

Curriculum Vitae for Thomas ‘Tad’ McIlwraith, PhD

I. Contact Information

Instructor of Anthropology
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II. Other Academic Associations

Research Associate
Fonokag Phonology and Cognition Lab, Simon Fraser University; John Alderete, director
(<http://www.sfu.ca/~alderete/fonokag/index.htm>)

Member: Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA); American Anthropological Assoc. (AAA)

III. Education

PhD in Cultural Anthropology
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, May 2007
Dissertation Research: “‘But We Are Still Native People’: Talking about Hunting and History in a Northern Athapaskan Village” (My dissertation is available on the website listed above.)
Advisor: Dr. David Dinwoodie; Committee Members: Drs. Keith Basso, Sylvia Rodriguez, Robert Brightman (Reed College, Oregon)

Master of Arts in Cultural Anthropology
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, November 1995
Thesis: “Construction of Local and Pan-Indian Elements in Contemporary Stó:lō Identity”
Supervisor: Dr. Bruce Miller; Committee Members: Drs. John Barker and Martin Silverman

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Canadian History
University of Toronto (Victoria College), Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 1992

IV. Professional Interests

Topics: British Columbia ethnography and ethnohistory, linguistic anthropology, applied anthropology, traditional ecological knowledge, anthropology of place, Athapaskan languages and narratives, qualitative research methods

Geographic Areas: British Columbia, Yukon Territory, Subarctic Canada

Ethnographic Areas: Athapaskan speaking peoples including Tahltan communities

V. Publications and Creative Works

Journal Articles

Published

Forthcoming. “‘That Bloody Moose Got Up and Took Off’: Uncertainty and Indirection in Everyday Talk about Food Animals in a Northern Athapaskan Village.” Manuscript accepted pending minor revisions by *Anthropological Linguistics*.

2008. Alderete, John and Thomas McIlwraith. An Annotated Bibliography of Tahltan Language Materials. *Northwest Journal of Linguistics* 2(1):1-26.

1996. “The Problem of Imported Culture: The Construction of Contemporary Stó:lo Identity,” *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*. Vol. 20(4).

Books

In Progress

‘But We Are Still Native People’: Talking About Hunting and History in a Northern Athapaskan Village.” Currently preparing proposal for a book-length manuscript based on PhD dissertation.

Book Reviews

2004. Review of Harkin, Michael, *The Heiltsuks: Dialogues of Culture and History on the Northwest Coast*, in *Ethnos*. Vol. 69(4):560-561.

Creative Works, Reports, and Unpublished Manuscripts

2007. A catalogue of the Tahltan Stories of Rose Dennis. Manuscript prepared with John D. Alderete, Simon Fraser University. Held in the archives of the Tahltan Central Council, Dease Lake, British Columbia.

2007. Editor. The Tahltan Stories of Rose Dennis (with Freddie Vance). Manuscript prepared with John D. Alderete, Simon Fraser University.

2007. Photographer. *The First Nations of British Columbia: An Anthropological Survey*. By, Robert J. Muckle. Vancouver: UBC Press. (Three of my photographs are published in this book.)

2005. Editor. “Traditional Medicines and Remedies of the Iskut People,” by Iskut Elders and the Iskut Valley Health Services. Self-published booklet funded by the Iskut Valley Health Services. (Note: Manuscript has been accepted for publication by Theytus Books, Penticton, BC.)

2003. Editor and Co-author with Iskut Village Elders. “‘Kuji K’at Dahdahweshdetch’ (Now I Told All of You): Stories Told at Iskut, British Columbia, by Iskut Tahltan Elders.” Self-published booklet funded by the Endangered Languages Fund.

