



Community-University Institute for Social Research

Annual Report 2014-2015





CUISR Mission and Principles

to facilitate partnerships between the university and larger community in order to engage in relevant social research that supports a deeper understanding of our communities that reveals opportunities for improving our quality of life.

- CUISR is committed to collaborative research and to accurate, objective reporting of research results in the public domain, taking into account the needs for confidentiality in gathering, disseminating, and storing information.
- Research partners are committed to the vision, mandate, goals and holistic approaches of the Institute
- Authentic partnership—built upon trust and respect between community and university participants—is central and reflected in the composition of the board (50% community and 50% faculty representation) and Co-directors for the Institute.



Message from the Co-Directors



Dr. Isobel M. Findlay
Edwards School
of Business



Bill Holden
City of Saskatoon

This year has been a time of celebration, a time for reflection on how far we have come, and a time for consolidation of partnerships locally, regionally, and nationally.

We have welcomed to our Management Board Rachel Loewen Walker from OUT Saskatoon and gratefully acknowledge the support and contributions of Joanne Horsley and wish her the best in her new role. We also welcomed research associates Dr. Suresh Kalagnanam from the Edwards School of Business and Dr. Ulrich Teucher from the Department of Psychology.

Building capacity in support of local quality of life and food security, we partnered with the Saskatoon Food Council (funded by Mosaic) promoting research and partnerships across the food system and building links with key players including Food Secure Canada.

Consolidating relations with Community Engagement and Outreach, we worked on the Engaged Scholar Day Organizing Committee and six CUISR researchers presented a conversation café on Building Community through Scholarship.



Message from the Co-Directors Contd.

Our Quality of Life (QoL) conference followed on May 15-16 showcasing local, regional, national, and international research, community, and other initiatives to enhance quality of life and create sustainable futures. In addition to launching the fifth iteration of our QoL research study, we launched *Journeys in Community-based Research*, celebrating the first ten years of community-based research at CUISR and SPHERU.

Partnering on a successful SSHRC application, five CUISR researchers participated in a Collaborative Community-Campus Research National Summit in November, which led to a further SSHRC application **Pursuing Excellence in CBR: A National Partnership for Research and Action** for which we developed a Prairie Hub involving 23 collaborators, 10 U of S units, MacEwan U and U of Regina, as well as ten community partners committing a combined \$.75 million.

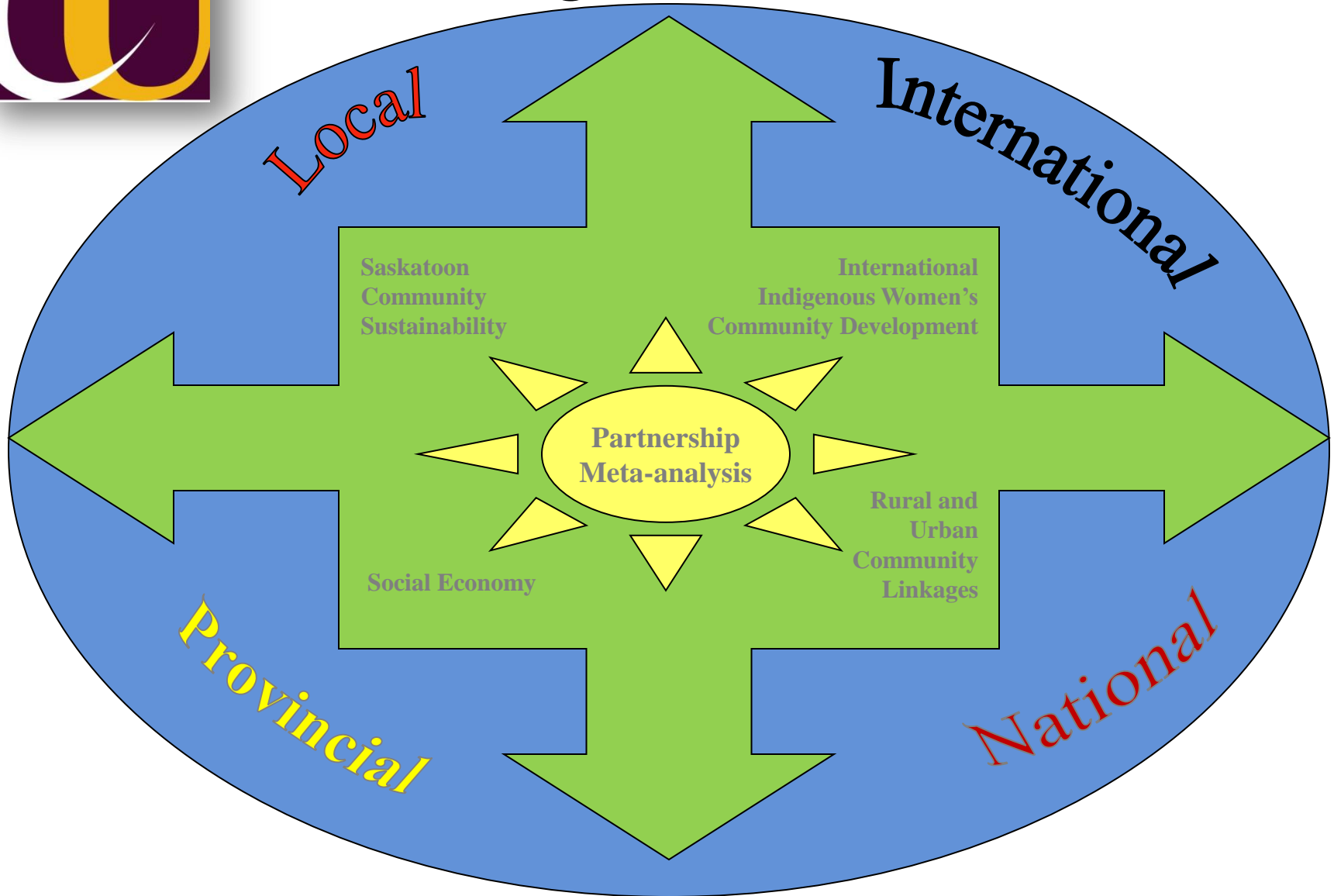
The year also saw the publication of twelve more reports and three ongoing research projects (two funded by SSHRC)—none of which we could have accomplished without a committed board, researchers, and staff and the support of our funders for our strategic research.

