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Posted by Clayton Anderson in AC News at 14:55

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Professor John Houston and the U of O join to further Arctic Research



Long-time Adventure Canada resource staffer John Houston recently received news of his appointment as Adjunct Professor [Department of Communications, Faculty of the Arts] at the University of Ottawa. Adventure Canada is a key partner in Professor Houston's 'ARCTICA - a virtual learning environment' project, along with Adventure Canada resource team members Ree Brenninn, Marc St. Onge, Senator Charlie Watt and Mike Beedell (with help at the get go from Aaju Peter). Other team members include educator David Serkoak of Nunavut Sivuniksavut and Evan Potter of the University of Ottawa.

The whole idea for 'ARCTICA - a virtual learning environment' was hatched on board our 'little red ship' the Explorer, in response to a query from passenger Lesley Strutt, PhD, at the University of Ottawa, Office of the Vice Dean Research, at University of Ottawa's Faculty of Arts. After seeing John present his most recent film; 'Kiviuiq,' Lesley asked John if there was anything she and the University of Ottawa could do to help with his ongoing work...

Watch for more news of this exciting, multi-year, multi-part project in future issues of our newsletter.

[For more information on John Houston please visit our staff page.](#)

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Hotdoc Zeros in on Forgotten Canadian Hero John Rae



Take in *Passage*, the new hotdoc based on the book *Fatal Passage* by award winning author and Adventure Canada resource team member, Ken McGoogan. Veteran documentarian John Walker takes us on an epic historical adventure that involves cannibalism, a vengeful woman and an historical cover-up by British authorities that credited the wrong man with the discovery of the Northwest Passage. Based on the lives of Dr. John Rae, explorer for the Hudson's Bay Company, and Sir John Franklin, British Royal Navy officer and leader of an ill-fated 1840s Arctic expedition. Stunningly cinematic, the film follows a trail from London to the Orkney Islands to Nunavut, elegantly slipping between past and present, drama and documentary, observational and self-reflexive cinema, to present the forces that made Franklin a hero and banished Rae to the margins of history. A cast of characters, including respected Inuit stateman Tagak Curley and the great great grandson of Charles Dickens, join the director as he unravels a historic fraud and sets the record

straight.

Passage is screening in Toronto at the following locations:

Royal Cinema 608 College St. on April 20th at 21:30

ROM Theater 100 Queens Park April 23 at 16:30

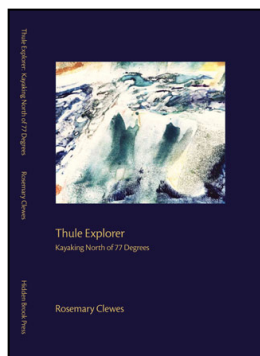
[For more information on passage please click here.](#)

Ken McGoogan is joining the Adventure Canada team on our High Arctic Adventure: Sept 18-30, 2008 as featured historian.

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Posted by Clayton Anderson in AC Events at 17:04

Rosemary Clewes Releases New Book



Adventure Canada traveller Rosemary Clewes, who fell in love with the Arctic starting on our 1994 Project Arctic Coast, still treasures memories of a full moon over Disco Bay's icebergs, Mike Beedell, preparing to fly off the top of an erratic over the river canyon at Pangnurtung. The 'family' feel she had after ten days on the *Alla Tarasova* (now the *Clipper Adventurer*) brought me back on another trip on the 'Little Red Ship' for "Explorers and Adventurers" in 2005.

As poet and a writer of non-fiction, she has just published a book entitled, *Thule Explorer: Kayaking North of 77 Degrees*.

She believes this book's message is an important one, written after a two week kayaking/camping trip, beginning and ending in Qaanaaq on the northwest coast of Greenland in 2002. The Arctic, as the northern frontier of Canada and beyond, is little known or understood, but is receiving considerable attention now due to global warming and rumbles about sovereignty.

The book is written in prose and poetry, encompassing history, (Canadian and Greenlandic), Inuit stories and her fleeting but significant contact with local hunters in their summer camps. The reader will join this 'outsider' in hiking and paddling in a landscape, stripped to the essentials of sky, water, rock and ice. He or she will travel with her on the cusp of her personal frontiers where she seek to understand her place in the larger order.

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Featured Staff - Tim Rast: Archaeologist



Tim Rast is an archaeologist who has surveyed, excavated and published on archaeological sites in Nunavut, Labrador, Newfoundland and Alberta. Tim is an accomplished flintknapper with 12 years experience in making and using stone tools. He handcrafts museum quality artifact reproductions and archeology-themed jewelry through his business, Elfshot. His reproductions from Northeastern and Arctic cultures are sought by museums, universities, and collectors from across North America. Tim lives in St. John's and is the current Chair of the Craft Council of Newfoundland and Labrador (2007/08).

This September Tim will help us understand the cultural and historical sites we visit on our High Arctic Adventure. His onsite and animated interpretation will help us understand the lifeways of the varying groups that have inhabited the Northern Landscape. Onboard the Akademik Ioffe Tim will share his knowledge as a flintknapper with demonstrations and by running hands on workshops!

[For more information on the Akademik Ioffe please click here](#)

[For more information on our High Arctic Adventure, please click here](#)

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Featured Staff: Shannon Fowler - Biologist, Baffin Expedition



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Growing up in a small inland town in northern California, Shannon easily became fascinated by the ocean. She spent summers in San Diego with her grandfather, who was an oceanographer. Together, they watched migrating grey whales, explored tidepools, and shuffled their feet in the sand to avoid stingrays. She studied biology at the University of California at San Diego. After graduating, Shannon wanted to explore the world outside California. She was a SCUBA instructor in Ireland, Panama, Galapagos, and the Caribbean. She taught marine ecology to teenagers in the Bahamas and Ecuador. And in between, Shannon travelled—singing songs with Berbers in the Zagora Desert, eating lemon ants in the Amazon, making a wish at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, and hiking among proboscis monkeys in Borneo. Eventually, Shannon returned to the world of academia and completed a Ph.D. in Biology at the University of California at Santa Cruz. For her thesis research, she examined the development of diving in the threatened Australian sea lion.

Since completing her Ph.D., Shannon has worked as the Marine Mammal Biologist in Antarctica, as a science writer at

National Public Radio in Washington D.C., and has taught killer whale biology to college students in the San Juan Islands. She spends the rest of her time based in London writing scientific manuscripts and nonfiction.

Shannon joins the Adventure Canada team on our Baffin Expedition Sept 2-12, 2008. When she is not out on deck helping spot and identify marine mammals or driving a zodiac we can expect to hear lectures on the adaptations of warm-blooded animals that allow them to live in Polar seas and the inside line on diving physiology & behaviour at the edge.

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Adventure Canada is pleased to announce our partnership with Sierra Designs, renowned as one of the world's leading outdoor brands; a company that is filled with authenticity, experience and passion for the outdoors. Many of Sierra Designs products are made in Canada and they are industry leaders in going green. A few key implementations made are the use of PVC-free tape on waterproof jackets and the Polartec recycled fleece is made from recycled pop and water bottles.

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