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## **B.C. TREATY LECTURE AT UCC**

KAMLOOPS—UCC Human Rights Committee presents its third lecture in a series on the treaty negotiation process in British Columbia — a presentation by Dr. Martin Whittles, UCC anthropology professor, on Tuesday, November 13.

Whittles' lecture is titled "Theory and Practice: Aboriginal Land Claims in the Western Canadian Arctic in Perspective" and begins at noon in the Arts and Education Building, Room AE262.

Whittles spent more than three years, from 1991 to 1994, living and working on Bank Island in the Beaufort Sea region of the High Arctic, completing fieldwork for his PhD studies. During that time, Aboriginal communities were in the process of negotiating Nunavut Land Claims with the federal government.

Whittles will discuss his experiences as an observer and a resident of the area in relation to the land claims process, and provide a survey of the history and impact of the land claim process on the Inuit as well as an update on the situation presently.

Previous lectures in the series called Land: Treaties, Histories, Rights, have included presentations by Nathan Matthew, chief of the North Thompson Indian Band, and Eric Denhoff, appointed Chief Federal Negotiator in 1996.

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