



Community-University Institute for Social Research

Annual Report 2017–2018





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

This year we have been busy consolidating national networks, including new TriCouncil and other applications, and conducting community-based research—with a major commitment in the form of the 2018 PIT Homelessness Count, our fourth since 2008.

Partners in the SSHRC-funded Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement (CFICE), we have continued to contribute to the building of a national network: Community Campus Engage Canada (CCEC). Lisa Erickson (manager, Community Relations and Engagement Station 20 West, and research partner) and Isobel Findlay serve on the CCEC Working Group, while CUISR board member and research partner Colleen Christopherson-Cote serves as Community Chair of the CFICE Evaluation and Analysis Working Group.

With David Peacock of the University Alberta (co-chair, CCEC Working Group), Lisa Erickson, and Colleen Christopherson-Cote, we hosted in May 2018 a Community-Campus Engagement roundtable, one of a series across the country. At C2UExpo (Vancouver, May 2017), CUISR again contributed to what is now a national institution that CUISR established in Saskatoon, 2003. Isobel Findlay and Colleen Christopherson-Cote presented on community-campus engagement in the context of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

In addition to other projects, we secured the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy contract for Saskatoon's 2018 PIT Count, a huge initiative engaging hundreds in a community conversation on housing and homelessness (see separate story).



Dr. Isobel M. Findlay
Edwards School
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Bill Holden
City of Saskatoon



Message from the Co-Directors (cont'd)

We said farewell to Judy Hannah, longtime research partner and board member, acknowledging her many contributions and wishing her all the very best in her retirement. We welcomed to the board Graham Dickson, director of Community Engagement at Saskatchewan Association for Community Living (SACL), and Colleen Christopherson-Cote, coordinator of the Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership (SPRP).

We also welcomed new research associates in recognition of their leadership and contributions to the CUISR mission and mandate: Professor John Hansen, Sociology; Ruth Engele, SPRP and the SK Disability Income Support Coalition; Judy Hannah, former SACL Director of Strategic Initiatives and CUISR board member; Professor Valery Chirkov, Psychology; Gary Tinker, founder of Gary Tinker Federation for the Disabled, Inc.; and Clifford Ray, former long-time president of the Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative.

Thanks to generous funding by Mosaic, we continue to profit from our partnership with the Saskatoon Food Council in promoting research and collaboration on a sustainable, accessible food system that can support community food security.

Again we acknowledge the energy and inspiration of a committed board, researchers, and staff and the support of our funders for our strategic research.

Dr. Isobel M. Findlay

Bill Holden



Research Funding

- Our research record has resulted in TriCouncil grants worth close to \$10 million, 1999-2018.
- We gratefully acknowledge our 2017-2018 funders:
 - Mosaic
 - City of Saskatoon Community Services Department
 - Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership on behalf of the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy Innovative Solutions to Homelessness funding stream
 - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
 - Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network Prairie Regional Research Centre
 - Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan
 - Health Promotion Department, Saskatchewan Health Authority
 - University of Saskatchewan
 - Office of the President



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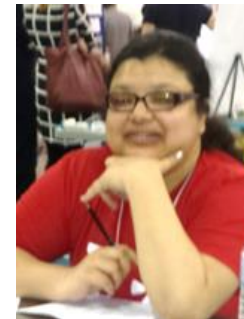
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Thanks to generous funding support from Mosaic and ongoing support from CUISR and U of S, the Saskatoon Food Council continues leadership in these areas:

Municipal Food Policy Development

- Advocating with City Council for the establishment of a City of Saskatoon Food Systems committee

Food Hub Promotion

- Promoting local food production through the Local Food Trail – Osler
- Hosting tours for Slow Food Canada and Vegetable Growers of Saskatchewan
- Hosting the annual Ride the Local Food Trail event





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Research, Resource Development, and Advocacy

- Supporting the board of the Saskatoon Farmers' Market to enhance market building operation, animation, and viability
- Initiating Culinary Medicine workshops for Medical and Nutrition students at the University of Saskatchewan





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Building links to regional and national food policy and development organizations

- Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC)
- Food Secure Canada; Food Secure Sask.

