

Curriculum Vitae for Thomas ‘Tad’ McIlwraith, PhD

I. Contact Information

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II. 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

III. 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; Stó:lō (Coast Salish) peoples

Memberships: Canadian Anthropological Association (CASCA); American Anthropological Association (AAA); American Society for Ethnohistory (ASE); Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)

IV. Publications and Creative Works

Journal Articles

2008. "The Bloody Moose Got Up and Took Off": Talking Carefully About Food Animals in a Northern Athapaskan Village. *Anthropological Linguistics*. 50(2):1-47.

2008. Co-author, with John Alderete (Simon Fraser University). Annotated Bibliography of the Tahltan Language and Related Sources. *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).

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.

Books

In Progress

'We Are Still Native People': Stories of Hunting and History from Northern British Columbia" (Manuscript has been edited by a professional editor and I expect to approach presses about publication in January 2010.)

Creative Works, Reports, and Unpublished Manuscripts

2007. Editor. The Tahltan Stories of Rose Dennis (with Freddie Vance). Manuscript prepared with John D. Alderete, Department of Linguistics, 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. (Currently in discussions with Theytus Books, Penticton, BC for publication.)

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.

Linguistic Documentation

Alderete, John D. and Tad McIlwraith. 2009; ongoing. Tahltan Language Dialogues; transcription, linguistic and cultural notations. Unpublished manuscript, Simon Fraser University, Fonakag Phonology and Cognition Lab.

Alderete, John D. and Tad McIlwraith. 2007. A catalogue of the Tahltan Stories of Rose Dennis. Unpublished manuscript, Simon Fraser University and Douglas College. [Archives of the Tahltan Central Council, Dease Lake, British Columbia]

V. Relevant Employment History and 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)

VI. Academic Research Experience

Chingee Family History, Oral History and Land Use Mapping Project; with the Chingee Family
McLeod Lake, British Columbia
2008 (ongoing)

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; August and September 2009 ('camping' study)
(ongoing)

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

VII. Applied Research Experience

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

Sample projects include:

- Traditional Knowledge Interviews with the Splatsin First Nation, Enderby British Columbia. (Regarding the expansion of the Mica Dam on the Columbia River); 2008-2009 (complete)
- Traditional Knowledge Interviews. For SERC Environmental (Victoria, British Columbia) and the Lake Babine First Nation (Burns Lake, British Columbia); 2008.
- Yekooche Ethnobotanical Study. For the Yekooche First Nation, Fort St. James, British Columbia; Fall 2008
- 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)

- Archival research for the Skin Tyee First Nation (Southbank, BC) (Fall 2006)
- Traditional knowledge and treaty-related research for the Yekooche First Nation, Fort St. James, British Columbia; Summer and Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
- With the Uchucklesaht First Nation, Port Alberni, British Columbia; researcher and editor of application for historical designation of a sacred area to the Canadian Historic Sites and Monuments Board, Summer 2005
- Participation as researcher in the Iskut First Nation 'Roots' Study, a genealogical project, Summers 2000-2003.
- Participation as researcher in the Tsay Keh Dene Traditional Use Study, Tsay Keh Dene, B.C. (Prince George), 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.

VIII. Professional Honors and Memberships

Professional Honors

Educational Leave

Douglas College

Fall 2009

(I have been granted an Educational Leave from teaching for the fall semester of 2009 by Douglas College. I will be pursuing writing and research projects during this time.)

Fellowships and Awards:

Ruth E. Kennedy Memorial Award (\$800)

Department of Anthropology

University of New Mexico

2005

Basehart-Broilo Award (\$800)

Department of Anthropology

University of New Mexico

2000-2001; 2005-2006

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Graduate Fellowship (\$17,700)

2001-2003

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

Stipends and 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

IX. Teaching Experience

A/ Post Secondary Level (University Transfer Courses)

Douglas College, New Westminster, BC (Current Position; full-time, regular faculty member)

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

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. Instruction occurred in communities or at research facilities (like the BC Archives).

X. Professional Service

Editorial Board Member

Canadian Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences

First issue scheduled for July 2010

<http://www.cjhss.org/>

Board Member

Oolichan Conservation Society

Delivery of three workshops for the Douglas College Scholarly Activity Office:

- a) current qualitative research methods in the social sciences
- b) the use of RSS feeds in teaching and research (delivered twice);
- c) the use of social networking websites in teaching and research;

Committee Member Representing Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty
Common PD Fund Committee (oversees Educational Leaves/Sabbaticals)
Douglas College
2009-Continuing

Manuscript Reviewer, *Anthropologica*
2009-Continuing

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

Organizer
Aboriginal Speakers' Series
Douglas College
2007-2008

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

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

Textbook Reviewer
For 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

XI. 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

XII. 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*, Victoria, BC, May 2004.

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