

May 28-29, 2008 (*Times and rooms forthcoming*)

Symposium on Indigenous-State Relations in Alaska and Canada at PSU (Moderators: Tom Thornton, Assoc. Prof. Anthropology, PSU and Deanna Kingston, Assoc. Prof. of Anthropology, OSU)

This forum examines critical dimensions of socioeconomic development, livelihoods, and environmental change and management among the Tlingit and Inuit, aboriginal peoples separated by the US-Canada border. Alaskan Tlingits and Inupiaq have pursued development primarily through the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act of 1971, which created business corporations to manage the largest land claims settlement in history (44 million acres of land and \$962 million in compensation). Canadian Tlingit and Inuit First Nations, in contrast, have pursued a different model of land claims, investment, and aboriginal rights, partly with the Alaska model in mind. Alaska and Canadian Native leaders will compare their respective indigenous-state regimes and how they have affected the development of sustainable livelihoods for their peoples. The issues are of broad significance to indigenous peoples the world over who seek recognition, rights, and greater self-determination over their own livelihoods, lands, and resource development.

Participants (tentative) will include the following leaders:

- Rosita Worl (Tlingit, President Sealaska Heritage Institute)
- Byron Mallot (Tlingit former CEO of Sealaska Corporation, President of First Alaskans Institute)
- Matthew Kookesh (Tlingit, President Southeast Native Intertribal Fish & Wildlife Commission and Board member of Kootznoowoo Corporation)
- Mark Wedge (Tlingit, Chief of the Carcross Tagish First Nation, YT)
- Tim Towarek (Inupiaq, Co-Chair Alaska Federation of Natives; Director Bering Straits Native Corporation)
- Gail Schubert (Inupiaq, V. President, Bering Straits Native Corporation)
- Percy Nayokpuk (Inupiaq, Shismaref Village Corporation, Bering Straits Native Corporation)
- Nellie Cournoyea (Inuit, CEO, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, NWT)