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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor
Department of Geography and Planning
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

RESEARCH FOCUS

Historical and political geographer with focus on contemporary political development in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories; archival research and oral history; researcher working in Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, to facilitate youth involvement and empowerment in learning and documenting Inuit history.

EDUCATION

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| Postdoc | Roberta Bondar Postdoctoral Fellow in Northern and Polar Studies (2019-'22)
Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies
Trent University, Peterborough ON |
| PhD | Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Program (2012-2019)
Political Science/Geography
(Co-Supervisors: Michael Byers and Matthew Evenden)
University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver, Canada;
Dissertation title: <i>What the Border Divides: Settler Geographies and the Making of the Northwest Territories</i> |
| MA | History (2010-2011) (Supervisor: Ken Cruikshank)
McMaster University, Canada;
MRP title: "Breaking the Ice: Environmental Diplomacy in Canada's Arctic, 1968-1970" |
| BA (Hon.) | History Specialist, Western European and Canadian History (2001-2006)
University of Toronto, Canada |

ACADEMIC AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

2019-2022	Roberta Bondar Postdoctoral Fellow in Northern and Polar Studies
2016-2019	Liu Scholar, Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC
2014-2015	C.D. Howe Graduate Fellow in Public Policy, C.D. Howe Institute
2012	Recipient, International Studies Review Award, American Graduate School of Paris
2011	Recipient, Friends of E.M. Wightman Essay Prize for best Graduate Major Research Paper, History, McMaster University

RESEARCH GRANTS

2025	SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant	\$23,582
2024	Cultural Communications Grant, Government of Nunavut (PI)*	\$41,500
2023	SSHRC Insight Development Grant (PI)	\$68,809
2023	Inuit Initiatives Grant, Co-applicant*	\$10,000
2023	Cultural Communications Grant, Government of Nunavut (PI)*	\$26,000
2022	Research Initiation Grant, Queen's University	\$40,000
2022	VIURAC Engage, Gather and Amplify Grant (Co-PI)	\$7,000
2020	SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant, Co-Applicant	\$25,000
2020	Symons Trust Fund (PI)	\$3,000
2016	Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund, Co-Investigator	\$25,000
2015	Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund, Co-Investigator	\$25,000

* In partnership with the Nattilik Heritage Centre, Gjoa Haven, Nunavut

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

2019-22	Roberta Bondar Postdoctoral Fellowship	\$145,000
2016	Northern Scientific Training Program	\$1,600
2015-16	UBC 4 Year Fellowship	\$36,400
2015-16	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship	\$40,000
2015	Northern Scientific Training Program	\$2,900
2014	C.D. Howe Graduate Fellowship in Public Policy	\$9,100
2014	Northern Scientific Training Program	\$3,000
2013	Faculty of Graduate Studies Graduate Award, UBC	\$9,300
2012	Faculty of Graduate Studies Graduate Award, UBC	\$9,300

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Stoller, M. (2025) “‘What is to become of the natives of the north?’: The Politics of Northern Social Science, 1954-1973.” *Canadian Historical Review* Vol. 106 (1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3138/chr-2024-0059>

Stoller, M. and T. Andrews. (2024) “Mapping Denendeh: The Dene Mapping Project and the enduring legacy of Indigenous cartographies,” in Smith, J. and R. Wischart (eds.) *Just Relations: Anthropology & Law in Canada*. Edmonton: University of Alberta Press.

Stoller, M., Ullulaq, J. and B. Okpik. (2023). “‘If they were important, we’d have heard about them’: Inuit history beyond Canadian mythology.” *Inuit Studies* Vol. 46 (1): 43-62.

Stoller, M. (2022). “Filming from Two Sides: Lessons from the Gjoa Haven Film Society,” *American Review of Canadian Studies* Vol. 52.3: 363-377.

Stoller, M. (2019). *What the Border Divides: Settler Geographies and the Making of the Northwest Territories*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of British Columbia.

Johnston, P., Stoller, M. and F. Tester. (2018). “Institutional Barriers to Community-Based Research: Learning from the Nunavut, Nanivara Project,” *Critical Social Work* Vol. 19, No. 1: 65-84.

Stoller, M. (2017). “Value Creation and Governance for a Future Arctic: A View From Canada,” in Bourmistrov, A., Dybtsyna, E. and N. Nazarova, eds. *Management in the North: Young Researchers’ Contribution*. Bodø: Nord Universitet: 58-64.

Stoller, M. (2015). “Environmental Imperatives and International Relations Canada’s challenge to environmental diplomacy,” *The Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Development*: Vol. 1: Iss. 1, Article 5.

Byers, M. and M. Stoller. (2013). “What Small Teeth You Have: Arctic oil spill response agreement weakened by conflicting interests” *Arctic Portal*, (September).

