



A SHARED Future Team Members at the 2018 Summer Institute in Fredericton, New Brunswick. August 12-16, 2018.

Photo courtesy of Heather Castleden

A SHARED Future



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Hello A SHARED Future Team Members! We wish everyone a happy Fall season! We have a number of late-summer updates to share with you in this issue. We continue to encourage all team members (researchers, partners, trainees, collaborators) to send in activity updates, including photos and news items for future updates!

I. A SHARED Future

Summer Institute 2018:

Highlights

A SHARED Future's Summer Institute was outstanding! Thank you to everyone that was able to attend. Over 25 team members came together on Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet) territory (Fredericton, New Brunswick) to share experiences and stories, network, and collaborate. Present were engineers, community and industry partners, social scientists, trainees, and representation from our International Advisory Committee. Attendees had the opportunity to visit Tobique First Nation, where they were welcomed with a visit to their sacred site, teachings about the sacred medicines, and a hands-on opportunity to make leather medicine pouches.

Outcomes

The Summer Institute was a chance for A SHARED Future Team Members from across the research program to meet each other and foster relationships. We had the privilege of Josh Lyon filming throughout the Institute, so stay tuned for a short video in the near future!

Emma Norton (Ecology Action Centre, Halifax) took the time to reflect on her experience at the Summer Institute and had this to share with A SHARED Future's Co-Directors, Heather Castleden and Diana Lewis:

"It's been over a month since the Summer Institute but it's still sitting with me. It felt like exactly where I was supposed to be while I was there. I'm sorry I had to leave early and in the middle of such an interesting presentation.

On my last night, Heather asked me what I am taking back to the EAC. We were interrupted (I remember that the Backstreet Boys started to play in the background), but I didn't forget the question. I am attaching my own "Accountability Plan" that I made for myself, to move forward based on what I learned at the Institute.

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Summer Institute attendees visiting Tobique First Nation

My "Climate Jobs" project includes writing accountability plans for the conversations I have about reconciliation and climate change action, so this fit right in. Since the Institute, I have hosted a "Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Luncheon and Learn" in Millbrook, for Employment and Training Officers for 8 of the 13 Mikmaq [First Nations] in the province and encouraged others to sign up. I got great feedback on the event, and I believe going to the Summer Institute really helped to ground me in my intentions in this work. Thanks for your work, and inviting the EAC to be a part of it."

Postdoctoral trainee Dr. Chad Walker (Queen's University) also had this to say about the Institute:

"I really enjoyed the entire experience. It was a few days of firsts for me, including my first KAIROS blanket exercise. It was really great to meet and discuss A SHARED Future research and broader goals of reconciliation with the group all week. Being welcomed in Tobique First Nation and learning about their history, ways of knowing, cultural practices (including dining on tasty traditional foods) was something I will never forget"

Thinking Ahead

Because this year's Summer Institute was such a positive experience, we are considering holding another one in 2019. If you attended the Institute, we would love to hear feedback about your experience. If you were unable to attend, we would like to hear from you too! If you have ideas for future Institutes, we welcome all feedback and suggestions to make the next Summer Institute even better.



Larry Hill (left), Elder Barbara Dumont-Hill (middle) and Ron Glass (right) making leather medicine pouches at Tobique First Nation. Photo courtesy of Heather Castleden.

II. Familiar Faces, New Roles: Dr. Diana Lewis A SHARED Future Co-Director



Continuing Co-Director Heather Castleden (left) and incoming Co-Director Dee Lewis (right). Photo courtesy of Heather Castleden.

The A SHARED Future team extends a HUGE congratulations to Dr. Diana (Dee) Lewis for successfully defending her PhD in August! With this, Dee has formally entered her role as Co-Director of the A SHARED Future research program. Dee is also settling into her new academic appointment at Western University in London, Ontario. The team would like to thank Dr. Debbie Martin (Dalhousie University) for her role as Interim Co-Director while Dee completed this major milestone. Although you have always been with us, we welcome you into this new role, Dr. Lewis!

Mary Beth Doucette, Incoming Principal Investigator and CEPI Project Co-Lead.

The SHARED Future Team is pleased to welcome Mary Beth Doucette, Purdy Crawford Chair (St. Mary's University) as Co-Lead alongside Emily Root and Lisa Young. Mary Beth is currently enrolled in a PhD program in management, where she continues to build on her work surrounding Etuaptmumk/Two-Eyed Seeing, reconciliation through community leadership, organizational governance, education, and mentorship.

Mary Beth is a Membertou Band member, an industrial engineer, and has an MBD in Community Economic Development (CED). Her graduate research at Cape Breton University focused on the role of Elders in CED in First Nations communities, and she has since continued to engage in community building, governance, and Asset Based Community Development Activities. Welcome to the team, Mary Beth!



Marc Calabretta, A SHARED Future Program Manager

As noted in the last update, Rob Stefanelli has left his role as Program Manager of A SHARED Future for law school. Marc Calabretta has now stepped into the role of Program Manager.

