



*Heather Castleden (centre, Queen's University) meeting with International Advisory Committee members Richie Howitt (left, Macquarie University), and Renee Pualani Louis (right, University of Kansas) at the American Association of Geographers Conference in New Orleans, LA. 04/2018*

# A SHARED Future

## Program Updates



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## April & May 2018

by Heather Castleden and Robert Stefanelli

Greetings Team! We have a number of activities to report on. 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!

### April Activities:

### I. Connecting with Team Members, and Broadening Our Reach:

#### **ICE and 20/20 Catalyst Collaboration**

The 20/20 Catalysts Program is an interactive three-month program that connects First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Catalysts to a network of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Clean Energy Project Mentors and Coaching Specialists involved in clean energy project development. From the outset, the 20/20 Catalyst Program has strived for national representation and gender balance amongst the Catalysts in large part due to the championing efforts of Eryn Stewart (the 20/20 Catalysts Program Director). Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) Social Enterprise is a pan-Canadian not-for-profit platform which advances Indigenous inclusion in Canada's energy futures

economy through Indigenous leadership, and broad-based collaboration with energy companies, utilities, governments, development firms, Cleantech innovators, academic sector, and capital markets. Both ICE and 20/20 Catalyst programs offer collaboration opportunities for A SHARED Future, and we look forward to designing research together.

### **UINR and CEPI**

Heather Castleden (Queen's University) met with project co-leads Lisa Young (Unamaki Institute of Natural Resources UINR) and Emily Root (Cape Breton University), along with Elder Albert Marshall, Clifford Paul, and Nadine LeFort from UINR, Stan Johnson and Tristan Simon of Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI), Cheryl Bartlett (International Advisory Committee Vice-Chair), and Mary Beth Doucette (Purdy Crawford Chair in Aboriginal Business Studies) in Eskasoni for a day of meetings (and dinner, of course!) to discuss A SHARED Future.

### **The Environmental Law Centre at University of Victoria**

Heather Castleden met with Deborah Curran and Rebeca B. Macias Gimenez (University of Victoria), and had the opportunity to discuss the legal and regulatory issues around renewable energy projects involving

### APRIL

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Indigenous peoples. Additionally, Deborah connected Heather to Judith Sayers at University of Victoria. Judith has a strong background in leading run-of-river project development in Indigenous communities, and has agreed to participate in A SHARED Future projects.



Heather Castleden (left) and Deborah Curran (right) in Victoria, BC. 04/2018

## International Advisory Committee

Heather Castleden and Jeff Masuda (Queen's University) travelled to New Orleans for the American Association of Geographer's Annual Conference, and there they met with International Advisory Committee members Richie Howitt (Macquarie University) and Renee Pualani Louis (University of Kansas), guests Janice Monk (University of Arizona) and Minna Hsu (UCLA), and trainees Erica Phipps and Marc Calabretta (Queen's University), to catch up and share a meal. This presented a great opportunity for some face-to-face time with members of the A SHARED Future Team. Our next International Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 2018.

proposals as the Principal Investigators finalize their submissions. The PSC determined that finalized proposals will be submitted to the entire PSC, and that two PSC members will review and provide a one-page score and commentary on:

- Significance and Impact
- Approaches and Methods
- Knowledge Translation and Sex and Gender-based Analyses
- Proposed Budget

These one-page scores and commentaries are submitted to our newly formed Executive Body for final approval and budgetary decisions.

We have since finalized our Executive Body for the remainder of the calendar year, noting that each position has the opportunity for renewal. For full details on our executive body, please visit our website at

[www.asharedfuture.ca/executive-body](http://www.asharedfuture.ca/executive-body):

- 1) **Interim Pro-Tem Director:** Debbie Martin, Dalhousie University
- 2) **PSC Committee Representative** Jeff Masuda, Queen's University
- 3) **Organization Representative:** Ken Paul, Director of Fisheries at Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs
- 4) **PhD Student Representative:** Mary Beth Doucette, Purdy Crawford Chair in Aboriginal Business Studies
- 5) **Continuing Co-Director:** Heather Castleden, Queen's University (non-voting member)

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

### May Activities

## III. Project Updates from the PSC

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

**Emily Root:** Highlighted her April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with Heather Castleden, Cheryl Bartlett, Elder Albert Marshall, and the CEPI committee, and noted their continued supporting in getting the

proposal to a stage that is ready to submit for review and approval. Emily submitted her CEPI proposal to the PSC for review in May and received clearance to move to Executive Body Review. Emily is also a member of the Ad-Hoc Summer Institute Committee (along

with Heather Castleden, Hannah Tait Neufeld, and Debbie Martin), and the four members have finalized their proposal for submission for PSC review.

