups (WG #1-4) by the same thematic areas to address:

- What unique lessons can be learned from the arctic environment? How can comparative research be designed to help sort out the unique contributions of the arctic?
- What research questions would benefit from more extensive collaboration between academia and agencies? How?
- What research questions in the identified thematic area (#1-4) intersect with other fields, either within or beyond the social sciences disciplines--i.e., in the natural sciences and the humanities?

12:00-13:00 Lunch

PLENARY

13:00-14:30 Roundtable: International Collaboration and Cooperation in Arctic Social Sciences

*Moderated by Yvon Csonka*

*Panelists Gerard Duhaime, Vigdis Stordahl, Fae Korsmo, Richard Langlais*

- Identify common themes between various circumpolar research projects and national, regional, or professional society agendas.
- How might international collaboration be fostered? (e.g., we have models such as the circumpolar Ph.D. network; IASSA circumpolar mobility program; and the U.S. memorandum of understanding with Iceland regarding research)

14:30-15:00 Break and informal discussions

WORK SESSIONS

14:00-16:00 Concurrent working groups (WG #1-4) address:

- What is needed to move research in this area forward and how could that best be accomplished? (i.e., improved interagency collaboration, a focused research initiative, better links with scientists of other disciplines, more international research collaborations, more dedicated funding.)
- What planning mechanisms will best support these actions (i.e., small focused workshop or a series of workshops, a large conference, a single proposal, other?) Is planning needed?

PLENARY

16:00 Working group reports on questions above and discussion

17:30 Adjourn for the day

Dinner on your own

**Saturday, January 20**

8:00 Buffet breakfast

PLENARY

8:30 Summary of process and discussions thus far  
*Workshop Co-chairs Harald Gaski and Carole Seyfrit*

9:00 Ad Hoc panel discussion

*Moderated by Henry Huntington*

*Participants selected by each working group*

- Where are social sciences headed in the next few decades in the Arctic?
- How do we get there?
- What do we need to do to make the right things happen?

10:30 Break

11:00 Synthesize and define recommendations from working group presentations

Outline next steps, actions, products, and timelines

Discuss and reach agreement on plan

12:30 Adjourn