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Carolyn Bennett (Minister, Crown-Indigenous Relations) announcing the beginning of discussions to recognize Indigenous rights and self-determination for the Southern Inuit of NunatuKavut. July 10, 2018

A SHARED Future

Program Updates



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June & July 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!

June Activities:

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

UINR and CEPI



A SHARED Future participation in CEPI discussions on governance and Two-Eyed Seeing, June 2018.

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.

Sarah Rotz, A SHARED Future Post-Doctoral Fellow



Heather Castleden met incoming Post-Doctoral Fellow, Sarah Rotz, in June to finalize the agreement that will bring Sarah to Kingston and Queen's University for the 2018-19 academic year. Sarah will be working closely with Heather and other members of the A SHARED Future program

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- I. Connecting with Team Members, and Broadening Our Reach:
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 - Sarah Rotz, Post-Doc
 - NunatuKavut Community Council
 - Chad Walker, Post-Doc

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to review the governance and procedures of the A SHARED Future program from an internal perspective. Sarah's work will be beneficial to both her and the A SHARED Future team, as it will increase transparency, and accountability for the program as a whole.

NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC)



Amy Hudson (Manager, NCC) describing the history of the Southern Inuit of NunatuKavut at The NunatuKavut Community Council: Renewable Energy Research Summit, July 11, 2018

Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett travelled to NunatuKavut to announce that the federal government will start [discussions with the Southern Inuit on recognizing Indigenous rights and self-determination](#). A historic and truly important moment for NunatuKavut!

In addition to this announcement, Debbie Martin (Dalhousie University) and Chad Walker (Queen's University) were invited to join Amy Hudson (NCC) to participate in the [NunatuKavut Community Council: Renewable Energy Research Summit](#). This summit featured speakers on wind, tidal, and solar energy, as well as on the ongoing history of the Southern Inuit of NunatuKavut on the land.

Chad Walker, A SHARED Future Post-Doctoral Fellow



Chad has been continuing his work with A SHARED Future through several research projects. He and Heather Castleden are

progressing with a 10-year media analysis related to Indigenous peoples and renewable energy in Canada. Along with HEC Lab members Elissa Bozhkov and Vanessa McCourt, they are also finishing up a manuscript on Indigenous involvement in reconciliation efforts at the International Institute of Sustainable Development – Experimental Lakes Area. Finally, he is continuing to interview Canadian renewable energy developers that have partnered with Indigenous communities. A recent discussion with Chris Henderson of Lumos Energy helped immensely in shaping important research questions in this work. Chad is looking forward to more interviews with developers and building relationships with Indigenous community partners from across Canada to investigate opportunities for reconciliation through renewable energy development.

July Activities

II. Project Updates from the PSC

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

Emily Root: The Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI project received approval from the PSC and from the Executive Body to proceed. We are very excited to see how this project progresses, and wish Emily and her Co-Lead Lisa Young the best of luck as they move forward! Emily noted that their plan for the summer is to develop and submit an ethics application to both Cape Breton University and the Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch.

Diana (Dee) Lewis: Dee has recently made the switch from Dalhousie University in Halifax to Western University in London (ON). Despite the significant change in her location, she has continued to meet with Co-Lead Tanna Pirie-Wilson and their team in Tobique (NB) and develop a project proposal. The target submission deadline is July 31st, and we wish Dee the best of luck as her and the team work on this proposal!

Debbie Martin: At present, the NCC is working with A SHARED Future as well as with another renewable energy team based out of The University of Waterloo, led by Dr. Paul Parker, in NunatuKavut. The current project vision has the A SHARED Future proposal designed to accompany the work of the University of Waterloo 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. Debbie and Co-Lead Amy Hudson (NCC) submitted their proposal on behalf of the NCC, and received PSC and Executive Body Approval. Congratulations, and best of luck!

Jeff Masuda: Jeff has been working on a proposal to examine readiness amongst the Principal Investigators to meaningfully incorporate a decolonizing approach using Culturally-Relevant Gender Based Analyses (CRGBA) into their A SHARED Future projects. This proposal has been reviewed by members of the PSC, and will soon move to the Executive Body for approval. Jeff also wanted to remind the team that he and co-champion Sarah Harney are available to support A SHARED Future team members as they look to implement CRGBA in their respective projects.

