



# ARCTIC WINTER COLLEGE 2021

## WELCOME TO THE ARCTIC WINTER COLLEGE 2021!

Welcome to the Arctic Winter college 2021, and congratulations! We are so excited to spend the spring learning together and expanding our Arctic network. The program aims to build a lasting, policy-oriented network of Arctic professionals to strengthen communication between peoples and nations, scientific disciplines, and policy areas to improve collaborations, research, and decision-making in the Arctic.

## YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM

As a Fellow of the 2021 Arctic Winter College, we expect you to be engaged, respectful, and committed to learning, building new relationships with other participants and speakers. To participate in the program, the three commitments we ask of you are:

- Join 10 web-based seminars (webinars) Tuesdays from 18:00-20:00 Central European Time from January 12 to March 23, 2021.
- Join a topic-specific working group to produce a collaborative white paper on your chosen group topic.
- Contribute research, writing, graphics, or data visualization to a final collaborative publication that will be published on The Arctic Institute, and shared with Arctic decision makers and the US National Science Foundation.
- Be added as a member of the National Science Foundation-funded Arctic Migrations in Harmony Research Coordination Network, if you are not already a member.

## OUR PROGRAM

Weekly webinars, featuring diverse experts and hosted by organizer Victoria Herrmann, will focus on the theme “Arctic on the Move.” We will have two speakers in each two-hour session. Each speaker will present on a topic, with ample time for a robust discussion and question and answer session with each expert. Our tentative schedule, found below, features 20 great researchers, policy practitioners, and Traditional Knowledge holders. In January, we will share a full schedule with titles, bios, and calendar invites with Zoom links to each session.

SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER 1	SPEAKER 2
January 12	Introduction: Arctic Histories, Cultures, & Languages	<a href="#">Bathsheba Demuth</a>	<a href="#">Alexey Tsykarev</a>
January 19	Public Health & Wellbeing	<a href="#">Amina Scharup</a>	<a href="#">Gwen Healey Akearok</a>
February 2	Shifting Terrestrial Landscapes & Threats	<a href="#">Jeff Kerby</a>	<a href="#">Chad Briggs</a>
February 9	Marine Migrations & Human Activities	<a href="#">Daria Shapovalova</a>	<a href="#">Justine Hudson</a>
February 16	Maritime Movements & Coastal Communities	<a href="#">Austin Ahmasuk</a>	<a href="#">Catherine Chambers</a>
February 23	Economies & Immigration of an Arctic in Motion	<a href="#">Markus Meckl</a>	<a href="#">Nafisa Yeasmin</a>
March 2	Species Migration, Livelihoods, & Conservation	<a href="#">Tom Barry (CAFF)</a>	<a href="#">Jannie Staffansson</a>
March 9	Human Security & Climate Adaptation	<a href="#">Barbora Padtrova</a>	<a href="#">Tracie Curry</a>
March 16	Final: Our Futures	<a href="#">Keolu Fox</a>	<a href="#">Jocelyn Joe Strack</a>



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## OUR OPTIONAL PROGRAMMING

- **Virtual Networking:** In the Arctic Winter College, it can be difficult form connections, make friendships, and meet your fellow Fellows. And while we can look up members online, professional profiles don't even scratch the surface of who we are, what we know, and what we've experienced. grab a morning coffee, afternoon tea, or evening cocktail and learn a bit more about your fellow network members. We'll do rounds of 1-on-1 conversations until you've met your peers.
- **Virtual Happy Hours:** We will organize a handful of spring virtual happy hours with Arctic College alumni and past speakers to grow your network.
- **Slack Channel:** In January, we will launch the Slack workspace where participants can connect to share articles or interesting research, talk to your working groups, and ask questions about your Arctic work.
- **Mentorship Program:** In partnership with the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee, the Arctic Winter College will offer an opportunity in early 2021 to join the Collaborations Mentorship Program, which will consist of a series of small mentoring circles (4-5 people per circle) that include individuals from a spread of career stages and types of career. Mentoring circles will meet monthly over the course of six months. For each meeting, they will be given a prompt of 1-3 questions/topics to discuss. They will also be given an overview of the [Circle Way](#), which supports non-hierarchical discussions.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

At its core, this network is about bringing people together. We strive to break down the barriers that divide us, facilitate open communication amongst our members, and build new collaborations in pursuit of more equitable, inclusive research teams. To do this, the leadership of the Arctic Winter College commit to sustained, antiracist and anticolonial actions that:

1. Diversify our stories, research, and resources to amplify marginalized voices through our network events, publications, and initiatives.
2. Develop space, unique support, and responses resources for members from excluded or marginalized groups on our website and communication channels.
3. Devalue traditional hierarchies of authority by providing leadership opportunities for all members, especially early career participants, Indigenous participants, and participants from other marginalized groups.

Our skills, knowledge, and expertise are stronger when we collaborate in an open, just community. Our network leverages our participants from all walks of life to develop impactful research teams. Everyone has a valuable contribution to make, and we strive to incorporate principles of understanding, openness, and equity into all our work.

## OUR ORGANIZERS

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