

**TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE**

**RESEARCH SEMINAR
3.30pm Thursday 19 March 2009
Lecture room 5017 Matthew Building**

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**“Adapting to Climate Change in Canada and Scotland:
can we learn from each other?”**

As an Associate Professor in the School of Environmental Planning at the University of Northern British Columbia, John Curry has seen the effects of climate change in northern climes at first hand, as one of the academics appointed when the university first opened in Prince George in 1994. Before taking his appointment at UNBC, John acquired extensive Canada-wide public and private sector experience working with small, and medium, size communities in the areas of economic, social, and ecological planning and development. In the private sector, he was President of both the Centre for Entrepreneurial Development and Curry, Curry and Associates. The latter was a Prince Edward Island firm which specialized in publishing and community economic development consulting. He was, for five years, Editor-in-Chief of *Plan Canada*, the professional journal of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

John returned to graduate school mid-career and completed a doctorate in 1995 at the University of British Columbia in the area of community sustainability. This area of research attempts to develop community and regional level planning and implementation processes which bring together ecological, social and economic issues. His current research focuses on examining barriers to change in implementing sustainability and methods to incorporate principles of sustainability into rural and remote communities.

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