BOOKS

Stoller, M. *What the Border Divides: Settler Geographies and the Making of the Northwest Territories*. [Under contract with McGill-Queen’s University Press, June 2025]

Lackenbauer, W. and M. Stoller, eds. *Times of Sorrow, Times of Joy: Memoirs of Joe Tedjuk*. Cambridge Bay: Kitikmeot Heritage Society.

BOOK REVIEWS

Stoller, M. (2022). Review of *Defending the Arctic Refuge: A Photographer, an Indigenous Nation, and*

a Fight for Environmental Justice. *Western Historical Quarterly* Vol. 53.4: 444. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/whq/whac072>

Stoller, M. (2016). Review of Where the Rivers Meet by Carly A. Dokis. *BC Studies* Vol. 190: 141-142. Available online at: https://bcstudies.com/book_film_review/where-the-rivers-meet-pipelines-participatory-resource-management-and-aboriginal-state-relations-in-the-northwest-territories/

Stoller, M. (2013). Review of Breaking Ice for Arctic Oil by Ross Coen: The Epic Voyage of the SS Manhattan Through the Northwest Passage, *Arctic* Vol. 66 no. 3: 371-372. DOI: 10.14430/arctic4317

OTHER ACADEMIC OUTPUTS

Stoller, M. (2013). “To Defend the North: The EU Seal Ban in Review,” *The Otter*. 19 December 2013. Available at: <http://niche-canada.org/2013/12/19/to-defend-the-north-the-eu-seal-ban-in-review/>

MEDIA & INTERVIEWS

Cooper Langford. “The Power of Quiet History” *Up Here* May/June 2025: 44-45.

“Why Arctic Researchers Need to Embrace Their Mistakes,” *Northern Notes*, Vol. 63 (Spring 2025). Available online: https://iassa.org/images/newsletters/Northern_Notes_63.pdf

“Inuit students are saving traditional knowledge through interviewing Elders” *APTN News*, Oct 11, 2023. Available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFBzLzqA080>

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

Working title: “Towards A Socially Informed Science: Critical review of an emerging trend in Arctic science”

Role: Lead author, with Dr. Jonathan Luedee (University of Toronto) and Dr. Patricia Johnston (University of Calgary) Being prepared for submission to *Arctic*.

Working title: “On the application of settler colonialism to Northern Studies.”

An historically informed intervention into the widespread use of settler colonial theory in Arctic and Subarctic social sciences and humanities research and pedagogy.

Role: Co-author, with Dr. Rebecca Hall (Queen’s University)

PUBLIC TALKS, KEYNOTE LECTURES, & KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

Stoller, M. (2022) “Keynote Lecture: New Science and the Human Arctic,” *Queen’s Northern Research*

Symposium, 14 April 2022, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Stoller, M. (2020) "More Than Just Franklin Stories: Inuit Oral History Beyond Canadian Mythology," North at Trent Lecture Series, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Stoller, M., Ullulaq, J. and B. Okpik. (2018). "Piliriqatigiinniq/Ikajuqtigiinniq: Working together for a common cause," 18 June 2018, ROM Connects Series, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario.

Stoller, M., Okpik, B., Konek, C. Konana, D. and S. Ullulaq. (2017) "Inuit perspectives on the Franklin research," Gjoa Haven Film Society

Stoller, M., Ullulaq, J., Okpik, B., Ikkutisluk, R. Aaluk, R., Ekelik, M., Tungilik, E., Konana, N., Jayko, C., Porter, S., Konana, D., and K. Okpakok. (2015). "Nanivara, Gjoa Haven: Stories From Our Elders," Aug. 2015-Oct. 2015, Nattilik Heritage Centre, Gjoa Haven, Nunavut.

COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH REPORTS

Stoller, M. (2017). *Report of the Umiyaqtutt Festival Youth Film Project*.

Stoller, M., Knowles, T. and P. Johnston. (2017). *Nanivara: The Report of the Nanivara Oral History Project*.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Stoller, M. (2024). "Critical Youth Geographies, Northern Research, and Flows of Knowledge Ex/Change" August, Canadian Association of Geographers, St. John's, Newfoundland

Stoller, M. and R. Hall (2023). "Phoebe Nahanni on Dene Method, Work and the Gender of Colonialism," 01 June, Canadian Political Science Association, Toronto, ON.

Stoller, M. (2023). "Borders and Boundaries in the Canadian North: Roundtable Discussion." 25 March, American Society of Environmental Historians, Boston MA.

Stoller, M. (2022). "Towards a Socially Informed Science: Outline of an Emerging Trend in Arctic Environmental Sciences." 08 December 2022, Presentation at ArcticNet Annual General Meeting, Toronto, Ontario.

Stoller, M. (2022). "Learning From Youth and History in Gjoa Haven/Uqsuqtuuq, Nunavut" 22 October 2022, Presentation at Northern Nationalisms, Arctic Mythologies, and the Weight of History: A Conference in Memory of Shelagh Grant, Peterborough, Ontario.