Heather Castleden: Along with Derek Kornelsen (Rootstalk Resources), Heather has been working on a proposal with Meaghan Bennett and her colleagues at Natural Resources Canada called *Working Towards Energy Security, Self-Determination, and Reconciliation Through Indigenous Community Engagement*. After revisions, the proposal has been accepted by the PSC and Executive Body, and will now proceed as planned! Heather's PhD student, Priscilla Apronti, is eager to begin her doctoral research in association with this project. Heather and Co-Lead Melissa Quesnelle also continue to work on the Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy (I-WIRE) project. They are beginning the serious work of planning out the project in detail, assembling the project advisory committee, and preparing for their first event in October, 2018.

Hannah Tait Neufeld: Hannah and MSc trainee Brianna have continued to be in contact with Andrew Moore, Lynn Thornton (VIDEA) and Chrisse George from T'Sou-ke Nation about impacts of the renewable resource training Indigenous youth receive at T'Sou-ke before their VIDEA internships. Hannah has also connected with a Métis-led aquaponics group to learn more about the technology and how it may be potentially incorporated into the Net Zero Homes project being initiated by T'Sou-ke. A new MSc student, Elisabeth Miltenburg is starting to work with Hannah in September and has expressed interest in being involved with A SHARED Future.

III. Proposal Submissions:

1) Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI

Co Leads: Lisa Young and Emily Root

Submission Status: Submitted

Approval Status: Approved by PSC and Executive Body

Current Status: Proceeding as planned.

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

Co Leads: This project does not have a Co-Lead but Heather is seeking to strike an all-Indigenous advisory committee. If you are interested, please get in touch with her at heather.castleden@queensu.ca

Submission Status: Submitted

Approval Status: Approved by PSC and Executive Body

Current Status: Proceeding as planned.

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 and Executive Body

Current Status: Proceeding as planned.

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 and Executive Body

Current Status: Proceeding as planned.

5) Getting Off Diesel in NunatuKavut

Co Leads: Amy Hudson and Debbie Martin

Submission Status: Submitted

Approval Status: Approved by PSC and Executive Body

Current Status: Proceeding as planned.

6) Advancing Culturally Relevant Gender Based Analysis in Indigenous Research on Renewable Energy Futures and Health

Co Leads: Sarah Harney, Jeff Masuda, Sophy Chan, Magnus Nowell, and Angela Kruger

Submission Status: Submitted

Approval Status: Under PSC review

Current Status: Under review.

7) Renewable Energy in Tobique First Nation / Wolastoqiyik (People of the Wolastoq River)

Co Leads: Tanna Pirie-Wilson and Diana Lewis

Submission Status: In development

Approval Status: N/A

Current Status: In development.

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.

IV. Announcements and Opportunities:

We are excited to announce that the Programmatic Steering Committee has had a manuscript accepted for publication in the journal: *Environmental Reviews*. The article, titled "*Renewable Energy and Energy Autonomy: How Indigenous Peoples in Canada are Shaping an Energy Future*" will be visible online shortly, but for those interested in the publication now, please contact Rob Stefanelli at robert.stefanelli@queensu.ca for an advance copy.

Abstract: In 2015, the Liberal Party of Canada formed a majority federal government on a platform that included prioritizing Nation-to-Nation relationships with Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) peoples in the country and re-asserting global leadership in climate change action by moving away from fossil fuel-based extraction and toward renewable energy initiatives. It may be argued that addressing both of these issues, advancing Indigenous-settler reconciliation and mitigating climate change, can be done in the same space. Indeed, though Indigenous peoples in Canada and elsewhere have recently moved forward with renewable energy initiatives within their Territories, there has been very little critical analysis on just how such projects have been operationalized and whether renewable energy can or even should be considered a vehicle for reconciliation efforts.

In this paper, we present a systematic review of literature (spanning 1980 to 2017) concerning Indigenous peoples' involvement in renewable energy in order to better understand the stated motivations and desires of Indigenous peoples taking leadership, partnering in, and/or participating in the renewable energy sector. Using a series of keyword search strings across three academic databases, two theses databases, and a grey literature search, we retrieved literature (n=980) that was subjected to four exclusionary forms, then

thematically analyzed the included literature (n=26).