Dr. Isobel M. Findlay

Bill Holden



Strategic Research





Research Funding

- Our research record has resulted in SSHRC grants worth \$9.10 million, 1999-2015.
- We gratefully acknowledge our 2014-2015 funders:
 - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
 - Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network Prairie Regional Research Centre
 - University of Saskatchewan
 - Mosaic
 - Affinity Credit Union
 - United Way of Saskatoon & Area
 - Ministry of Education Provincial Library and Literacy Office, Government of Saskatchewan
 - Ministry of Social Services Disability Services and Operational Policy, Government of Saskatchewan
 - Ministry of Social Services Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education, Government of Saskatchewan
 - City of Saskatoon
 - Saskatoon Community Clinic
 - Saskatchewan Prevention Institute
 - Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service
 - Saskatoon Public Library
 - Parkinson Society Saskatchewan
 - U of S Outreach and Engagement
 - International Student Centre, University of Saskatchewan
 - Department of Pediatrics, University of Saskatchewan



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UAKN | RCAU
Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network | Réseau de connaissances des Autochtones en milieu urbain
Prairie Research Centre



CUISR Management Board



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Community Health &
Epidemiology



Dr. Joe Garcea
Political Studies



Dr. Michael Gertler
Sociology



Dr. Marie Lovrod
English and WGST



Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine
Community Health &
Epidemiology



Dr. Elizabeth Quinlan
Sociology



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Society of SK



Judy Hannah
SACL



Darlene Lanceley



Rachel Loewen Walker
OUT Saskatoon



Len Usiskin
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CUISR Staff and Student Researchers



Jethro Cheng, Strategic Research Coordinator
and Joanne Hritzuk, Administrative Coordinator



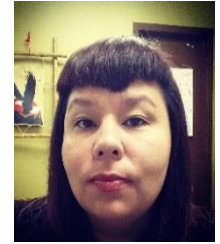
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Sugandhi del Canto



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Saskatoon Poverty Reduction
Partnership



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Saskatoon Health Region



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Station 20 West
Saskatoon Health Region



Research Associates



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Dr. Suresh Kalagnanam
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of Business



Dr. Priscilla Settee
Indigenous Studies



Dr. Ulrich Teucher
Psychology



Launching the Saskatoon Food Council/Hosting at CUISR, Feb 20, 2014





Saskatoon Food Council

- Appoints Executive Director Gordon Enns
- Hosts
 - Networking meetings
 - Community consultations
 - Urban Agriculture film nights at Station 20 West
 - Tours and learning events
 - Working group meetings: Urban Agriculture, Research, Health, Producer, and Promotions/Engagement
- Hosts monthly forum to promote collaboration across the food system – includes experts from food production (farmers) to food waste (composters) and all aspects in-between.
- Links with national organizations and events: Food Secure Canada, McConnell Family Foundation, Heifer International, Toronto Food Policy Council
- Acknowledges with gratitude Mosaic sponsorship



THE SASKATOON FOOD COUNCIL
PRESENTS

A LOCAL FOOD CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Time: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Location: Osler School Grounds, across from the Community Hall
~ 25 minutes north of Saskatoon on Highway 11

Price: \$50.00 per person

To purchase tickets go to www.picatic.com/foodcelebration

The Saskatoon Food Council is hosting "A Local Food Celebration", showcasing locally produced food. This event gives guests the opportunity to talk directly with our local food producers, many of which are found in the Osler area.

