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# A SHARED Future

## Program Updates



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## February & March 2018

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Greetings Team! We have a number of activities to report on, and based on positive feedback, we will continue to present our updates in a newsletter format. We continue to encourage all team members (researchers, partners, trainees, collaborators) to send in their activity updates, including photos and news items for subsequent updates!

### February Activities:

#### **Connecting with Partners: Native Women's Association of Canada**

Heather Castleden and Jeff Masuda hosted Sarah Harney of the Native Women's Association of Canada - PEKE for a day of meetings (and dinner, of course!) on culturally-relevant sex- and gender based analyses for A SHARED Future in Kingston.

#### **David Suzuki Foundation**

Heather Castleden and Robert Stefanelli met with Sherry Yano of the David Suzuki Foundation about an upcoming conference, *Scientia: A Conference on the Intersection of Traditional Knowledge and Science* and the potential role A SHARED Future team members could play at it. At present, the conference has been tentatively scheduled for November 2018, and Heather and Sherry brainstormed around the possibility of A SHARED Future organizing a breakout

session on community renewable energy and [Two-Eyed Seeing](#).

#### **Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) Webinar**

NRCan hosted a [webinar](#) to provide additional information about the capacity building stream of their Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities Program. The full webinar is available online (access code: 7030356)

#### **Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy**

Heather Castleden and Melissa Quesnelle (a [20/20 Catalyst Alum](#)) have begun exploring the possibility of developing a research project proposal concerning the experiences of Indigenous women involved in the renewable energy sector.

Our idea is to hold a series of Invitational Gatherings to present an opportunity for knowledge sharing (research) through storytelling between Indigenous women who are leaders/champions in renewable energy, as well as peer mentorship for those who are at various stages of their community-based renewable energy initiatives plan. Future gatherings and associated research would be emergent as a result of the women's directions arising from the first Gathering.

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## Programmatic Steering Committee Meeting: A Revised Governance Structure!

The Programmatic Steering Committee (PSC) met in February for our bi-monthly teleconference where we discussed a revised draft Terms of Reference for changes to our governance structure that would allow more transparency, shared responsibilities, and internal mentorship through Two-Eyed Seeing. This change includes co-Directorship for A SHARED Future; while Heather Castleden will continue to serve as Continuing Co-Director, a two-year rotating 'Pro Tem' Co-Director will also be nominated.

Dr. Debbie Martin (Dalhousie University) has agreed to step into the role of Pro-Tem Co-Director until Diana Lewis (Dalhousie) is finished her PhD later this spring/summer. Immediately after the defense, Debbie will pass this role to Diana! We couldn't be happier, and more grateful to you both for your willingness to take on additional work with A SHARED Future!

In addition to our Pro-Tem Co-Director, we have also determined the importance of having an Executive Body to make financial decisions about programmatic activities and projects. This Body will be comprised of the Pro-Tem Co-Director (Chair), the Continuing Co-Director (ex-officio), another (rotating) member of the PSC, a (rotating) PhD student affiliated with A SHARED Future, and a (rotating) Partner (ideally with renewable energy expertise). While some positions are not yet filled, we do wish to note that Mary Beth Doucette (Cape Breton University) has agreed to fill the PhD student position on the committee. Thank you Mary Beth! If you are interested in being involved in this committee, please contact Rob Stefanelli.

Full minutes of the PSC meeting are available online, [here](#).

## Project Updates from the PSC

Academic Co-Leads provided updates on their respective projects at the PSC Meeting, and a brief synopsis is provided here:

**Emily Root:** Has met with the co-leaders of the Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative, along with PhD Trainee, [Ms. Mary Beth Doucette](#), and they have started to identify potential interviewees as [their project](#) gets under way.

**Diana Lewis:** Conversations with project co-lead Tanna Pirie-Wilson (Tobique First

Nation) continue. They met on February 23, 2018 in Tobique, NB and are pleased to report that an Interim Project Advisory Committee is meeting on April 13, 2018 in Halifax to finalize a project proposal for submission to the Programmatic Steering Committee in late April.

**Debbie Martin:** Introduced MES student, [Ms. Emily Beacock](#), to NunatuKavut Community Council members in Goose Bay and received feedback and approval on her Master's research. While there, she learned about economic issues and the possible solutions for challenges in coastal communities in NunatuKavut. Debbie and Amy (NCC Co-Lead) are working with their team [to develop a proposal](#) for the PSC to review. They may also be interested in recruiting an Engineering student to assist with monitoring and baseline data collection.

**Jeff Masuda:** Notes that A SHARED Future presents a tremendous opportunity to shape SGBA in research, and we should capitalize on this chance. Jeff and Sarah Harney (Sex and Gender co-champions) are offering their assistance in creating robust plans to address gender-based research implications.