VI. Relevant Employment History and Paid Consulting Work

Self-Employed Cultural Research Consultant
1997-present; on-going (see below)

Exhibit Consultant ‘First Peoples Exhibit’
Smithsonian Institution
Washington DC; 2001-2002

Archival Assistant
Center for Southwest Research
Zimmerman Library
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131; 2000-2001

Partner/Owner
D. M. Cultural Services, Ltd. (Cultural and Heritage Research Company); 1997-1999
(Current Address: Robert Diaz, Owner, P.O. Box 8429, Victoria, BC V8W 3S1, Canada)

VII. Academic Research Experience

Current Work

An Ethnographic Investigation of Aboriginal Camping, Iskut Village, British Columbia
(Fall 2009, during Educational Leave)

Dissertation Field Research with Iskut First Nation

Iskut, British Columbia, Canada

Summers, 2000, 2001; March 2002-March 2003; July 2003; July - August 2004; August 2006;
July and August 2007; August 2008; continuing

UBC Ethnographic Field School, with Stó:lō First Nation

Sardis, British Columbia, Canada (May – June 1994; additional research 1994-1995)

University of British Columbia

Drs. Bruce Miller and Michael Kew, Directors

VIII. Specialized Experience

Owner/Director of Cultural and Archival Applied Research Company, Vancouver, British
Columbia, Canada, 1997-1999; Self-employed Researcher, 1997-present

Current Projects:

- Lake Babine Nation. Evaluation of Traditional Use Research related to Pacific-Booker's Morrison Lake Copper/Gold Mine Development; with the Lake Babine Nation (Burns Lake, BC; Carrier Athapaskan) and SERC Environmental (Victoria, BC).
- Chingee Family History Research, McLeod Lake, British Columbia (Sekani).
- Splotsin First Nation. Traditional Use Research for Splotsin First Nation (Enderby, BC; Shuswap); with DM Cultural Services, Ltd (Mill Bay, BC). Assessment of the Impact of Expanding BC Hydro's Mica Dam on Splotsin Traditional Activities (Revelstoke, BC).
- Heritage Research for Tahltan Central Council; transcription of Tahltan language place names; with DM Cultural Services, Ltd (Mill Bay, BC), (June-July 2008; continuing).

Selected Past Projects:

- Yekooche Ethnobotanical Study. For the Yekooche First Nation (Carrier Athapaskan), Fort St. James, British Columbia, with DM Cultural Services, Ltd.; Fall 2008
- Yale First Nation (Yale, BC; Salish). Traditional Ecological Knowledge of Yale First Nation Upland Areas, with DM Cultural Services, Ltd. Prepared in response to Interior-Mainland Transmission Line (BC Hydro) Development (June – July 2008)
- Tahltan Tribal Council. Land Use Planning, with Robert N. Diaz. Special Resource Management Plan (SRMP) for the Klappan Region of Northwestern, British Columbia.

Consultant for Tahltan Tribal Council in Joint Land Use Planning Process with the Integrated Land Management Branch of the BC Government. (May 2007 – June 2008)

- Yekooche First Nation. Traditional knowledge and treaty-related research for the Yekooche First Nation, Fort St. James, British Columbia; Summer and Fall 2006 (on-going through 2008)
- Skin Tye First Nation. Archival research for the Skin Tye First Nation (Southbank, BC) (Fall 2006)
- Uchucklesaht First Nation, Port Alberni, British Columbia (Nuu-chah-nulth); researcher and editor of application for historical designation of a sacred area to the Canadian Historic Sites and Monuments Board, Summer 2005
- Iskut First Nation. Researcher in the Iskut First Nation 'Roots' Study, a genealogical project, Summers 2000-2003.
- Tsay Keh Dene. Researcher in the Tsay Keh Dene Traditional Use Study, Tsay Keh Dene, B.C. (Prince George; Sekani Athapaskan), Summer, 2000-2001.
- Director, with Robert N. Diaz, Traditional Use Assessment of Oshinow Lake and Ash River Areas of Strathcona Provincial Park; for the Hupacasath First Nation, Port Alberni, British Columbia, June – July, 1999.
- Director, with Robert N. Diaz, Traditional Use Study for the Tahltan First Nations, Dease Lake, B.C.; June 1998 – July 1999.
- Director, with Robert N. Diaz, Traditional Use Assessment of the Woss Community Region for the B.C. Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs; July – September, 1998.
- Director, with Robert N. Diaz, The Oweekeno Nation Traditional Use Study, Rivers Inlet, B.C., June 1997 – January 1998.

