

**Name:** *Clay Foard*

**What year did you graduate from TRU?**

*2008*

**What are you doing now?**

*I currently work as a residential worker teaching life skills to kids at risk. I got into grad school (Disability Management at UNBC) because Sandra Vermuelen offered me a wonderful opportunity to get a CUEF grant which I won, and then helped with two self-developed research courses. This was before the Honours program.*



*After I graduated I was able to obtain employment with INAC (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.) working in the residential school Canada Resolution program for two years as a senior researcher. Without Sandra's guidance, and help I would not have been able to do either of those things.*

**What did you enjoy about TRU/What did you do while at TRU?**

*I also was able (with Sandra's help) to attend the Western Psychological Association conference in Vancouver where I presented a poster illustrating my research findings. Reid Webster was also instrumental in helping me; he spent endless hours assisting me with research ideas, and techniques. I also was able to do a research assistant year with Nick Gammer (Political Science) doing research.*

*I believe TRU to be a very good place to learn. The instructors because of small class sizes really get to know the students and vice versa. This helps a lot.*

**If current students have questions would you be willing to be contacted:**

*I would be very pleased to be able to help current students in any way.*