



Community-University Institute for Social Research

Annual Report 2018–2019





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
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This year we have continued to consolidate national networks, contributing to the formation of Community Campus Engage Canada (CCEC), partnering on new TriCouncil grants, building on our housing and homelessness research, and conducting community-driven research on a provincial sexual violence action plan and poverty reduction initiatives and Social Return on Investment financial proxies.

A legacy of the seven-year SSHRC-funded Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement (CFICE), CCEC was launched in spring 2019 under the umbrella of the Trent Centre for Community-Based Education to foster a community of practice to shift institutional cultures and strengthen community capacity, infrastructure, and impact of community-campus partnerships.

Significant successes from new national partnerships include the new Making the Shift Network of Centres of Excellence (NCE): Youth Homelessness Social Innovation Hub on which CUISR submitted six research projects that variously addressed youth homelessness and were enthusiastically supported by the City of Saskatoon. We also partnered on a successful housing affordability SSHRC-CMHC Partnership development grant led by Cape Breton University.



Message from the Co-Directors (cont'd)

We said farewell to three longtime board members: Sue Delanoy, acknowledging her many contributions and wishing her all the very best in her retirement, and Darlene Lanceley and Michael Gertler, celebrating similarly their significant contributions over the years. We were delighted to welcome to the board Sandra Stack, executive director, Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan; Nicholas Fraser, READ Saskatoon; Sylvia Waterer, executive director, Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA); and Sarah Buhler, associate professor, College of Law.

We also launched our new website, taking the opportunity of strategic planning to refresh our strategic research directions. See <https://cuir.usask.ca>

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.

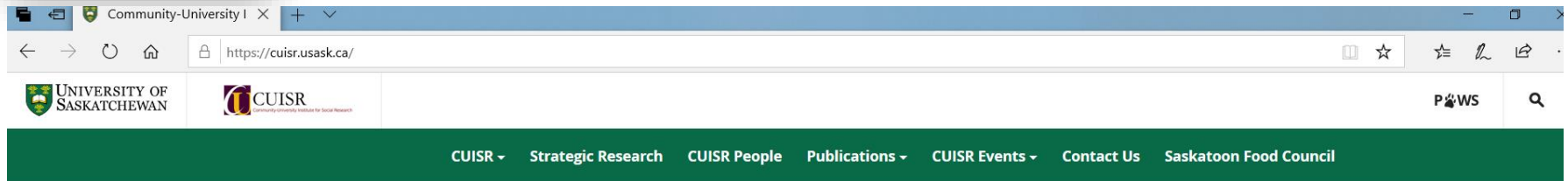
We gratefully acknowledge the energy and inspiration of a committed board, researchers, and staff and the support of our funders for our strategic research.

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New website launched



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- Our research record has resulted in TriCouncil grants worth close to \$10 million, 1999-2019.
- We gratefully acknowledge our 2018-2019 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
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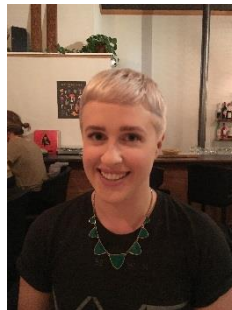
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Thanks to generous funding support from Mosaic and ongoing support from CUISR and U of S, the Saskatoon Food Council continues leadership in these areas:



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Municipal Food Policy Development

- Advocating with City of Saskatoon Environmental Services staff for inclusion of a Saskatoon Food Strategy within Green Initiatives





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Leadership in Saskatoon's Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Community

- Showcasing Urban Agriculture through events and tours to promote local food production
- Educating citizens about backyard hens and honey production, community gardens, and intensive urban farming





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- Hosting the second annual Urban Agriculture Celebration to profile Saskatoon's growing capacity in local food production
- Advocating for municipal food policy with Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute in presentations at 2018 annual convention
- Developing connections between consumers and farmers through ongoing development of the Local Food Trail-Osler





