

Research Student Information

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<p>PhD Title</p>	<p>‘The Queen’s Law on top of our land’: A diachronic study of land tenure in K’alii’aksim Lisims, the Nass Valley, Nisga'a Lands</p>
<p>Project information</p>	<p>The Nisga’a Final Agreement (1998) created an opportunity for the Nisga’a Lisims Government to institute a fit-for-purpose land title system and manage Nisga’a Lands outside the constraints of federal and provincial statutory laws. Considering in turn the established jurisdiction of the Nisga’a Lisims Government in respect of Nisga’a Lands, and the distinct approach of Ayuukhl Nisga’a (the body of Nisga’a customary law) towards matters of real property, the Nisga’a Individual Landholding Project appears a novel development in Nisga’a land management practice.</p> <p>Employing a case study methodology, this thesis aims to determine diachronically the changes in the land tenure system(s) governing K’alii’aksim Lisims, the Nass Valley, Nisga’a Lands through the colonial process to the present day. In so doing, it seeks to elucidate reasons why the Nisga’a Lisims Government has chosen to implement land management policies informed by both a neoliberal approach to development economics and a conception of property rights reflective of that expressed in the common law.</p>
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