

Dr. Chris Furgal



Dr. Chris Furgal is an Associate Professor and Interim Director of the Indigenous Environmental Studies and Sciences Program at Trent University. Dr. Furgal's involvement in the North is extensive, as Co-founder and Co-Director of the Nasivvik Centre for Inuit Health and Changing Environments, and lead author of past national and international assessments on contaminants, food security and climate change and their impacts on Arctic health. His research and teaching focus on environmental health risk assessment, management, and communication in cooperation with Indigenous populations in the context of environmental change.

He puts great value on the incredible opportunities he has been provided to spend time with and learn from experienced Inuit hunters and Elders on the land. Although, upon returning from his first research season in the North as a Masters student in biology, he was hesitant to tell his colleagues that the list of Arctic wildlife species he saw and the list of species he ate, were almost the same length.