

## Itinerary for Kirk Dombrowski (Draft)

### Wednesday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Depart Greenport, New York for Orient Point ferry.

12:00 p.m. Arrive at Haffenreffer Museum Collections Research Center.

Meet with Museum staff over lunch.

Tour Museum's Arctic collections.

### 5:30 p.m. Public lecture begins

#### *Understanding Arctic Communities on the Brink of Self-Governance*

This talk will discuss the results of research by an anthropology team in the new indigenous autonomous area of Nunatsiavut, located in Labrador, Canada. Roughly the size of Belgium, Nunatsiavut is home to 5 Inuit communities and, most recently, the world's largest nickel mine. The purpose of the research was to document informal networks of exchange, assistance, and social connection/division. While informative on their own, these networks can be analyzed using novel network-analysis techniques. In all, 10 months of fieldwork produced over 830 interviews, and several hundred hours of local people's stories about relocation, Inuit culture, and the transitions that are taking place around them. This presentation will discuss the background of the project, and some of the emerging conclusions about the place of old economic practices in the new economy, informal structures of help that exist side-by-side with formal government programs, and emerging social boundaries that reflect both the history of dislocation in the region, and opportunities lost and found in the new development economy. The speaker is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the CUNY Graduate Center and John Jay College CUNY. This research was funded by the Arctic Social Sciences Program of the National Science Foundation.

6:45 p.m. Public reception at Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology (Manning Hall)

7:45 p.m. Dinner with staff, faculty, and friends

### Thursday, February 28

### 12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch lecture

#### *Reaching "Hard-to-Reach" Populations for research in Anthropology, Sociology, and Public Health*

This discussion will focus on recently developed techniques for using network theory to sample hard to reach populations, and their modification for population estimation and the collection of community topological data. The talk will feature examples from work by the speaker and the Social Network Research Group at CUNY, and include data from populations as diverse as undocumented migrants, underage prostitutes, methamphetamine users, disperse rural 1st Nation populations in Canada, and others. This will be an informal discussion that will focus on the logic behind the sampling strategies and their modification, rather than their formalization (i.e. long on theory, short on math) with the intention of providing interested faculty and students with information on new techniques that may help in rethinking what kinds of research are possible even under difficult circumstances.

2:30 p.m. Depart Brown University for New London, Connecticut.