**Diana (Dee) Lewis:** In regards to the project she is involved in, Dee continues to meet with partners in Tobique and develop a project proposal with a target submission deadline of early June.

**Debbie Martin:** At present, the NCC is working with A SHARED Future as well as with a SSHRC-funded project in NunatuKavut. The current project vision has the A SHARED Future project proposal designed to accompany the work of the SSHRC project by completing focus group discussions with communities about their feelings/concerns related to community changes as a result of renewable energy initiatives. While getting off diesel is a priority, Debbie noted that community members have expressed concern that renewable energy could lead to a loss of jobs, and fear that external contracting of renewable energy developers would not lead to new jobs. Debbie stated that early June is the target for proposal submission.

**Jeff Masuda:** Reported on an excellent Culturally-Relevant Sex and Gender-Based Analysis (CRSGBA) training session in May with Sex and Gender Co-Champion Sarah Harney (Native Women's Association of Canada) for a separate research project. He hopes to introduce the A SHARED Future team to this one-day workshop as soon as possible. Jeff and his trainees have been developing an ethics application and joint proposal to begin interviewing Principal Investigators about their levels of knowledge, preparedness, and expectations about uncovering gendered dimensions in their research. Finally, he wanted to remind the team that he and co-champion Sarah are available to support A SHARED Future team members as they look to implement CRSGBA in their respective projects.

**Heather Castleden:** Has been working with Melissa Quesnelle (Indigenous Sustainable Structures Collaborative), who is a 20/20 catalyst alum. They decided to create a culturally-safe space where Indigenous women and gender-diverse persons in renewable energy could share stories and co-create research through a small, invitational gathering, which was an expressed need that emerged from the 2017 Catalysts Program 'Indigenous Clean Energy Roundtable'. Invitations will be sent to Indigenous women and gender-diverse persons that are leaders and/or co-champions in renewable energy.



Left to right: Jeff Masuda, Erica Phipps, Minna Hsu, Janice Monk, Richie Howitt, Heather Castleden, Renee Pualani Louis, Marc Calabretta. New Orleans, LA. 04/2018

## II. Programmatic Steering Committee Meetings:

The Programmatic Steering Committee (PSC) met on April 6, and May 11 for teleconferences where we discussed our governance plan for reviewing project



They anticipate that they will produce a video of the gatherings, as well as podcasts. They will be working collaboratively with the 20/20 Catalysts Program and ICE Social Enterprise. Heather noted that the PSC can expect a full proposal and budget submission in June.

**Hannah Tait Neufeld:** Hannah travelled to T'Sou-ke in April along with her [MSc student Brianna Poirier](#), where she met Heather Castleden who was already on the west coast for separate meetings. The purpose of the visit to T'Sou-ke was to continue to develop a research project concerning new developments with the Nation, including the new T'Sou-ke Sustainability Centre (social enterprise) on a net-zero housing project and an internship program to assist First Nations youth who will work in Zambia, Uganda and South Africa on sustainability issues, social justice, health, and cultural exchange. Additionally, Hannah and Heather met with Chief Gordon Planes and Andrew Moore (T'Sou-ke Nation), and Kear Porttris and Larissa Stendie of Clean Tech Community Gateway to discuss potential research partnerships with the Net Zero Homes project. Hannah also noted that she has recruited a second graduate student to assist her in her research.



Left to right: Hannah Tait Neufeld, Brianna Poirier, Pierre Iachetti, Kear Porttris, and Rebeca Gimenez observing the work of a master carver in T'Sou-ke Nation. 04/2018

**Chantelle Richmond:** As noted in the previous update, Chantelle has recruited two new students in her lab, and states that they are in the process of developing their respective research proposals and are hoping to address similar research objectives as A SHARED Future. At this time, Chantelle does not have new updates related to her project within A SHARED Future, but continues to contribute through participation in programmatic activities including reviewing project proposals.

**Derek Kornelsen:** Noted that his status was changing from Principal Investigator to

Consultant (more in next section). He updated the team on the NRCan project, and noted that NRCan has been focusing on starting up the Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities Program. Derek has been working with Heather Castleden and Meaghan Bennet (and her team at NRCan) in developing a proposal, *Working Towards Energy Security, Self-Determination, and Reconciliation Through Indigenous Community Engagement*, over the next four years. The project proposal has been submitted and is undergoing review and revision.

#### IV. Changing roles in A SHARED Future:

Dr. Derek Kornelsen has left the University of Manitoba to pursue a career as an independent consultant. Therefore he will step down as a Principal Investigator on the PSC, but will remain affiliated to A SHARED Future by working as a consultant on the NRCan project with Heather Castleden stepping in as lead. We are happy that Derek will remain with the program, and best wishes as he begins a new stage of his career!

