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# A SHARED Future

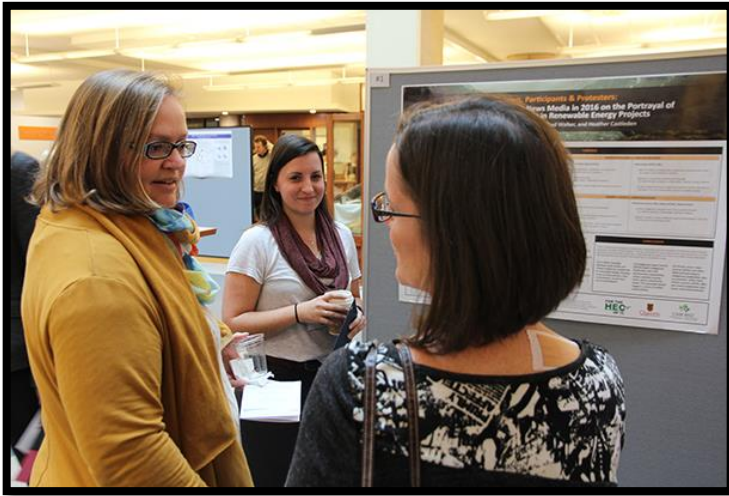
## *Update for October–November 2017*

Greetings Team!

We have a number of activities to report on and as we continue along our path for A SHARED Future, we foresee the updates becoming slightly longer and more 'newsletter-esque'. With that in mind, we are adding in some photos, announcements, and other highlights – please send us yours so that we can adequately showcase the important work each of you are doing in your respective areas!

### **October Activities:**

- On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the International Advisory Committee (IAC) convened for our first teleconference meeting. The meeting was chaired by [Simon Brascoupé](#) (Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg). During the meeting, advisory committee members from Canada, United States, Australia, Sweden, and New Zealand discussed:
  - The program of research, including a general overview of A SHARED Future projects underway to date.
  - How the IAC could best contribute to A SHARED Future, including advisory roles for IAC members on the Knowledge Translation, Sex and Gender Based Analysis, and Ethics sub-committees.
  - The objectives of future IAC meetings, and how these meetings can be tailored to meet the goals of A SHARED Future.
  - One of the emergent themes from this meeting was support from the IAC to the Project Co-Leads encouraging them to maintain flexibility in their projects and that, as a whole, we need to maintain flexibility across the program.
- Queen's University hosted the Canadian Association of Geographers – Ontario Division Annual Conference. Heather Castleden and A SHARED Future trainees and staff each presented research on behalf of A SHARED Future:
  - Chad Walker and Heather Castleden (October 21, 2017). **Clean Energy as a Contribution to Reconciliation Efforts? Exploring Indigenous Leadership in Renewable Energy Development in Canada**
  - Jon Aarssen, Heather Castleden, and A SHARED Future Team (October 21, 2017). **A SHARED Future: Achieving Strength Health, and Autonomy through Renewable Energy Development for the Future – a CIHR-funded Team Grant on Intersectoral Partnerships for Healthy Lands, Healthy People**
  - Elissa Bozhkov, Heather Castleden, Derek Kornelsen (University of Manitoba) Pauline Gerrard (Institute for Sustainable Development). (October 21, 2017). **What does reconciliation and healing look like for IISD-ELA and Treaty 3 First Nations?**
  - Alyssa Aiello, Robert Stefanelli, Chad Walker, and Heather Castleden (October 21, 2017). **Partners, Participants, and Protesters: An Analysis of Canadian News Media on the Portrayal of Indigenous Leadership in Renewable Energy Projects.**



Alyssa's poster was awarded as the best poster at the conference. You can view the poster, [here](#).

Heather Castleden (left) with Alyssa Aiello (centre) presenting her award-winning poster at the USSRF Research Celebration. More details are available, [here](#).

- A SHARED Future Partner, the Pembina Institute (Dave Lovekin) co-hosted *Renewables in Remote Communities* with the Yukon Government. Heather Castleden (Queen's U.), Derek Kornelsen (U. Manitoba), Ken Paul (Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs), Jamie Baxter (Western U.), Eryn Stewart (20/20 Catalyst) and Donna Carroll (NunatuKavut Community Council) travelled to Whitehorse, Yukon to attend the conference.
  - Heather gave a keynote speech where [our video](#) from T'Sou-ke Nation was shared with the audience, and Derek Kornelsen, Ken Paul, Dave Lovekin, Jamie Baxter, Donna Carroll, and Eryn Stewart, participated in a short question period / panel discussion of the A SHARED Future research program.
  - Here, the A SHARED Future team connected with a wide range of community members, industry representatives, and governments.
  - Natural Resources Canada is developing an 'Off-Diesel' Challenge under the Impact Canada Initiative's Clean Technology stream and hosted a pre-workshop session to brainstorm and start developing this challenge. Derek Kornelsen, Heather Castleden, and Meaghan Bennett (NR Can) have developed a proposal for an A SHARED Future project based on this challenge.
  - Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada gave a presentation of an [online tool](#) that can be used to tell the clean energy stories in the North by highlighting activities and projects across the territories and Inuit regions.