Dinner will be prepared by Saskatoon's top chefs – members of the **Saskatoon Chef's Association**. Come experience what local food producers have to offer, as part of the meal and also in local food producer displays. For more information contact Gord Enns at 306-221-9942.

EVENT DETAILS

Cocktails (Cash Bar) at
5:30pm

(With Interactive
Appetizer Stations)

Dinner at 6:30pm

Funded by **Mosaic**

ABOUT
the Saskatoon Food
Council

Our mandate is to improve Saskatoon's food economy, enrich our food culture, and reduce hunger in Saskatoon. With funding from The Mosaic Company we have partnered with CHEP Good Food Inc., City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Health Region, University of Saskatchewan, and local food producers to foster collaboration and good food for all in Saskatoon and region.

Executive Director:
Gord Enns
306-221-9942
saskatoon.foodcouncil@usask.ca

www.saskatoonfood.ca



Engaged Scholar Day

May 14, 2014

- Conversation Café:
Building Community
through Scholarship
- Featuring six CUISR
researchers: Drs. Isobel
Findlay, Joe Garcea,
Michael Gertler, Marie
Lovrod, Ulrich Teucher,
and Rachel Engler-
Stringer

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Engaged Scholar Day

Wednesday, May 14

A day to recognize, celebrate and inspire U of S engaged scholarship that seeks community-based solutions to regional and global challenges. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Opening remarks
LOCATION: EXETER ROOM, MARQUIS HALL

9-9:10AM Opening remarks from Heather Magotiaux, Vice-President Advancement and Community Engagement at the University of Saskatchewan

9:10-10AM "From the Lab to the Reserve: The Transformative Power of Engaged Scholarship" BY LALITA BHARADWAJ OF THE U OF S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Conversation cafés

10:30-NOON "Building Relationships and Giving Back" BY JOAN GREYEVES AND WINONA WHEELER
LOCATION: MURRAY G3

10:30-NOON "Readying our Students for CEL" BY SUSAN BENS
LOCATION: MURRAY 102

1:30-3PM "Linking Community-Engaged Teaching and Community-Engaged Research"
BY LAURA ZINK AND NANCY TURNER
LOCATION: MURRAY G3

1:30-3PM "Building Community through Scholarship" BY ISOBEL FINDLAY
LOCATION: MURRAY 102

Celebrating engaged students and faculty
LOCATION: EXETER ROOM, MARQUIS HALL

3:30-4:30PM Engaged Scholar Journal launch

3:30PM Reception

5-6:00PM "Community-Engaged Scholarship: Social Responsibility, Personal Values and Institutional Recognition" BY U OF S ALUMNA SHERILL GELMON, OF PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY



CUISR-SPHERU CBR Book launched May and June 2014

 NEW this Spring from **University of Regina Press**

EDITED BY
Bonnie Jeffery
Isobel M. Findlay
Diane Martz
and Louise Clarke

JOURNEYS IN
COMMUNITY-BASED
RESEARCH

PLEASE JOIN US
for the book launch and reception for
JOURNEYS IN
COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH

EDITED BY Bonnie Jeffery, Isobel M. Findlay,
Diane Martz and Louise Clarke

May 15 at 5:00 p.m.

University of Saskatchewan Campus,
Neatby-Timlin Theatre (Arts 251)

Bar and Appetizers/Book Sales and Signing
Admission is free and all are welcome.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL (306) 966-2385



Book Launch

The Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU) and University of Regina Press invite you to join us as we celebrate the launch of *Journeys in Community-Based Research*



Journeys in Community-Based Research presents a diverse collection of stories about community-based research, with topics ranging from ethical research issues in intimate partner violence to challenges in tripartite collaboration. The nine case studies address questions about ethics, advocacy, and implementation in community-based research, highlighting best practices and lessons learned. *Journeys in Community-Based Research* will build capacity by helping to guide university researchers, faculty, students, community practitioners, and policy makers in their successful application of community-based research.