Our findings suggest Indigenous peoples' experiences and motivations are varied, yet many are developing renewable energy in their Territories to break free of colonial ties and move towards energy autonomy, establish more reliable energy systems, and reap the long-term financial benefits that clean energy can provide. Despite the apparent advantages seen throughout most of the literature reviewed here, we suggest further research in this area is necessary before this kind of positive rhetoric of renewable energy in Indigenous communities builds enough momentum that proponents become blind to possible shortcomings. We conclude with a broader discussion of the interactions between Indigenous-settler reconciliation in the context of renewable energy projects as well as offering indicators for future research to fill current knowledge gaps.

New article about **Fisher River Cree Nation**, and their goals of [lighting the solar farm path for other communities in Manitoba](#).

Opportunity from the Environmental Action Centre in Halifax:
You are invited to a learning luncheon and discussion about energy efficiency, renewable energy, and green jobs specific to the context of Mi'kmaq communities. We would like to have a discussion about the green energy projects that are already happening in NS and the possibility of planning a larger event about the green energy future. Date and location will be dependent on who expresses interest in attending, but we are hoping to get together by mid-August. Please email Emma at enorton@ecologyaction.ca if you are interested in attending.

V. Changes to the A SHARED Future Team

Robert Stefanelli, BA, MA, and now going for an LLB:

It is with mixed emotions that we will be saying goodbye to Rob as he packs up his things in Kingston and heads to Thunder Bay for the next step in his life adventure at the Faculty of Law at Lakehead University where he intends to specialize in Indigenous law. Rob has been instrumental in operationalizing A SHARED Future over the past 24

months and he will be sorely missed in-house, where he has been Heather's 'right hand man' and 'calm in the storm'. But, all is not lost, Rob has offered to stay involved in some form or another for the next year on a part-time basis (he is now very good at juggling multiple, competing demands on his time) and Heather would be a fool to turn that offer down - and she ain't (always) no fool. So, it's not really goodbye, just good luck at law school! HEC Lab Manager, Marc Calabretta (marc.calabretta@queensu.ca) will be taking over the bulk of Rob's A SHARED Future work, and expressed his excitement to join this terrific program team! Stay tuned to our next update for a proper introduction to Marc!



Rob Stefanelli (left), with incoming Co-Director Dee Lewis (middle), and Continuing Co-Director Heather Castleden (right) at the first A SHARED Future team meeting, Vancouver Island, March 2017

VI. Upcoming Events:

- ✚ Summer Institute: The A SHARED Future program will be hosting a Summer Institute in the unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples in New Brunswick from August 12-16, 2018. The Institute, called, *Renewing our SHARED Energy in Eastern Canada* will be focused on renewable energy and intersectoral partnerships, and will involve A SHARED Future team Elder, trainees, community and organizational partners, and Principal Investigators. We look forward to hearing from a range of speakers and workshop leaders on topics including relational ethics in research, renewable energy, and energy conservation.
- ✚ April 4-5, 2019 Preconference Hui/Gathering in Advance of IUHPE 2019: This preconference gathering will focus on Indigenous leadership in addressing health, environment, and community concerns may be of interest to students and colleagues attending IUHPE 2019. There will be a plenary panel session focused on Indigenous leadership, and as part of long-standing conversations some of these colleagues in Aotearoa, (linked to ECHO and also in the leadership of Nga Pae te Maramatanga/Maori Centre of Research Excellence) we are planning to convene some conversations among international colleagues at a smaller gathering in advance of the conference. For more information, please contact Heather Castleden (heather.castleden@queensu.ca), Debbie Martin (Debbie.martin@dal.ca) or Margot Parkes (margot.parkes@unbc.ca).
- ✚ Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario. The conference is hosted by the Maamwizing Indigenous Research Institute. Registration is open now until September 16th, and to register and more information can be found, [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*, which will be released in advance of the conference and a session titled 'Meeting the Editors and Authors' will be on the conference agenda.
- ✚ 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](#).

VII. Conference Calls of Interest to ASF Readers:

- ✚ Pursuing Indigenous Research "In a Good Way", November 16-18, 2018.

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). Apologies for any errors or omissions.