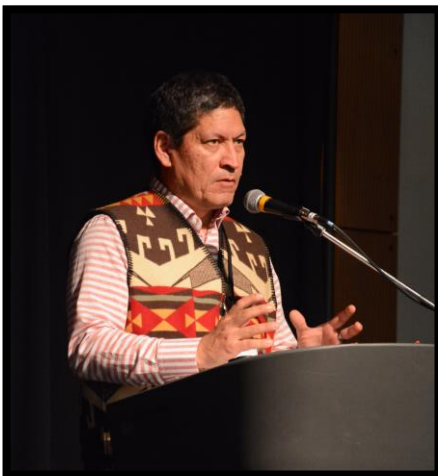
Left to right: Eryn Stewart, Donna Carroll, Jamie Baxter (hidden), Derek Kornelsen, Ken Paul, Dave Lovekin, Heather Castleden



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- The A SHARED Future team emphasized the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action No. 92, which is provided below:
  - We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources. This would include, but not be limited to, the following:
    - I. Commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with economic development projects.
    - II. Ensure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects.
    - III. Provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.
- During their time in Whitehorse, Heather Castleden and Ken Paul were given the opportunity to answer questions and to promote A SHARED Future through a radio interview with CBC Whitehorse. Here, Heather and Ken touched on some of the work that is being done with A SHARED Future, while also promoting the use of Two-Eyed Seeing in renewable energy initiatives as a way to meet the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.



*Ken Paul (left) Speaking at the wrap-up session. Conference participants (right) gather around a ceremonial fire*

## November Activities:

- In November, Heather Castleden and A SHARED Future Postdoctoral Fellow, Chad Walker (Queen's University) travelled to the East Coast of Canada to meet with Partners and Project Co-Leads for A SHARED Future research program. These visits included:
  - **Project: NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC):** Heather and Chad met with Debbie Martin (Dalhousie University). Discussions here included an update about the sustainability work that is being done in NCC communities in south-eastern Labrador, and the potential there for getting off diesel. Additionally, members of the A SHARED Future team are collaborating with Paul Parker (University of Waterloo), a SSHRC-funded researcher who is working with the NCC in 3 communities to identify a Renewable Energy plan for these communities. This collaboration is an opportunity to potentially expand the reach of the A SHARED Future program, and next steps are to discuss possible program synergies with the NCC and Dr. Parker.
  - **New Project: Tobique First Nation:** (Ken Paul, Dee Lewis, Tanna Pirie-Wilson, Jennifer Sapier). This meeting discussed the ongoing developments around a proposed 20 MW wind energy project. Additionally, there are potential opportunities for discussions around the tensions of other development activities in Tobique territory.
  - **Project: NRCan Real-Time Critical Program Analysis:** (Meaghan Bennett, Jennifer Ardiel). The purpose of this meeting was to solidify plans for the NRCan Project (including their [call for expressions](#)) and also meet with INAC about the initiative that was introduced at the Whitehorse conference given the overlap in sharing stories in the renewable energy sector.



*Derek Kornelsen giving a guest lecture at The Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden*



- Derek Kornelsen (University of Manitoba) travelled to New Delhi, India as a representative for A SHARED Future to present at *The 17th International Conference of the Pacific Basin Consortium: International Conference of the Public Health Foundation of India and the Pacific Basin Consortium*. The theme for this year's conference was: Environmental health and sustainable development, and the full conference program and details are available [here](#).
- Derek screened the [A SHARED Future](#) video as part of his presentation at the conference, and noted that the video and work was very well received and generated a lot of interest amongst conference delegates. Although Indigenous rights are not especially salient in the environmental struggles in India, people were especially interested in the parallels between current issues in Canada as well as how a relational approach might actually produce better outcomes.
- In addition to his trip to India, Derek also met with A SHARED Future collaborator Michele-Lee Moore at the Stockholm Resilience Centre in Sweden. Here, Derek gave a guest lecture on Political Philosophy and Multiple Ways of Knowing.





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### Upcoming Events:

- Meeting of the Programmatic Steering Committee, Toronto, ON. December 6-8, 2017.
- Project co-leads moving forward with their respective project designs.
- Next meeting of IAC to occur in first quarter of 2018.

### Conference Calls of Interest to ASF Readers:

- Indigenous Health Conference, May 24-25, 2018, held at the University of Toronto. Call for abstracts is now open, and available until January 12, 2018. For more information, please check the conference website, [here](#).
- Canadian Water Resources Association National Conference, May 29-31, 2018, Victoria, BC. Call for abstracts is now open until January 30, 2017. For more information, please visit the conference website, [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](#).
- 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 begin moving forward with their respective projects! If you have any news that you would like to share with the team for our next, please contact A SHARED Future's program coordinator: Rob Stefanelli ([robert.stefanelli@queensu.ca](mailto:robert.stefanelli@queensu.ca)).

Respectfully yours,

Heather Castleden