Leadership in the Saskatoon Food Security and Food Policy Community

- Co-chair of the Food Security Action Team
- Convening Food System meetings
- Student engagement and participation in food policy and food systems research (Biocultural Design and Innovation in Small-scale Food Systems in Central Saskatchewan)





Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge SSHRC funding for this study within Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement (CFICE) Poverty Reduction Hub co-led by Carleton University and Vibrant Communities Canada
- We also acknowledge the contributions of all study participants and research team members: Dr. Suresh Kalagnanam, Edwards School of Business and CUISR; Yvonne Hanson, CHEP & Station 20 West; and Len Usiskin, Quint & Station 20 West.



Impacting Community Strength and Sustainability: Community-Campus Engagement and Poverty Reduction at Station 20 West Community Enterprise Centre

Isobel M. Findlay, Sana Rachel Sunny, Sugandhi del Canto, Colleen Christopherson-Côté, and Lisa Erickson



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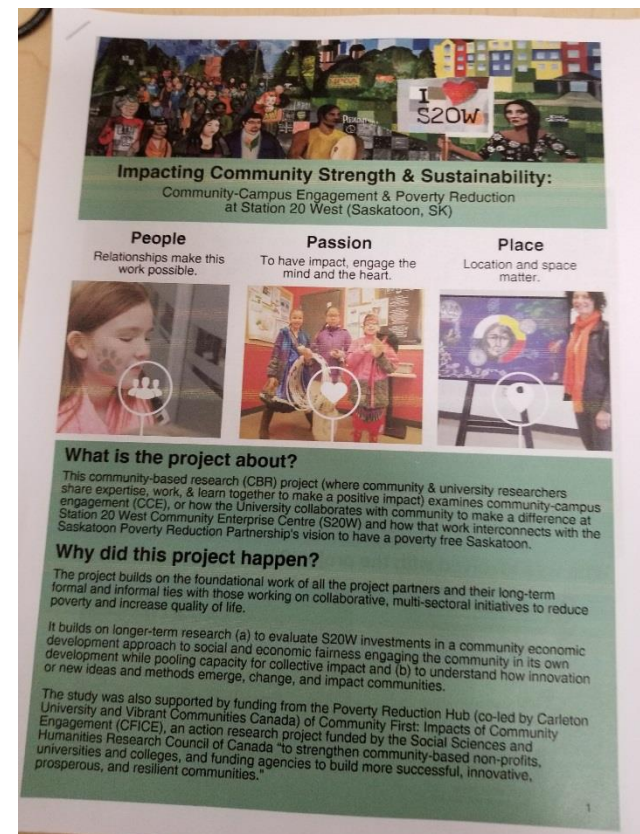
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Other CFICE Outputs



- In addition to the community report (opposite) and workshop and conference presentations, we have published:
 - Case studies by Suresh Kalagnanam (two of which have been piloted at the Edwards School of Business)
 - Book chapter by Christopherson-Cote, Erickson, Findlay, and Charles (forthcoming Carleton University)
 - Special issue of the *Engaged Scholar Journal: Community-engaged Research, Teaching, and Learning*, co-edited Peter Andree, Isobel M. Findlay, and David Peacock (forthcoming Fall 2018)
- Lisa Erickson and Isobel Findlay are members of the Community Campus Engage Canada (CCEC) Working Group, while Colleen Christopherson-Cote is Community Chair of the CFICE Evaluation and Analysis Working Group, 2016-2019.





Other CFICE Outputs



“Their 15-minute presentation *On a Path of True Reconciliation: Investing in a Poverty-Free Saskatoon* highlighted how principles of truth and reconciliation can strengthen community-campus partnerships and facilitate effective approaches to poverty reduction.”

For the full article, see National Aboriginal Day: Reconciliation key to reducing poverty” at <https://carleton.ca/communityfirst/2017/national-aboriginal-day-reconciliation-key-to-reducing-poverty/>

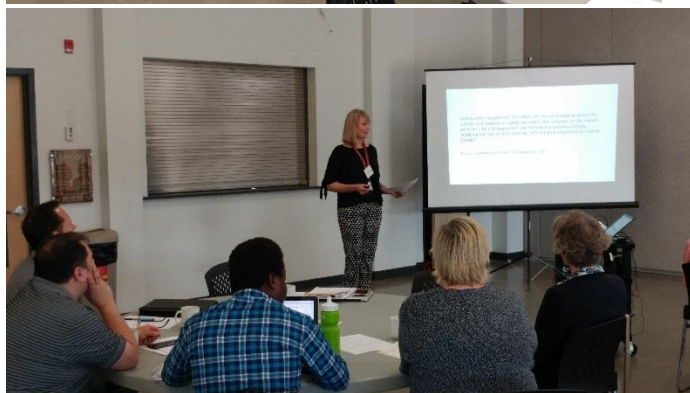


Colleen Christopherson-Cote and Isobel Findlay present at C2U Expo 2017.