Edited by:
Bonnie Jeffery, Isobel M. Findlay, Diane Martz and Louise Clarke

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2014

Time: 4:30-5:45 pm

Venue: Research and Innovation Centre Atrium (RIC 101)
University of Regina

This is a public event. All those interested are encouraged to attend.
For further enquiries, please contact Tara Todd at 306 585-5675 or email tara.todd@uregina.ca





Quality of Life Conference, May 2014

Sostenibilità
Quality Durabilité
Benessere
della life Pimatisiwin
Qualité Bien-être
uality vita Well-being
Qualita
vie de Sustainability
Miyupimaatsiun
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Treaty Commissioner George Lafond



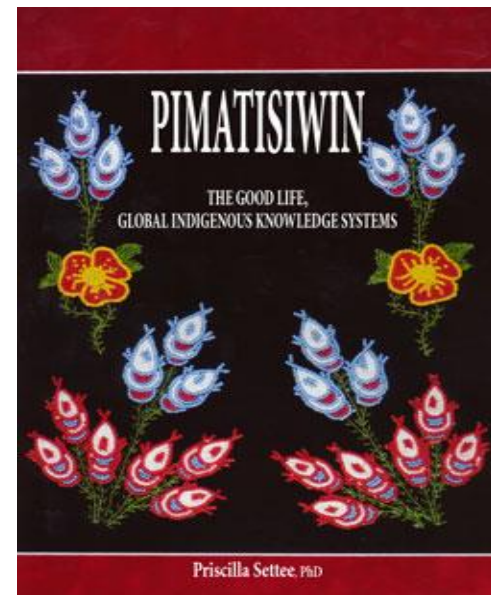
Quality of Life Conference, May 15-16, 2014

- Showcased local, regional, national, and international research and community initiatives to enhance quality of life and create sustainable futures for all of us.
- Aimed to enhance understanding around important quality of life issues, including measures relevant to different communities and community-engaged research approaches to improving quality of life.
- **Engaged diverse participants:** over 140 registrants representing academics, students, policy people, community-based organizations, and individuals and showcasing research and community initiatives.



Quality of Life Conference, May 15-16, 2014

- **Promoted Aboriginal Initiatives:** Opening keynote by **Treaty Commissioner George Lafond** established our treaty relationships as a foundation for quality of life. Lafond challenged us to make changes now to “repair our relationships,” a task for which “we need trust and truth.”
- Research funded by SSHRC and the Prairie Research Centre, (UAKN) Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network presented by Jaime Cidro, Tabitha Martens, Evelyn Peters, Jim Sinclair; Bettina Schneider & Kim Wenger; Evelyn Peters & Shelley Craig; John Hansen, Isobel Findlay, Joe Garcea, Rose Antsanen, Brad Bird, Darlene Lanceley, Harry Lafond; John Hansen, Nicole Calihoo, & Gwen Bear; Nancy Van Styvendale, Priscilla Settee, Sarah Buhler, & Stan Tu’lnukuafe.
- Launched book by Priscilla Settee





Quality of Life Conference, May 15-16, 2014

- **Promoted diverse colleges and departments:** students and faculty from **six different U of S colleges and schools** and **sixteen departments** in plenary and parallel session workshops and panels
- **Showcased national and international SSHRC and other research partners:** Allison Williams, McMaster University; James Randall, UPEI; and Evelyn Peters, U of Winnipeg, Pam Quart, UAKN; Katherine Scott, Canadian Council for Human Development; Barb Byers, Canadian Labour Congress; Sherril B. Gelmon, Portland State University; and Professor Jagath Jayasinghe, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.
- **Created new networks and promoted local talent:** Edwards School of Business students disseminating on social media: Carli Neveling, Ana-Pietje Du Plessis, Tyler Schwark, and Michael Tastad



Barb Byers



Sherril Gelmon



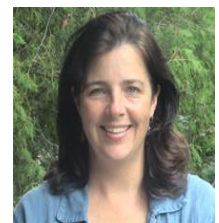
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James Randall



