



The A SHARED Future Gathering, December 2019. We will miss meeting in person this year!

Hello A SHARED Future affiliates and friends! We wish you all the best as we see 2020 off and look toward a new year on the horizon.

If you have any big news, a conference or funding announcements you would like to share, or if you are interested in getting involved in A SHARED Future, you can contact Marc Calabretta at marc.calabretta@queensu.ca.

Highlights

Hannah Neufeld Awarded Canada Research Chair

The A SHARED Future Co-Directors are thrilled to announce that Dr Hannah Neufeld, one of our Programmatic Steering Committee members, was recently awarded a Canada Research Chair in Indigenous health, wellness, and food environments. We congratulate you for this momentous career achievement. We know that you are going to undertake important and timely research during the tenure of this chair and look forward to supporting this work. Congratulations Hannah!



Hannah Neufeld, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous health, wellness, and food environments

Project Updates

Here is what Project Leads have to say this month:

Gikinoo'amaagewin Wiigwaam (Teaching Lodge): Supporting M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre's Leadership on Land Stewardship and Urban Climate Transition in Owen Sound/Saugeen Ojibway Territory

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Co-Leads: Paul Nadjiwan, Karen Houle, and Jeff Masuda

Team Members: Diane Giroux, Renee Abram, Diana Lewis, Carlos Sánchez, Anna Anbalagan, and Julia Moreau

Advisory Committee: Theresa O'Connor, Susan Staves Schank, Hillary Trudeau, Ron Root, Shane Chegahno, Nick Saunders, Shari Huber, Anne Marie Shaw, Victoria Serda and Helen Doyle

Current Status: Project on hold due to COVID19.

Update: We are thrilled to share that Erica Shardlow has joined our team. Erica is a first-year student doing her master's in health promotion under Jeff's supervision. Erica is interested in urban renewable energy transitions, engaging Indigenous youth, and opening space for mutual learning between Indigenous and Western perspectives on environment and health.



*Erica Shardlow,
Master's Student with the
Gikino'amaagewin Wiigwaam
project*

Throughout October, Erica and Carlos met with each of our M'Wikwedong team members to discuss our project's adaptation to the COVID19 context. We are planning a community art challenge that invites community members to envision the future of M'Wikwedong at its new building and provides input on the climate action projects that M'Wikwedong is currently pursuing – the Gikino'amaagewin Wiigwaam Teaching Lodge. In the proposed project, Community members will receive art and self-care supplies at their homes, with youth and other community members invited to participate in remote conversations about their art and vision for

M'Wikwedong. Our next step is to prepare the paperwork necessary to amend our ethics applications and be ready to launch our physically distanced research project.

Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy (I-WIRE)

Co-Leads: Naatoi'lhkpiakii (Melissa Quesnelle) and Heather Castleden

Advisory Committee: Barbara Dumont-Hill, Tanna Pirie. One position open

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned

Update: Progress on the I-WIRE film and data analysis has slowed in recent months due to extenuating COVID-19 commitments. Heather and Melissa are planning a meeting in the near future to develop a workplan to move forward with the film and data analysis.

Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI

Co-Leads: Mary Beth Doucette, Lisa Young, and Stan Johnson

Project Assistant: Carolyn Barber

Advisory Committee: Elder Albert Marshall and Cheryl Bartlett

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned.

Update: The temperature is dropping here in Unama'ki with patches of snow appearing in some parts of the island.

The ASF-CEPI research team has completed three of five themed online knowledge sharing discussions with members of the CEPI. To prepare for each discussion, participants view a pre-recorded video prepared by Mary Beth containing preliminary findings and discussion prompts. Discussions are then transcribed by CBU student research assistant, Trinity Nicholas.

We have a small but diverse group of regular attendees and the one-hour Zoom meetings have generated some good discussion. We will leave the final two sessions until the New Year, allowing time to reassess meeting logistics in hopes of attracting a few more participants.

On Dec. 18, Mary Beth will provide a project status update to the CEPI Management Committee and gauge interest in support for a follow-up project identifying barriers to Youth and Elder engagement at the CEPI.

Perspectives Among Indigenous Youth on Energy and Food Sovereignty

Co-Leads: Hannah Neufeld and Chief Gordon Planes

Advisory Committee: TBD

Current Status: Proceeding as planned

Update: T'Sou-ke First Nations is continuing to focus their efforts on assisting their citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, the project continues to progress at a slower pace. Hannah and Brianna continue to refine their manuscript for submission based on the data collected during summer 2019. Once prepared, the draft manuscript will be submitted to Band Council for review and approval.

We Lived This Way Before - Tobique First Nation

Co-Leads: Diana Lewis, Tanna Pirie

Research Assistant: Serena Mendizabal

Project Coordinator: Jennifer Sappier

Advisory Committee: Elder Ramona Nicholas, Laura Turnbull (Sex and Gender Project Co-Champion), Asha Bear (Youth)

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned. We continue to be flexible to accommodate COVID demands.