**Heather Castleden:** A SHARED Future's postdoctoral fellow, [Dr. Chad Walker](#), has been working on a media analysis concerning Indigenous representation in renewable energy over the past ten years across 6 Canadian news sources; he has also received ethics approval to conduct a study with renewable energy developers concerning their perspectives and their uptake of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #92 (Corporate Sector). Heather's PhD student, [Ms. Priscilla Apronti](#), is developing a proposal that will align with the [critical analysis of the NRCAN program](#). Heather's senior undergraduate student, [Ms. Elissa Bozhkov](#) has completed her data collection [involving interviews with the International Institute of Sustainable Development - Experimental Lakes Area](#) employees about reconciliation and will share her analysis in a subsequent newsletter.

**Hannah Tait Neufeld:** Elections took place at project site T'Sou-ke Nation, and we congratulate Chief Planes, who was re-elected; we also wish him a speedy recovery from a recent health issue. Hannah, Heather, and [MSc student Brianna Poirier](#) will be travelling to T'Sou-ke in April to continue to [develop a research project](#) concerning new developments with the Nation, including the new T'Sou-ke Sustainability Centre (social enterprise) and a five-year program to assist

First Nations youth who will work in Zambia, Uganda and South Africa on sustainability issues, social justice, health, and cultural exchange.

**Derek Kornelsen:** Notes that a proposal and budget are nearing completion for the [program analysis of the NRCAN project](#). Derek's appointment at the University of Manitoba officially ended on March 29<sup>th</sup>, and he will be working with A SHARED Future under his newly established sole proprietorship called Rootstalk Resources.

**Chantelle Richmond:** Was happy to report to the A SHARED Future team that she is back on her feet after successful back surgery, and is in the process of reconnecting with partners in Pic River. Welcome back Chantelle! Chantelle has recruited two new students that are in the process of developing their respective research proposals and are hoping to address similar research objectives as A SHARED Future. Chantelle has recruited an Indigenous trainee from Saugeen First Nation to conduct their PhD research in community resistance to nuclear energy, in addition to a MA student with an interest in Indigenous cartography and community energy projects.

## Departure of one of A SHARED Future's Principal Investigators

Dr. Gregory Lowan-Trudeau, who was a Principal Investigator for the first year of the A SHARED Future program has needed to step down to focus on his other research engagements. Best wishes Greg!

March Activities:

## Manuscript Submission

[Renewable Energy and Energy Autonomy: How Indigenous Peoples in Canada are Shaping an Energy Future](#), is a systematic and realist review of existing energy literature on renewable energy and autonomy in Canada, and it is now complete! The manuscript, authored by members of A SHARED Future's Programmatic Steering Committee, has been submitted to the journal editors of [Environmental Reviews](#) for peer review. We are awaiting a decision on acceptance and whether there will be any revisions. We will circulate an early view of the paper once we receive the decision.

## TREC Renewable Energy Report

One of A SHARED Future's organizational partners, TREC Renewable Energy Co-op, has just released a report on their latest

research, ***Growing Indigenous Power: A Review of Indigenous Involvement & Resources to Further Renewable Energy Development Across Canada.*** The report highlights the current state of Indigenous-owned renewable energy across Canada, by exploring the potential benefits such programs can bring to communities. The Report features examples of Indigenous power projects, and outlines the various supportive policies and programs that exist in each province.

### International Advisory Committee Meeting

The International Advisory Committee (IAC) held its bi-annual teleconference in March. Members from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and Canada attended the meeting, chaired by our IAC Chair, Simon Brascoupé, to discuss the current state of the A SHARED Future program, as well as to participate in a Roundtable on ***Two-Eyed Seeing***. The IAC offered their experiences in applying a co-learning approach to engaging with Indigenous and Western knowledge systems in research. IAC members discussed conducting research with communities as a trusted ally, and negotiating community research approvals instead of university research ethics board approvals, among other topics. Full meeting minutes are available online, [here](#).

Given the wealth of activities to report on, an interest in hearing directly from the Co-Leads of Projects to allow for more engagement and offerings of constructive feedback, as well as the rich conversation emerging from the Roundtable, we have proposed that the IAC meet four times per year, subject to member availability – we recognize that not everyone can always be available to participate. And so, beginning in 2019, we will proceed with the following format: First quarter (January): Program Update; Second quarter (April): Roundtable Topic; Third quarter (July): Program Update; Fourth Quarter (October): Roundtable Topic. Our next IAC meeting is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### Conversations with Nunavut's Senior Administrative Officers in Iqaluit

Heather Castleden and Derek Kornelsen were invited by Meaghan Bennett (NRCan) to attend – as observers – the 2018 Nunavut Senior Administrative Officers (SAOs) workshop on 'Toward Integration', where Meaghan and her team would be presenting information about [their funding program](#). While Heather could not attend, Chad Walker was able to, representing her, along with Derek in Iqaluit.

Presentations and discussions centred around renewable energy development, governance, and opportunities for funding local projects and programs. Workshop attendees included SAOs, federal and territorial officials, energy consultants and developers of energy projects.

As the only academic researchers there, Derek and Chad were given the chance to present about A SHARED Future during the first full day of the workshop. They showed the 15 minute [A SHARED Future video](#), discussed individual roles within the program, and responded to SAO's questions. The next day, they met with Government of Nunavut officials and later toured the Iqaluit Diesel Plant - the largest generation station in the territory. In discussions with those attending the workshop, Derek and Chad learned about some of the (perceived and actual) barriers to moving toward renewable energy in small hamlets across the territory.