IX. Professional Honors (Grants, Awards)

Educational Leave (Paid Semester Away from Teaching)
Douglas College
Fall 2009

Fellowships and Awards:

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Graduate Fellowship (\$17,700)
2001-2003

Basehart-Broilo Award (\$800)
Department of Anthropology
University of New Mexico
2000-2001; 2005-2006

Binford Fellowship (approx. value, \$10,000)
1st Year Graduate Student Fellowship (incl. teaching assistantship and tuition waiver)
Department of Anthropology
University of New Mexico
1999-2000

Grants:

Faculty Professional Development Funds (\$1000)
Douglas College
Used for travel to Iskut, BC, for preliminary consultations about a camping study
August 2008

Faculty Professional Development Funds (\$1000)
Douglas College
Used for travel to Whitehorse, YT to interview Oblate Missionary Father JM Mouchet
November 2006

Student Research Allocations Committee (SRAC)
Travel Grant (\$350; \$500)
University of New Mexico Graduate and Professional Student Association
2003; 2004

Melville Jacobs Fund, Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, Washington
Research Grant (\$900)
Project Title: Tahltan Fishing Language and Stories: Relationships Between Humans and Fish at
Iskut, B.C., Canada
2002-2003

Endangered Languages Fund, Yale University Department of Linguistics
Language Research Grant (\$2800)
Project Title: "Talking to the Animals: Tahltan-language Animal Stories and Forms of Address"
2002-2003

Research, Projects, and Travel Grant (\$800)
Office of Graduate Studies
University of New Mexico
2002

X. Teaching Experience

A/ Post Secondary Level (University Transfer Courses)

Current Position (full-time, regular faculty member):

Douglas College, New Westminster, BC
Anthropology 1100, Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology 1120, BC First Nations Cultures
Anthropology 1130, Anthropology of Religion
Anthropology 1160, Canadian Native Cultures
Anthropology 2240, Anthropology of Human Sexuality

Sessional Positions:

Capilano College, North Vancouver, BC (Fall 2003-Fall 2005)
Anthropology 121, Intro to Social Anthropology
Anthropology 206, First Nations of British Columbia

University College of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC (Fall 2003-Fall 2005)
Anthropology 102, Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology 111, Traditional Cultures of B.C. First Nations

Langara College, Vancouver, BC (Summer 2005)
Anthropology 1120, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

B/ Selected Guest Lectures:

Capilano College, North Vancouver, BC

“The T’iitskin Paawats and Other Stories of Native Environmentalism in British Columbia,” for Anthropology 202, Environmental Anthropology
November 7, 2006

University of Victoria, Victoria, BC

“Chasing Horses and Shooting Moose: The Legacy of Hunting in Northern British Columbia,” for History 358, Natives and Newcomers
May 27, 2005

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

“Social Factors in Language Change,” for UNM Anth 110, Introduction to Linguistics,
November 16 and 18, 2001

Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM

“Culture,” for Introduction to Anthropology, April 6, 2000
“Food and Economic Systems,” for Introduction to Anthropology, April 18, 2000

C/ Teaching Assistantships:

University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, 1999-2001

Anthropology 101 “Introduction to Anthropology” (Drs. James Boone and R. Reycraft)
Anthropology 110 “Language, Culture, and the Human Animal” (Dr. Larry Gorbet)
Anthropology 310 “Language and Culture” (Dr. David Dinwoodie)
Anthropology 333 “Ritual, Symbols, and Behavior” (Dr. Suzanne Oakdale)

University of British Columbia, Department of Anthropology, 1993-1995

Anthropology 100 “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology” (Dr. Jay Powell)
Anthropology 220 “British Columbia Native Peoples and Resource Use” (Dr. M. Kew)

D/ Community Based Instruction

Designed interview and archival research programs for BC First Nations researchers;

Programs involved working with and teaching First Nations community researchers to conduct archival research in the BC archives (Victoria) and at the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (Vancouver). Additional instruction provided in community-based elder interviewing methods, mapping techniques, and general research design for documenting cultural heritage and land uses.