#### V. Proposal Submissions:

May was a busy month for the Principal Investigators of the A SHARED Future program as we had four project proposal submissions submitted and reviewed for approval.

##### 1) Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI

**Co Leads:** Emily Root and Lisa Young  
**Submission Status:** Submitted  
**Approval Status:** Approved by PSC  
**Current Status:** In executive body review.

##### 2) Working Towards Energy Security, Self-Determination, and Reconciliation Through Indigenous Community Engagement

**Co Leads:** Heather Castleden and Derek Kornelsen  
**Submission Status:** Submitted  
**Approval Status:** Edits requested  
**Current Status:** Edits underway.

##### 3) Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy: An Invitational Research Gathering(s) to Share Stories

**Co Leads:** Heather Castleden and Melissa Quesnelle  
**Submission Status:** Submitted  
**Approval Status:** Approved by PSC  
**Current Status:** In executive body review

##### 4) A SHARED Future 2018 Summer Institute: Renewing our SHARED Energy in Eastern Canada

**Co Leads:** Heather Castleden, Debbie

Martin, Hannah Tait Neufeld, and Emily Root  
**Submission Status:** Submitted  
**Approval Status:** Approved by PSC  
**Current Status:** In executive body review

We wish each of our project teams the best of luck as they continue to develop their research, and look forward to future proposal submissions to help shape A SHARED Future.

#### VI. Announcements:

✚ We are excited to announce that [Elissa Bozhkov](#) (Undergraduate trainee, Queen's University) successfully completed her undergraduate thesis under the supervision of Drs Heather Castleden and Chad Walker (Queen's University), with A SHARED Future partner Pauline Gerrard (IISD-ELA). Her thesis sought to answer the title question of 'What does reconciliation and healing look like for the International Institute of Sustainable Development – Experimental Lakes Area (IISD-ELA)?'. Congrats, Elissa!

✚ Congratulations are also in order for A SHARED Future team member, Ken Paul, for successfully completing his Executive MBA from the Sobey School of Business at St. Mary's University. Congrats, Ken!



Ken Paul (middle row, 2nd from left), and the EMBA class of 2018 at St. Mary's University. Halifax, NS. 05/2018

✚ The David Suzuki Foundation, as mentioned in the previous update, hosted an event called [Charged Up!](#) that brings people together to learn about continuing to invest in a low-carbon future. The event has been documented in a short video, and Sherry Yano (DSF) has kindly made that available to the A SHARED Future team, [here](#).

#### VII. Upcoming Events:

✚ Teleconference for Programmatic Steering Committee. 9:00-11:00am ET June 18, 2018.

✚ Summer Institute: The A SHARED Future program will be hosting a Summer Institute in New Brunswick from August 12-18, 2018. The Institute will be focused on renewable energy and intersectoral partnerships, and will involve A SHARED Future trainees, community and organizational partners, and Principal Investigators.

### Conference Calls of Interest to ASF Readers:

✚ Resources for Future Generations – Premier Conference on Energy, Minerals, Water, The Earth, June 16-21, 2018. The 4-day scientific session is hosted by the International Union of Geological Sciences at the Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, Canada. More information, [here](#).

✚ 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](#).

Additionally, ASF co-directors Heather Castleden and Debbie Martin are guest editing a special issue for Global Health Promotion titled, *Whenua Ora: Healthy Lands, Health Peoples*.

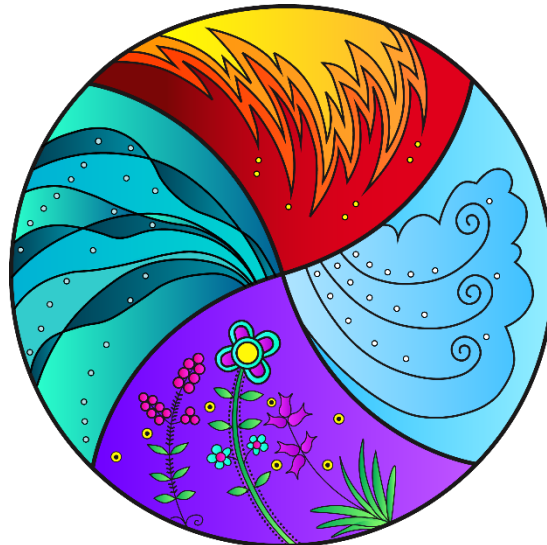
✚ Nordic Geographers Meeting – Sustainable Geography, June 16-19, 2019. The conference is hosted by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway. More information, [here](#).

✚ 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](#).

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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.



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