Katherine Scott



Allison
Williams



Quality of Life Conference, May 15-16, 2014

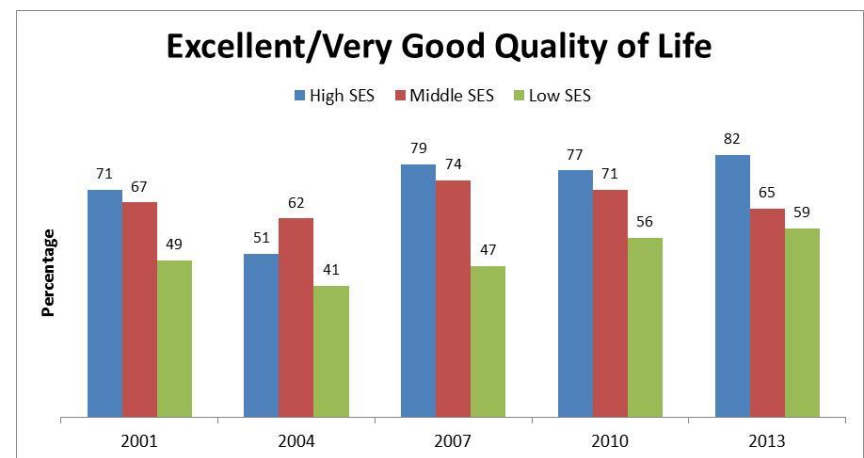
- **Renewed thanks to our planning and programming committee and our sponsors:** the University of Saskatchewan the Vice-President Advancement and Community Engagement; the Office of Community Outreach and Engagement; the Office of the Vice-President Research; College of Arts and Science, Division of Social Sciences and Division of Humanities and Fine Arts; Humanities Research Unit; the University Conference Fund and Community Engaged Scholarship Partnership Campus Innovation Fund.





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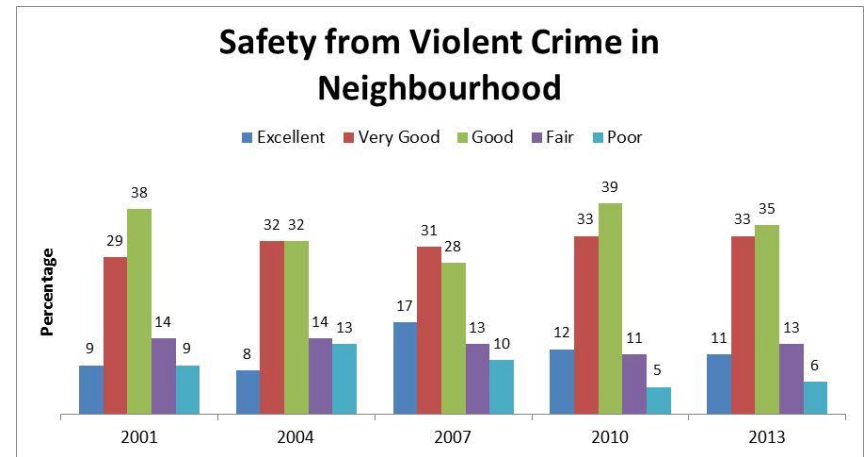
- CUI SR has now completed five iterations of data collection (2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, and 2013)
- A collaboration between CUI SR, the City of Saskatoon and community-based organizations
- The CUI SR QOL research program is a unique program that measures perceptions of QOL and evaluates the elements that contribute to QOL
- The large stratified sample allows understanding QOL across the socioeconomic geography of the city





Quality of Life

- Research identifies pressing urban issues and areas of focus for improving community quality of life
- QOL results can act as evidence in issue evaluation, policy formation, and program development for community, government, and community organizations



Responsibility for Change: Priority Groups

2001	2004	2007	2010	2013
1. Poor families with children	1. Poor families with children	1. Poor families with children	1. Poor families with children	1. The Elderly
2. The elderly	2. Poor individuals	2. Persons with disabilities	2. The elderly	2. Poor families with children
3. Single parents	3. The elderly	3. The elderly	3. Poor individuals	3. Poor individuals
4. Persons with disabilities	4. Persons with disabilities	4. Single parents	4. Persons with disabilities	4. Persons with disabilities
5. Aboriginal people	5. Single parents	5. Poor individuals	5. Single parents	5. Single parents



Collaborative Community-Campus Research (CCCR) National Summit, Nov 2-4, 2014

- Isobel Findlay, CUISR co-applicant on SSHRC Connection grant application, Pursuing Excellence in CCCR: A National Summit
 - to share knowledge about impactful research, harness collective strengths of universities and community partners, develop indicators of excellence in building toward National Hubs of CCCR Excellence
- CUISR, one of first SSHRC CURA and host of first CUExpo 2003, brings expertise and ongoing commitment to **community engagement**, to advancing Indigenous and non-Indigenous ways of knowing, and to food security and sustainability—U of S signature research areas.