Apart from the official workshop activities, Derek and Chad also engaged in impromptu conversations with workshop attendees and others they met in Iqaluit during the week. Some of these conversations may evolve into working and/or research relationships, especially if the aforementioned [NRCan funding opportunities](#) are taken up by hamlets and/or researchers with A SHARED Future.



*Fishing Boat Frozen in Ice, Iqaluit Mar 2018*



*Chad Walker, Queen's University (left) and Derek Kornelsen (right), Iqaluit Mar 2018*

## Feature: Conversations with our Committee Chairs - Our Pro-Tem Co-Director, and our Two-Eyed Seeing Expert

For this update, we have decided to present a feature introducing the A SHARED Future team to the Chairs of two of our committees: The Executive Committee, and the International Advisory Committee.

We asked our Chairs: **Why did you agree to take this position, and what is most exciting about this role?**



### Debbie Martin

Interim Pro-Tem Co-Director, Executive Committee

**"For me, A SHARED Future has been an exciting initiative right from the very beginning. Working at the interface between renewable energy and**

**health in ways that encourage intersectoral partnerships with Indigenous communities feels like a really important and timely place to be. I am an interdisciplinary trained health researcher, so I truly believe in the value of working across sectors/disciplines/knowledge systems to effect change. As the inaugural Pro-Tem director, I am very much looking forward to facilitating the launch of ASF's initial research projects, and assisting with some of the behind-the-scenes logistics. I very much look forward to taking on the challenge ahead, and anticipate learning a great deal from the amazing ASF team!"**



### Cheryl Bartlett

Vice-Chair, International Advisory Committee

**"I agreed to take this position with the hopes of being able to continue to share and grow understandings for Two-Eyed Seeing**

**while supporting research colleagues who are engaged in reconciliation and healing research in partnership with communities."**

## Announcements

Jeff Masuda (Queen's University) is pleased to announce that a new collaboration has been established with the *Genre Équité Santé Travail Environnement – pour le partage des connaissances (GESTE)* research team based in Montreal, via a fellowship awarded to [PhD student Erica Phipps](#), who has been supporting the SGBA cluster of A SHARED Future. With support from this fellowship, a training session on Culturally Relevant Gender-Based Analysis will be held in May 2018 in Owen Sound, Ontario for another team Jeff and Erica are involved with, which will be led by A SHARED Future team member Sarah Harney of the Native Women's Association of Canada. This relationship with the GESTE research team promises to enrich our understanding of gender as it relates to knowledge practices. It also provides additional avenues for sharing the work and learnings of the A SHARED Future team.

We are excited to announce that Dr. Sarah Rotz (University of Guelph) has received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Post-Doctoral Fellowship and will be engaging in research for A SHARED Future beginning Summer 2018. Congratulations Sarah, and welcome to the team!

A SHARED Future is pleased to announce that Jordan Carlson (PhD trainee), supervised by A SHARED

Future team member Warren Mabee (Queen's University), is joining A SHARED Future; Heather Castleden will be on his PhD committee given his interests in exploring the desirability and feasibility of in-stream tidal energy in the Arctic!

## Opportunities and Upcoming Events

- Teleconference for Programmatic Steering Committee. 1:00-3:00pm ET April 6, 2018.
- Heather Castleden, Jamie Baxter, and Chad Walker have organized two sessions at this year's International Geographical Union/Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Quebec City, QC. The first is focused on renewable energy policy and development outcomes and the second will host papers on Indigenous experiences with renewable energy development. Both sessions have garnered interest from researchers across North America, but there still may be room for 1-2 more presentations. The meetings take place from August 6-10, 2018. Contact Chad ([cw135@queensu.ca](mailto:cw135@queensu.ca)) to inquire about these sessions or for more information about registration, [click here](#).
- Project co-leads are nearing final project designs, and it is expected that proposals will begin to be submitted to the Executive Committee for review and (hopefully) approval! Best of luck to each of our project co-leads as they

continue moving forward with their respective project designs!

## Conference Calls of Interest to ASF Readers

- Canadian Association of Geographers Annual General Meeting, August 6-10, 2018, held at Laval University in Quebec City. Call for submissions is now open and available, [here](#).
- World Conference on Health Promotion, April 7-11, 2019, Rotorua, New Zealand/Aotearoa. Promoting Planetary Health and Sustainable Development for All. More information, [here](#).
- The Native American & Indigenous Studies Association Conference, June 26-29, 2019. The conference will be hosted by The University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand/Aotearoa. More information, [here](#).
- The International Medical Geography Symposium, June 30 - July 5, 2019, Queenstown, New Zealand/Aotearoa. More information, [here](#).

Best wishes to Project Teams as they continue moving forward with their respective projects! If you have any news that you would like to share with the team for our next update, please contact A SHARED Future's program coordinator: Rob Stefanelli ([robert.stefanelli@queensu.ca](mailto:robert.stefanelli@queensu.ca)). Apologies for any errors or omissions.