Marc has worked with Heather in the HEC Lab since 2015, and successfully defended his Master's thesis under Heather's supervision last October. Any inquires and program-related questions can be directed to him at marc.calabretta@queensu.ca. You can also reach him at 416-999-9708. Welcome to your new role, Marc!



Heather Castleden and Marc Calabretta, the new A SHARED Future Program Manager. Photo courtesy of Marc Calabretta.

III. Project Updates:

Academic co-leads provided updates on their respective projects at the September PSC meeting. Here is what they had to say:

Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI: Since receiving approval from the PSC and Executive Body to proceed with the Brad d'Or Lakes CEPI project, Emily and new institutional co-lead Mary Beth Doucette are currently working on their ethics application to be approved by Cape Breton University and the Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch. Mary Beth has begun undertaking archival data collection and is also wrapping up two manuscript drafts to be published under the SHARED Future banner. Stay tuned!

Co-Leads: Lisa Young, Emily Root, Mary Beth Doucette.

Current Status: Project approved by PSC and Executive Body. Proceeding as planned.

Renewable Energy in Tobique First Nation/ Wolastoqiyik (People of the Wolastoq River): Dee's proposal with Tanna Pirie-Wilson (Tobique First Nation) is drafted and near ready to submit to the SHARED Future PSC for review.

Co-Leads: Diana Lewis, Tanna Pirie-Wilson.
Current Status: Project proposal pending submission and review by PSC.

Getting Off Diesel in NunatuKavut: Since receiving approval for her project working alongside the NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) and Dr. Paul Parker (University of Waterloo), two of A SHARED Future trainees, Emily Beacock and Nick Mercer, engaged in a successful round of data collection this summer. Emily and Nick lived on the south coast of Labrador from June-August, visiting the communities of Black Tickle, St. Lewis and Norman Bay.

Emily and Nick conducted interviews to identify key community concerns in order to outline potential renewable energy supply solutions (wind, solar, tidal), while also assessing the social opinions of each option. The team also assessed local priorities, such as job creation and community ownership. Emily and Nick received ample support for the project from the communities, who were very engaged and helpful throughout the data collection process.

From this, Emily and Nick will create a report based on their preliminary findings to share with each community to solicit feedback. There is also discussion about having another Renewable Energy Summit, which Debbie and Dr. Chad Walker (Queen's University) were invited to attend with Amy Hudson (NCC) in July, to discuss findings and develop next steps in the research project.

Co-Leads: Amy Hudson and Debbie Martin.
Current Status: Project approved by PSC and Executive Body. Proceeding as planned.



Nick Mercer (left), Research Assistant Abigail Poole (middle), and Research Assistant Siobhan Slade (left) heading journey to Williams Harbour. Photo courtesy of The Telegram.

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

Jeff has received feedback on his Culturally-Relevant Gender Based Analyses (CRGBA) proposal and intends to resubmit for approval soon.

Co-Leads: Jeff Masuda, Sarah Harney.
Current Status: Under revision.

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

Heather Castleden (Queen's University), Derek Kornelsen (Rootstalk Resources), and PhD trainee Priscilla Apronti (Queen's University) have finalized the proposal with Meaghan Bennett and her colleagues at Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). The team has established an all-Indigenous Advisory Committee, whose members include Melissa Quesnelle (Kainai Nation, Catalyst 20-20 Alumni), Ken Paul (Assembly of First Nations), Diana Lewis (Western University), and Sarah Harney (Native Women's Association of Canada).

The A SHARED Future Team, including Team Elder, Barbara Dumont Hill, will be meeting in Ottawa on October 4th with the Pembina Institute (Dave Lovekin), Melissa Quesnelle, and the NRCan team to refine plans for the NRCan Impact Canada Initiative community engagement session, which will be taking place at the Banff Centre on October 12th.

After the all-day meeting, **Heather will be hosting an A SHARED Future Dinner update at Tosca Ristorante in Ottawa on October 4th at 6:30pm. If you are in the Ottawa area and able to attend, please RSVP Marc Calabretta by October 3rd.** Safe travels to the team as they head to Ottawa this week!

Co-Leads: Heather Castleden, Derek Kornelsen.
Current Status: Project approved by PSC and Executive Body. Proceeding as planned.

Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy: An Invitational Research Gathering to Share Stories:

Heather Castleden and Melissa Quesnelle have been working with their Advisory Committee, Eryn Stewart (Lumos Energy, Catalyst 20-20 Program Manager), Tanna Pirie-Wilson (Tobique First Nation), Sarah Harney (Native Women's Association of Canada), Team Elder Barbara Dumont Hill, and PhD trainee Alex Pysklywec (Queen's University) to organize the Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy Research Gathering in Banff, Alberta from October 15th-17th. This Research Gathering will serve as an opportunity for Indigenous

women in the renewable energy sector to come together and share their stories and experiences working in various industry sectors.

