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## Editorial: Number 55

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With issue Number 55, the *Northern Review* continues its commitment to the diversity of northern scholarship. The journal continues to support the work of northern-based scholars from across the Circumpolar World, and of southern-based researchers working on northern topics. We remain open to all disciplines and to a wide variety of approaches to communicating insights about the North.

The continued growth of northern post-secondary institutions—Yukon University’s expansion, plans for the polytechnic in the Northwest Territories, and the development of an Inuit institution in Nunavut—represent the latest Canadian additions to the fine tradition of northern scholarship. We have long admired the efforts and contributions of our friends and colleagues on the many campuses of the University of Alaska; and we are enthusiastic supporters of the impressive work of the fine universities and colleges in Scandinavia, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, and Greenland, to say nothing of the now (sadly) isolated academics in Russia. The *Northern Review* hopes that more scholars from throughout the Circumpolar World seek out the journal as a primary publication option for northern-centred scholars.

This issue reflects the core values and approach of the *Northern Review*. We have included several commentaries—impressive conceptual works that tackle such diverse topics as George Black’s legal career, Canada’s changing stature in the Circumpolar World, and new understandings of Dawson City during the Klondike gold rush. There are scholarly works on the evolution of university education in Manitoba and the transformation of Inuit Studies in Canada.

Impressive works explore the sad but consequential effects of domestic violence, and the potential environmental and economic impact of small modular reactors in the North. The tongue-in-cheek and provocative cartoons of one of

our senior editors, Amanda Graham, provide a visual commentary on the state of southern academic engagement with the North.

We know you will enjoy the diverse perspectives reflected in Number 55. We hope that this volume will encourage other northern academics to send their current work to the *Northern Review* and to work with us to continue developing a unique and powerful northern academic voice.

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## Research Article

# University Education in Northern Manitoba: Inter Universities Services at 50

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**Abstract:** The long pursuit of university education in northern Canada has seen a variety of methods used to deliver higher education to northerners. One such approach, Inter Universities Services (IUS), has been supporting university course delivery in northern Manitoba since 1972-73. This article argues that IUS has evolved progressively over its fifty years from an initiative offering a disjointed set of university course options to become part of a coordinated, if unplanned, approach to university education in northern Manitoba. This article outlines the history of IUS, including origins, structure, issues, and key events, before looking to the future. Conclusions suggest that IUS has been central to the growth and stability of higher education in northern Manitoba.