CCCR National Summit Partners

NOTES

Sarah Wiebe (ST) - BC
 Andrew Petter (U) - BC
 Paul Manners (C) - UK
 Chad Gaffield (U) - ON
 William Holden (C) - SASK
 Martin Taylor (U) - ON
 Brent Herbert-Copley (G) - ON
 Steve Kent (G) - NF

Arctic Institute of Community Based Research (AICBR)

1. Marilyn VanBibber (C)
2. Katelyn Friendship (C)

Service Aux Collectivites—Université du Québec à Montréal (QUAM)

1. Sylvie Boucher de Grosbois (U)
2. Jean-Marc Fontan (U)
3. Denis Bussièrès (ST)
4. Cécile Pachocinski (C)
5. Mélanie Pelletier (C)

Grenfell Campus, Memorial University Office of Public Engagement, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

1. Kelly Vodden (U)
2. Bruce Gilbert (G)
3. Sarah Minnes (ST)
4. Susan Khaladcar (C)
5. Louise McGillis (U)
6. Jacqueline Walsh (U)
7. Kimberly Olson (G)
8. Dwayne Legge (G)

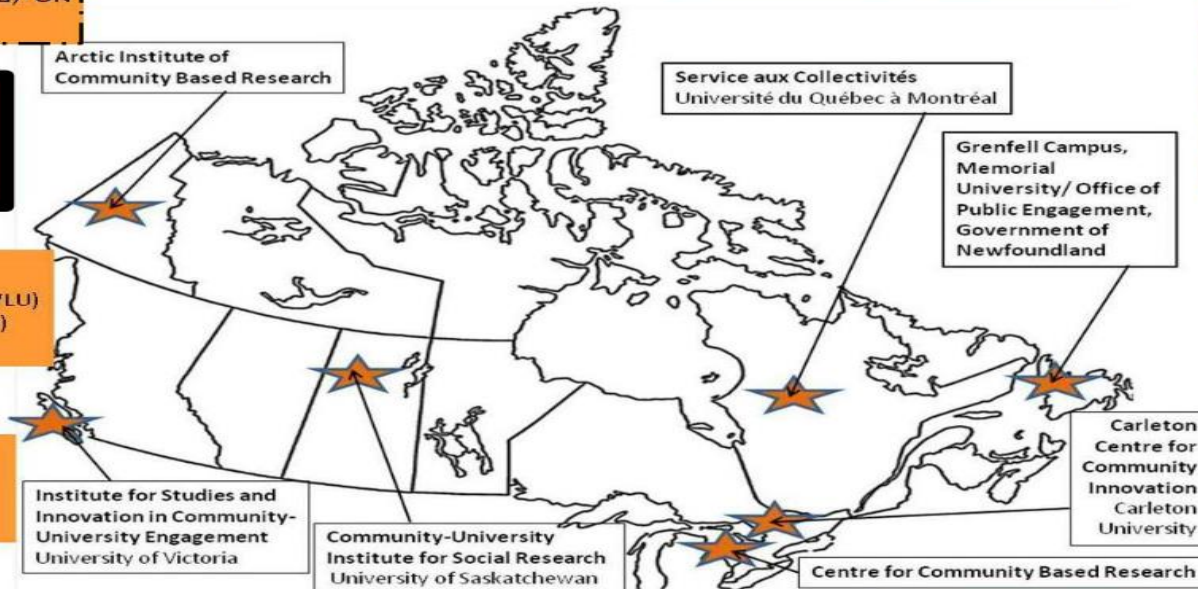
University
 Community member
 Student
 Government

Invited Events—Speakers

Deborah MacLatchey (WLU)
 Wendy Fletcher (Renison)
 Rob Case (Renison)

Research Support Team

Loretta Rose (C)
 Catherine Maine (C)
 Cveta Konjokrad (C)



Carleton University

1. Katherine Graham (U)
2. Karen Schwartz (U)
3. Sheena Kennedy Dalseg (ST)
4. Ruston Fellows (C)
5. Geri Briggs (C)

Community Based Research Canada (CBRC steering committee institutional members)

1. Linda Hawkins (U) - ON
2. Warren Dodd (ST) - ON
3. David Phipps (U) - ON
4. Jane Wedlock (C) - ON
5. Dominique Michaud (U) - QC
6. Cathy Edwards (U) - ON
7. Maeve Lydon (U) - BC
8. Natasha Wiebe (U) ON
9. Trevor Davis (U) - BC
10. Jen Kyffin (U) - BC
11. Gauri Sreenivasan (U)-ON

Institute for Studies & Innovation in Community-University Engagement (IUCUE) - University of Victoria

Leslie Brown (U)
 Robina Thomas (U)
 Rupert Downing (C)
 Maia Hoeberechts (U)

Community-University Institute for Social Research (CUISR) - University of Saskatchewan

