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### The Meaning of Ice: People and Sea Ice in Three Arctic Communities

**Who:** Shari Gearheard | **Date:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 | **Time:** 4:00 – 5:00 pm | **Location:** University of Calgary; Engineering A 101

Dr. Shari Fox Gearheard, a geographer, researcher, and long-time Arctic resident, will discuss Inuit culture, oral history, and ways of knowing sea ice based on her collaborative work with Inuit hunters and Elders on Baffin Island. At a time of tremendous change in the Arctic, Inuit provide important understanding not only of the Arctic environment itself, but of the human place within it. The talk is based on the recent award-winning book, “The Meaning of Ice”, edited by Gearheard with a team of over 40 Inuit from around the Arctic.



**Biography:** Dr. Shari Fox Gearheard is a Canadian geographer and research scientist with the National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC), University of Colorado Boulder. Since 1995, Shari has been working collaboratively with Inuit communities in Nunavut, Canada, on environmental research topics, in particular, on Inuit knowledge of climate and environmental change, sea ice, and weather.

Since 2004, Shari has been based and living full time in Kangiqtugaapik (Clyde River), Nunavut, where she works on diverse community-based projects and building collaborative teams of Inuit and visiting scientists to study shared research questions in the Arctic. She is the co-founder and co-chair of the Ittaq Heritage and Research Centre in Kangiqtugaapik and she has also worked for Piquusilirivvik, Nunavut’s Inuit Cultural School, as a curriculum developer. As well as being active in her local community, Shari is also deeply involved in national and international projects and initiatives related to Indigenous knowledge, Indigenous leadership in research, and coproduction of knowledge.

Originally from southern Ontario, Canada, Shari has always enjoyed all things snow and ice. She loves outdoor life and her true passion is dog sledding, which she has learned in the traditional Inuit style. She currently runs a team of 18 Canadian Inuit dogs.

This event is **free and open to the public**

There will be a reception in the AINA offices (ES-1040) immediately following the presentation

For the full speaker series schedule, please visit the website.

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