Stoller, M. (2022). "Just Relations: Engaging and Acting with the work of Michael Asch on Kinship, Law, and Politics" 14 May 2022, Presentation at Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Conference, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Stoller, M. and J. Ullulaq. (2019). “More Than Just Franklin Stories: Sharing Youth Perspectives and Stories from Gjoa Haven/Uqsuqtuuq” 04 October 2019, Presentation at Inuit Studies conference, Montreal, Québec.

Stoller, M. (2017). “Wising-Up: Arctic Education Modules,” ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting, Québec City, Québec.

Johnston, P., Stoller, M. and F. Tester (2016). “The Nanivara Project,” Inuit Studies Conference, St. John’s, Newfoundland.

COURSES DEVELOPED

2024	GPHY 101, Human Geography, Queen’s University
2024	GPHY 875, Historical Geography, Queen’s University
2023	GPHY 250, Geography of Canada, Queen’s University
2023	GPHY 370, The Changing Arctic, Queen’s University
2023	GPHY 370, The Changing Arctic, Queen’s University
2022	GPHY 836, Critical Methods of Inquiry, Queen’s University
2021	CAST4953H: The Changing Arctic, School for the Study of Canada Trent University
2021	DEVS492/877: Politics of Development in the Changing Arctic, Department of Global Development Studies, Queen's University
2020	CAST3241: Histories of the Canadian North, School for the Study of Canada Trent University

SUPERVISORY WORK AND COMMITTEES

Alex Makin, PhD student, Geography & Planning, Queen’s University

Role: Co-supervisor, with Dr. Dan Cohen

Start date: September 2021

Caroline Nguyen, MA Student, Geography & Planning, Queen’s University

Role: Supervisor

Start date: September 2023

Dani Mexner, MA Student, DEVs, Queen’s University

Role: External examiner

Supervisors: Dr. Rebecca Hall and Dr. Allison Goebel

Martina Jakubchik-Paloheimo, PhD candidate Geography & Planning, Queen’s University

Role: Committee member
Supervisor: Dr. Heather Castleden

Morad Roohi, PhD Candidate, History, Queen's University
Role: Examiner
Supervisor: Ariel Salzmman

Susan Bazely, PhD candidate, Geography & Planning, Queen's University
Role: Internal examiner
Status: Defense, 02 May 2024
Supervisor: Dr. George Bevan

Hannah Hunter, PhD Candidate, Geography & Planning, Queen's University
Role: Defense Committee Chair
Status: Defense, 17 May 2024
Supervisor: Dr. Laura Cameron

Claudia Hirtenfelder, PhD candidate, Geography & Planning, Queen's University
Role: Internal examiner
Status: Completed
Supervisors: Dr. Carolyn Prouse and Dr. Laura Cameron

Kiera McMaster, MA student, Geography & Planning, Queen's University
Role: Defense Committee Chair
Status: Completed
Supervisor: Dr. Carolyn Prouse

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2024	Member, Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG)
2023	Member, Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)
2022	Member, Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG)
2022	Member, Canadian Anthropology Society (CAS)
2022	Member, American Society for Environmental History

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-2017	Project Manager and Director, Nanivara Oral History Project, UBC Gjoa Haven and Naujaat, Nunavut (Frank Tester, PI)
2015-2016	Co-Creator and Co-Investigator, Wising-Up Arctic Online Education Platform
2015	Facilitator, Nanivara Oral History Project, UBC, Gjoa Haven (Frank Tester, PI)

2015	TA, UBC, POLI 369, “International Politics of the Arctic”, Prof. Michael Byers
2014	Research Assistant to Eagle Glassheim, Department of History, UBC
2014	Research Assistant to Frank Tester, School of Social Work, UBC
2014	TA, UBC, HIS106, “Global Environmental History”, Prof. Tina Loo
2013	TA, UBC, POLI 369, “International Politics of the Arctic”, Prof. Michael Byers
2013	Research Assistant to Michael Byers, UBC
2012	TA, UBC, POLI 369, “International Politics of the Arctic”, Prof. Michael Byers
2011	TA, McMaster, HIS 217, “Modern Germany”, Prof. Pamela Swett
2010	TA, McMaster, HIS 103, “The Americas and the World”, Prof. Juanita de Barros

SERVICE

2025	SSHRC Insight Development Grant Review Committee
2024	SSHRC Insight Development Grant Review Committee
2023/24	Queen’s Northern Research Symposium, Organizing Committee
2023/24	Queen’s Northern Research Network, Faculty Sponsor
2017	Co-Founder, Gjoa Haven Film Society, Gjoa Haven, Nunavut
2013-2016	President, Executive Committee Member, UBC Polar Club
2015	Organizer, “Connections: The Place and Practice of Northern Research”
2013, 2014	Organizing Committee, “Out of the Box Graduate Student Conference”
2013-2014	Communications and Social Media, UBC Polar Club