1. Isobel Findlay (U)
2. Len Usiskin (C)
3. Marie Lovrod (U)
4. Jethro Cheng (ST)

Waterloo-Wellington Site

1. Susan Elliott (UW) - (U)
2. Ginette Lafreniere (U)
3. Susan Weare (U)
4. Laura Mastronardi (C)
5. Mavis Morton (U)
6. Leah Levac (U)

Centre for Community Based Research (CCBR)

1. Joanna Ochocka (C)
2. Rich Janzen (C)
3. Alethea Stobbe (C)
4. Kyla English (C)
5. Taylor Marlow (ST)
6. Tanguil Bilgehan (ST)
7. Katelyn Godin (ST)



CCCR National Summit, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Nov 2-4, 2014

- Case studies:
 - Bill Holden on Quality of Life in Saskatoon and Isobel Findlay on Self-Directed Funding for People with Intellectual Disabilities (<http://communitybasedresearch.ca/resources/677%20National%20Summit/Participant%20Case%20Studies%20Oct%202029.compressed.pdf>)
- CUISR participants: Len Usiskin, Jethro Cheng, Marie Lovrod
- Keynote by Bill Holden
- Facilitation by Isobel Findlay



Bill Holden
University of Saskatchewan,
Community Co-ordinator,
Community University Institute
for Social Research, focused on:

- Research ethics
- Health promotion
- Economic insecurity/poverty
- Quality of life



Isobel M. Findlay
University of Saskatchewan, University Co-
Director, Community-University Institute
for Social Research, focused on:

- Research ethics
- Food security
- Economic insecurity and poverty
- Disabilities
- Cultural diversity
- Aboriginal issues
- Social economy



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SSHRC Partnership LOI, Feb 2015

Pursuing Excellence in Community-based Research: A National Partnership for Research and Action

- Prairie Hub at CUISR focuses within an overarching concern with **Sustainable Communities** on: (1) **Poverty Reduction** (co-led by Isobel Findlay & Bill Holden) with a focus on quality of life, Aboriginal education, employment, economic development, and housing and homelessness and (2) **Food Security** (co-led by Rachel Engler-Stringer & Yvonne Hanson) looking at community food security and food environments.
- **23 additional confirmed collaborators:** 15 U of S faculty from School of Public Health, Native Studies, Edwards School of Business, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies, Political Studies, College of Education, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.
- **10 U of S units committing a total of \$412,820**
- Additional collaborators from Continuing Education, **MacEwan University** and Community research Unit, **University of Regina**
- **Ten community partners** (Aboriginal Friendship Centres of Saskatchewan, CHEP Good Food, City of Saskatoon, Elizabeth Fry Society of SK, Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Assoc. Co-operative, Quint Development Corp, Saskatoon Food Council, Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership, United Way of Saskatoon and Area) committing **\$337,500.**



Completed projects

<http://www.usask.ca/cuisr/publications>



Program Evaluation of Crisis Management Services

Terra Quaife, Laurissa Fauchoux, David Mykota,
and Isobel M. Findlay



Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education: Pre-Service Evaluation

Duvaraga Sivajohanathan, Isobel M. Findlay, and Renata Andres



Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness and Prevention Strategies: Learning from the Reported Alcohol Knowledge and Behaviours of College-Age Youth

A Research Report

Nicola Chopin, Sarah Hogg, Stacey McHenry, James Popham,
Melissa Stoops, Sarah Takahashi, and Isobel M. Findlay





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**Healthy Seniors on the 'Net:
Assessing the Saskatoon Public Library's Computer Project**

Megan McDowell and Isobel M. Findlay



**Urban First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Diabetes Prevention Project:
Fresh Food Market Evaluation**

Brittany Kachur



**Parkinson Society Saskatchewan:
Working Together to Meet Member Needs**

A Research Report

Tamara Chambers-Richards, Rawia Ahmed, and Isobel M. Findlay





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Social Enterprises
Knowledgeable Economies
and Sustainable Communities

Worker Co-operative Development in Saskatchewan The Promise, the Problems, and the Prospects

Mitch Diamantopoulos and April Bourgeois

A research report prepared for the Northern Ontario, Manitoba,
and Saskatchewan Regional Node of the Social Economy Suite

Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
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Entreprises sociales
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International Students in Saskatchewan Policies, Programs, and Perspectives

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Awareness of and Support for the Social Economy in Saskatoon

Opinion Leader Views

Emily Hard and Louise Clarke

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Saskatchewan Summer Literacy:
An Evaluation of Summer Reading
Programming in Saskatchewan Public Libraries

Tyler Schwark, Rahul Waikar, Suresh S. Kalagnanam, and
Isobel M. Findlay



Final Report

*Comparing the Lived Experience of Urban Aboriginal
Peoples with Canadian Rights to Quality of Life*

UAKN Prairie Regional Research Centre

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Community-University Institute for Social Research and City of Saskatoon)

The Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network, the UAKN, is a community driven research network focused on the Urban Aboriginal population in Canada. The UAKN establishes a national, interdisciplinary network involving universities, community, and government partners for research, scholarship and knowledge mobilisation. This research was funded by a SSHRC Partnership grant entitled Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network: research for a better life, for more information visit www.uakn.org.