Community-Campus Engagement Roundtable, Station 20 West, May 18, 2018





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- We gratefully acknowledge SSHRC Partnership grant funding for this study within the Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network (UAKN): Research for a Better Life. Funding was administered by the Prairie Research Centre of the UAKN.
- In addition to study participants, we also recognize the important input of our Advisory Committee: the Indigenous Voices, Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching Effectiveness, University of Saskatchewan (Dr. **Stryker Calvez**); Indigenous Graduate Students' Council, U of S (**Dana Carrière** and **Mylan Tootoosis**); Saskatchewan Polytechnic (**Danielle Jeancart**); First Nations University of Canada (Dr. **Sharon Acoose** and Dr. **Miriam McNab**); **Rita Bouvier**; Office of the Treaty Commissioner (**Rhett Sangster**); and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (**Gord Graham**).



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Ongoing Projects

- **2018 Point-in-Time Homelessness Count**
- **Funding:** Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) on behalf of the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy
- **Study objectives:**
 - To add to understandings of homelessness in Canada
 - To identify **chronically homeless** and **episodically homeless**
 - To examine at-risk groups to establish a better understanding of the trends among homeless populations, how local trends match or not national trends
 - To provide an evidence base for appropriate programs and services
- **Research team:** Dr. Isobel M. Findlay, Bill Holden, Jania Chilima, Abdrahmane Berthe



Isobel M. Findlay



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2018 Point-in-Time Homelessness Count



Community Advisory Committee



Volunteer training

Volunteer debrief





Count Day, April 18, 2018



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Count Day: Youth Event



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Ongoing Projects

- **Saskatchewan Sexual Violence Action Plan**
- **Funding:** Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan (from Status of Women Canada)
- **Study objectives:**
 - To gain a better understanding of the existing strengths and potential gaps in service provision as it relates to sexual violence across the province of Saskatchewan.
 - Findings will form an evidence base for developing a Saskatchewan Sexual Violence Action Plan.
- **Outputs:** Technical report, public presentation, and journal article
- **Research team:** Drs. Marie Lovrod, Isobel M. Findlay, Manuela Valle-Castro, and Patience Umereweneza, Natalya Mason, Erin Pillipow, and Jaqueline Anaquod



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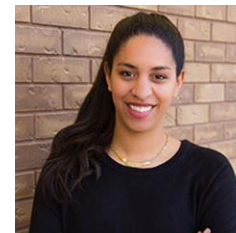
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Ongoing Projects

- **Social Return on Investment (SROI) Financial Proxies for Indicators Associated with the Saskatoon Poverty Elimination Strategy**
- **Funding:** Health Promotion Department, Saskatchewan Health Authority
- **Study objectives:**
 - Update findings from the 2013 CUISR report on Financial Proxies for SROI in SK
 - Add additional indicators/proxies associated with 6 core sector priority areas of the strategy (income/employment, early years/childcare, housing and homelessness, health, food security, transportation)
 - Increase Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership partner SROI awareness
- **Research team:** Drs. Suresh Kalagnanam, Isobel M. Findlay, Abdrahmane Berthe, and Colleen Christopherson-Cote (SPRP)



Suresh Kalagnanam



Isobel M. Findlay



Abdrahmane Berthe



Colleen Christopherson-Cote



Ongoing Projects

- **President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women Consultation Study**
- **Funding:** The Office of the President
- **Research Questions:**
 - What are the most promising structures and practices that support substantive intersectional gender justice at U of S and other research-intensive, "U of S-like" institutions?
 - What should be the form and function of PACSW within the most promising structures and practices at U of S?
- **Outputs:** Technical report, arts-based dissemination, public presentation, and journal article
- **Research team:** Drs. Isobel Findlay, Marie Lovrod, Elizabeth Quinlan (co-PIs, CUI SR), Jebunnessa Chapola, Yuchen (Nina) Gao, Erin Pillipow, and Shaylyn White



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