Update: We continue to meet. The focus is on the educational programming, and the work of Katie Russell, Asha Bear and Serena Mendizabal is moving along with plans to test the programming during March break 2021. There was a recent election in TFN. Chief Ross Perley was re-elected, and several new Council members join his team. Chad will now proceed with interviews that will explore the views of Tobique First Nation (TFN) leadership regarding renewable energy – both generally and in community – within the context of the need for Truth and Reconciliation and nation-to-nation building. He is working with Katie and Asha on this activity.

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

Co-Leads: Jeff Masuda & Hollie Sabourin
Project Assistant: Carlos Sánchez, Anna Anbalagan

Advisory Committee: Programmatic Steering Committee

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned.

Update: Our team continues to prepare a research paper that reflects on A SHARED Future's ongoing learning in regard to implementing Indigenous and critical gender considerations into our research projects. We hope to have a first rough draft ready in advance to our December Retreat. As is always the case, authorship will be open to any A SHARED Future members who have participated in our research activities and wish to get involved in this project.

Working Towards Towards Energy Security, Self-Determination, and Reconciliation: A Collaborative Analysis of Natural Resources Canada Off Diesel Initiative

Project Lead: Heather Castleden

Manager: Derek Kornelsen

Advisory Committee: Naatoi'Ihkipiakii (Melissa Quesnelle), Ken Paul, Diana Lewis, Siobhan Slade, Vince Robinson

Current Status: Proceeding as planned.

Update: We are currently looking forward to some next steps in our critical program analysis of NRCan's Off-Diesel Initiative (IODI). In December we will meet virtually

with IODI awardees to discuss our findings and publication strategies. This will also entail individual follow-up calls to confirm these plans including identifying the key or most important messages that participants think need to be emphasized, the key audiences that should be recipients of these messages (ie: *where* and *what types* of materials to publish), and providing opportunities for participants to co-author if desired.



The NRCan Advisory Committee and research team meeting virtually

We are also looking forward to developing the second phase of this project in early 2021 which will entail reaching out to provincial and territorial governments and utility companies to explore how reconciliation and Indigenous rights inform their engagements with IODI awardees as they work to implement their clean-energy initiatives. This will also entail following up with IODI awardees to determine the kinds of challenges they face and the kinds of questions we should be asking of the provincial/territorial governments and

utilities as we conduct those interviews. This process should enable us to secure provincial/territorial ethics approvals by spring of 2021, with interviews beginning in early summer of 2021.

Towards Energy Security in NunatuKavut

Co-Leads: Debbie Martin, Amy Hudson.

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned.

Update: No update to report.

Exploring Relations, Experience and Ways of Knowing in an Interdisciplinary Cross-Cultural Program of Research

Lead: Sarah Rotz, Assistant Professor and A SHARED Future Associate

Project Assistant: Johnathan Rose

Advisory Committee: Simon Brascoupé and Cheryl Bartlett

Current Status: Project proceeding as planned.

Update: Sarah and JR are continuing to refine the draft manuscript, entitled "Moving Beyond Sex and Data: Structurally Shifting Sex and Gender Analysis in Heath Research". The team looks forward to submitting the manuscript in the new year.

Upcoming Opportunities

Indigenous Climate Action is hiring a full-time Just Transition Lead

Indigenous Climate Action is hiring a Just Transition Lead to build out training programs based off the Just Transition Guide, support and implement renewable energy projects with community partners, and nurture strategic relationships to advance the values that are critical for Indigenous energy sovereignty.

The application process will be open until the position is filled. [You can read more and about the job and application process here.](#)

Arctic Development Expo – June 15-16 2021

The Arctic Development Expo, typically held in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, the Expo has moved to an online format, making it more accessible than ever before. The focus of this event is to highlight Northern Solutions for the current realities facing Northern and Arctic Communities. There are four central themes to the conference program: Knowledge Economy, Energy Innovations & Climate, Indigenous Leadership & Circumpolar Governance, and Natural & Renewable Resources. All are welcome to apply and [you can find more details here.](#)

News Items

Three Nations Energy Completes Largest Remote Solar Farm in Canada

The development of a 2.2-megawatt solar farm in Fort Chipewyan, the largest remote one in Canada, has been completed by Three Nations Energy (3NE). 3NE is a corporation owned by Mikisew Cree First Nation, Fort Chipewyan Metis Association, and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

Fort Chipewyan, a community of about 1000 people, is not connected to the Alberta power-grid, making it largely dependent on diesel. Chief Adam Allan states that [this solar project](#) is an important step in the right direction, ensuring Indigenous involvement and ownership in both the fossil fuel and renewable energy industries. The solar farm, combined with power from a nearby 600-kilowatt solar farm, is expected to reduce the community's need for over 800,000 litres of diesel fuel each year and cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2250 tonnes. Electricity is expected to begin flowing in January 2021.

Resurging through Kishiichiwan: The spatial politics of Indigenous water relations

A member of the A SHARED Future network shared an insightful article by Michelle Daigle (University of British Columbia), published in *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society*. The article provides an insightful perspective into how renewable energy technologies still depend on colonial capitalist resource extraction, while centering the importance of water to Mushkegowuk relationships and governance practices. [You can find the article here.](#)