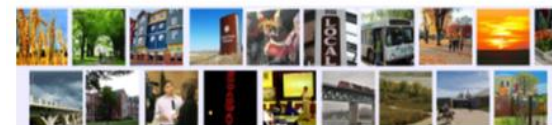
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Engaging Provincial Stakeholders:
A Strategic Communications Plan for
Department of Pediatrics

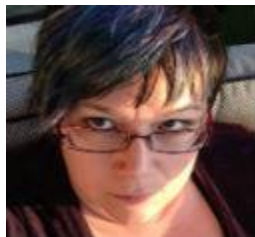
Kris Klimosko, Marjorie Delbaere, and
Isobel M. Findlay





Ongoing projects

- **Impacting Community Strength and Sustainability: Community-Campus Engagement at Station 20 West**
- **Funding:** SSHRC Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement (CFICE) Poverty Reduction Hub co-led by Carleton University and Vibrant Communities Canada
- **Research team:** Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership; Isobel Findlay & Suresh Kalagnanam, CUISR; Len Usiskin, Quint & Station 20 West; Lisa Erickson, Outreach and Engagement, Station 20 West; Sugandhi del Canto, PhD student intern



Colleen
Christopherson-Cote



Lisa Erickson





Ongoing projects

- **Impacting Community Strength and Sustainability: Community-Campus Engagement at Station 20 West**
- **Research questions:**
 - How well does community-campus engagement support **innovative capacity building** that can make our community more **inclusive, strong, and sustainable**?
 - How does co-location of partner organizations affect service, how do their different mandates affect outcomes, and how do **synergies** develop among them or not?
 - How does **university presence impact** the community enterprise model?
 - How can we best measure the **impacts and outcomes** of innovations for knowledge, frameworks, and tools that can be used in urban centres across Canada?
- **Outputs:** Case studies, workshops, presentations, policy briefs, indicators/measurement tool kits, archival exhibitions, arts-based dissemination, and journal articles





Ongoing projects

- **Exploring the Potential for a University of Saskatchewan Research Shop: A Consultation Study**
- **Funding:** University of Saskatchewan Outreach and Engagement
- **Research team:** Omeasoo Wāhpāsiw, PhD student intern; co-PIs Lisa Erickson and Isobel Findlay
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Ongoing projects

- Exploring the Potential for a University of Saskatchewan Research Shop: A Consultation Study
- **Research questions:**
 - What is the potential of a research shop at the U of S to provide coordinated access to faculty and student energy and expertise while strengthening university-community capacity for meaningful change within communities?
 - What existing initiatives might be built on?
 - What form might best respond to Saskatchewan strengths and needs while offering benefits to community and university?
- **Outputs:** technical report, presentations, journal article



Developing a University of Saskatchewan Research Shop

Research shops exist throughout the world. A shop may take many forms, but its main focus is to provide communities and organizations with coordinated access to faculty and student energy and expertise.



Ongoing projects

- **The Urban Aboriginal Service Delivery Landscape: Themes, Trends, Gaps and Prospects**
- **Funder:** SSHRC Partnership grant Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network (UAKN): Research for a Better Life
- **Research team:** William Rowluck, Dana Carriere, Tamara Chambers-Richards, student interns; co-PIs Isobel Findlay and Vince Bruni-Bossio



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Ongoing projects

- **The Urban Aboriginal Service Delivery Landscape: Themes, Trends, Gaps and Prospects**
- **Research questions:**
 - What services are being provided by urban Aboriginal organizations?
 - What services are being provided by which urban Aboriginal service organizations? Who are the target service population? Are there gaps in services or target groups?
 - Which of these services enhance economic participation of urban Aboriginal people? How?
 - What are three priority areas for service delivery? How were these priorities determined? How are these priorities met?
 - What are the best practices/lessons learned on how services are designed and delivered that have emerged over the last decade?
 - What do these organizations perceive as being facilitating factors, and threats, to their sustainability?
- **Outputs:** technical report, presentations, and journal articles





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