Co-Leads: Heather Castleden, Melissa Quesnelle.
Current Status: Project approved by PSC and Executive Body. Proceeding as planned.

Solar in T'Sou-ke First Nation: Hannah Tait Neufeld (University of Guelph) traveled to T'Sou-ke First Nation in early August to meet with community partners to iron out logistics for the project. While she was there, Hannah also had the opportunity to go on a medicine walk with Christine George (T'Sou-ke First Nation).

Hannah and her MSc trainee, Brianna Poirier, continue to refine their proposal, which will be submitted to the PSC in the next few weeks. Their goal is to have the project approved this fall so Brianna is ready to attend the next formal meeting in T'Sou-ke in January 2019.

Co-Leads: Hannah Tait Neufeld.
Current Status: Project proposal pending submission and review by PSC.

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 that will help shape A SHARED Future.



Blue salal berries on Hannah's medicine walk with Christine George in T'Sou-ke territory. Photo courtesy of Hannah Tait Neufeld

IV. Conference Calls:

✚ "Energy and Society in Transition: 2nd International Conference on Energy Research and Social Science", May 28th-31st 2019. The conference is hosted by Arizona State University in Tempe, USA. Deadline to submit abstracts is December 10th 2018. The early bird registration deadline is April 1st 2019. More information can be found [here](#).

- ✦ AAG CFP 2019: Critical Environmental Justice (EJ 2.0): This session is jointly sponsored by the Energy and Environment Speciality Group (EESG) and the Cultural and Political Ecology (CAPE) Specialty Group. EJ 2.0 expands on "first generation" EJ scholarship by explicitly taking an interdisciplinary, intersectional and multi-scalar approach to examining and alleviating disproportionate exposure to environmental hazards. The deadline to submit paper or panel abstracts is October 12th 2018. Abstracts can be sent to eringoodling@gmail.com and anthony.levenda@asu.edu.

V. Abstracts Submitted:

- ✦ The PSC has submitted an abstract entitled 'A SHARED Future: Exploring Intersectional Partnerships for Healthy Lands, Healthy Peoples' to the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) in Rotorua, New Zealand. Heather, and Dee will attend the conference April 7th-11th 2019.
- ✦ Debbie Martin (Dalhousie University), Amy Hudson (NunatuKavut Community Council), and Emily Beacock (Dalhousie University) have also submitted an abstract entitled 'A Fine Balance: Environmental Sustainability and Economic Sustainability Among the Southern Inuit of Labrador, Canada' to the IUHPE conference,

VI. In the News:

- ✦ A SHARED Future graduate trainees and community partners are making headlines! Nick Mercer (University of Waterloo), Abigail Poole (Memorial University), and Siobhan Slade (Conservation Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador) discussed the NunatuKavut Initiative and their summer of fieldwork with [The Western Star](#).
- ✦ The University of Alberta has launched the Indigenous Women's Resilience Project, aimed at hearing stories from Indigenous women, youth, transgender, and two-spirited peoples. Find out more [here](#).
- ✦ APTN interviewed a councillor of Mispawistik Cree Nation on the impacts of hydroelectric energy projects in Northern Manitoba/Treaty 5 territory. See part one of *Power Failure: The*

impacts of hydro in Northern Manitoba [here](#).

- ✦ Ermineskin Cree Nation has partnered with the Alberta government to install solar power system as Maskwacis Mall. You can read more about the project [here](#).
- ✦ Efficiency Nova Scotia has established a rebate program for those interested in installing solar panels on their homes. Project Lead Debbie Martin just signed the paperwork to begin the install on her home and encourages other folks to check it out! You can find out more through [Efficiency Nova Scotia](#). Can't wait to see pictures of the install, Debbie!
- ✦ Our SHARED Future logo continues to inspire new art! Claire Brascoupé, graphic designer of the SHARED Future logo, recently painted three beautiful paddles with themes from the SHARED Future logo. If you are interested in purchasing a paddle, please contact Marc Calabretta at marc.calabretta@queensu.ca and he will put you in touch with Claire.



Paddle art by Claire Brascoupé, inspired by the A SHARED Future logo.



Notes from a groupwork as part of Ron's presentation on research ethics. Photo courtesy of Heather Castleden.



Ramona Nicholas (left), Elder Barbara Dumont-Hill (middle), Tanna Pirie-Wilson (right) at Tobique First Nation. Photo courtesy of Heather Castleden



Emily Beacock (left), Abigale Poole (middle left), Pierre Iachetti (middle right), and Melissa Quesnelle (right) making medicine pouches at Tobique First Nation. Photo courtesy of Heather Castleden.

Thank you to those who shared news articles with us. If you read an article or see a multimedia piece that you think pertains to the A SHARED Future research program, we would love to see it! Please send any content for future updates to marc.calabretta@queensu.ca