XI. Professional Service

Committee Member Representing Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty
Campus Wide Faculty Development Committee
Douglas College
2008-Continuing

Organizer

Aboriginal Speakers’ Series

Douglas College (in association with Student Services and Aboriginal Student Services)
2007-2008

Committee Member
Professional Development Funds Manager
Douglas College
2006-present; ongoing

Textbook Proposal Reviewer
Muckle, Robert, *Aboriginal Peoples of North America* (University of Toronto Press)
Fall 2008

Textbook Reviewer
Bonvillain and Schwimmer, *Cultural Anthropology, Canadian Edition* (Pearson Ed.)
Fall 2007

Textbook Reviewer
Conrad Kottak, *Mirror for Humanity: A Concise Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*
(McGraw-Hill)
Fall 2006

Exhibit Consultant 'Mehodihi: Well-known Traditions of Tahltan People'
Museum of Anthropology
Vancouver, British Columbia; 2003

Anthropology Graduate Student Union (AGSU)
University of New Mexico
Vice President; 2000-2001

Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
University of New Mexico
Anthropology Student Representative; 2000-2001

Article Referee for *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*; 1995-1997

M.A. Representative of the UBC Department of Anthropology and Sociology's "Graduate Studies Committee" (Joint Faculty-Student Committee); 1994-1995

XII. Invited Talks

"Chasing Horses and Shooting Moose: The Legacy of Hunting in a Northern Athapaskan Community;" Ruth E. Kennedy Memorial Lecture, University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM, USA; April 28, 2005

"The Iskut Tahltan" at the UBC Museum of Anthropology
Vancouver, British Columbia; February 2004

XIII. Participation in Selected Professional Meetings

Papers Presented

"Chief Louie's Speech at Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park: Iskut Challenges to Revisionist History." *Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Meetings*, Toronto, Ontario, May 8-12, 2007

“Stories of the Past in the Languages of Home: The Preservation and Documentation of Traditions That Still Exist in a Vibrant and Changing Present.” *American Society for Ethnohistory* Meetings, Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 16-20, 2005

“Chasing Horses and Hunting Moose: Native American Memories of Big Game Hunting in Northern British Columbia.” *American Society for Ethnohistory* Meetings, Chicago, IL, October 27-31, 2004

“That Bloody Moose Got Up and Took Off”: The Cultural and Narrative Context of Moose Hunt Stories.” *American Anthropological Association* Meetings, Chicago, IL, November 19-23, 2003

“A Church in the Wilderness Sublime: Native Environmentalism in the Taos Blue Lake Case.” *University of New Mexico Anthropology Graduate Student Symposium*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 2-3, 2001

“Place, Group, and Cosmology: Native Environmentalism in Coastal British Columbia.” *University of New Mexico Anthropology Graduate Student Symposium*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 3-4, 2000

“Oweekeno Cultural Geography.” *Society for Applied Anthropology* Conference, Tucson, Arizona, April 1999.

Co-authored Papers

With Robert N. Diaz, “Along the Trail: Aboriginal Perceptions of Trails in Northern British Columbia.” Poster Prepared for *American Society for Environmental History* Meetings, May 2004.

With Robert N. Diaz, “Demarcating the Land: Academic and Applied Orientations to Physical Boundaries in British Columbia.” *Canadian Historical Association*, Toronto, May 2002.

Meeting Organization

Organizer. “Dynamics of Environmental Discourse,” Session of the *American Anthropological Association* Meetings, Chicago, IL, November 19-23, 2003

Co-organizer. *University of New Mexico Anthropology Graduate Student Symposium*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 2-3, 2001