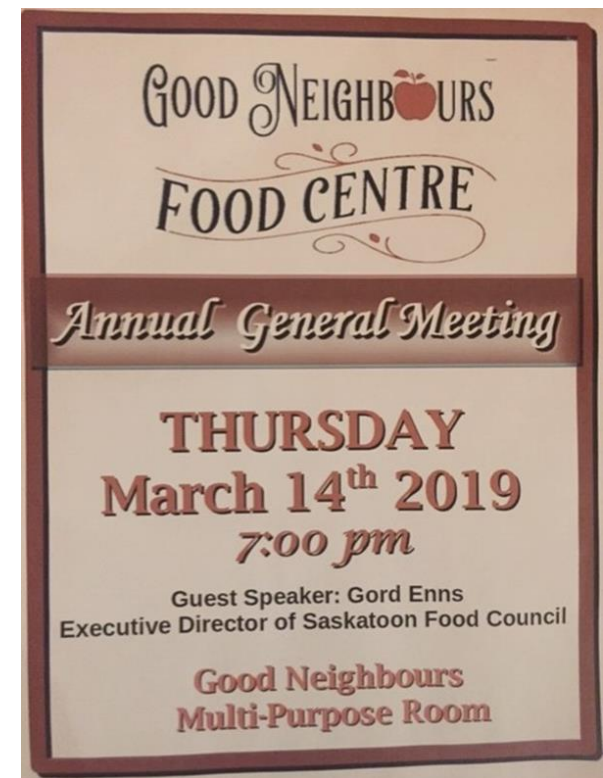
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Leadership in Saskatoon and Region Food Security Community

- Co-chair of the Food Security Action Team of Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership
- Healthy Yards Committee, City of Saskatoon
- Second Chance Food Committee with a focus on reducing food waste and diverting food from the landfill





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Research, Resource Development, & Advocacy

- Consulting with Saskatchewan Polytechnic on development of Food Sovereignty curriculum
- Working with the Saskatoon Farmers' Market to increase animation and public support
- Community engagement and education through presentations to students including U of S Food Sovereignty classes, high school environmental classes, and elementary schools





Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge funding for this study from Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership on behalf of the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy Innovative Solutions to Homelessness funding stream.
- We also acknowledge the contributions of all study participants, volunteers, research team, SHIP leadership team (Shaun Dyck, Chris Randall, and Colleen Christopherson-Cote), Community Advisory Committee, and City of Saskatoon Planning and Development (Bill Holden, Daniel McLaren, and Ashley Young) for survey maps.

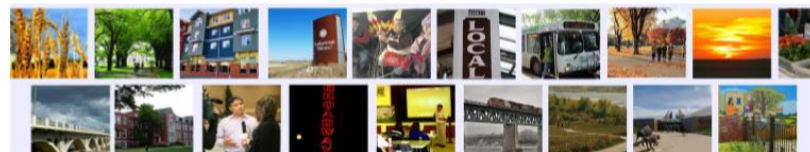


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2018 Point-In-Time
Homelessness Count
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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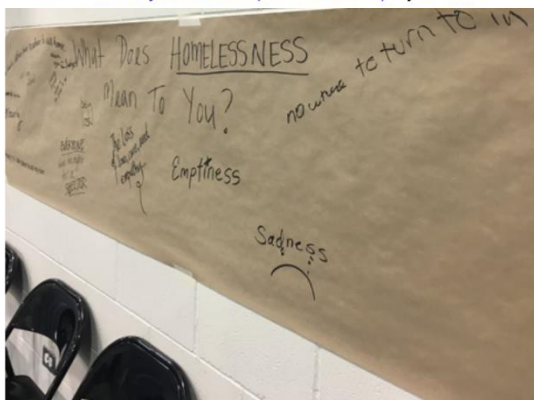
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Everyone Counts: Mobilizing Knowledges for the 2018 Saskatoon Point-in-Time Homelessness Count

Posted on [May 16, 2018 \(June 8, 2018\)](#) by [admin](#)



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

Summary: On April 18, 2018, a huge community effort combined in Saskatoon's fourth Point-in-Time (PIT) Homelessness Count, its first in the national coordinated count. Knowledge mobilization before, during, and after the count ensured that **everyone counts** in preventing and ending homelessness.

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ENGAGED SCHOLAR JOURNAL:
COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND LEARNING

Transformations through "Community-First" Engagement

Volume 4, Issue 2, Fall 2018

Guest editors: Peter Andrée, Isobel Findlay, and David Peacock

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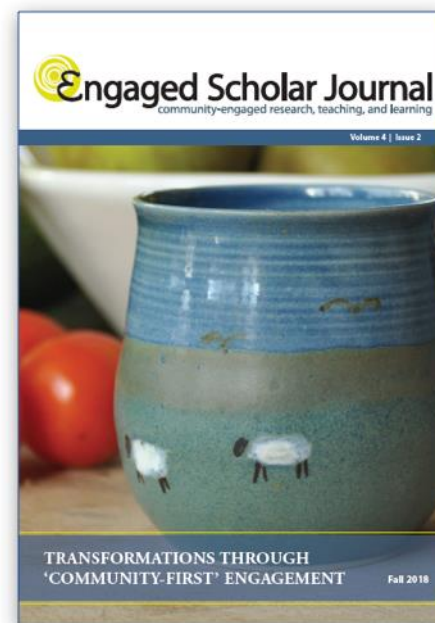
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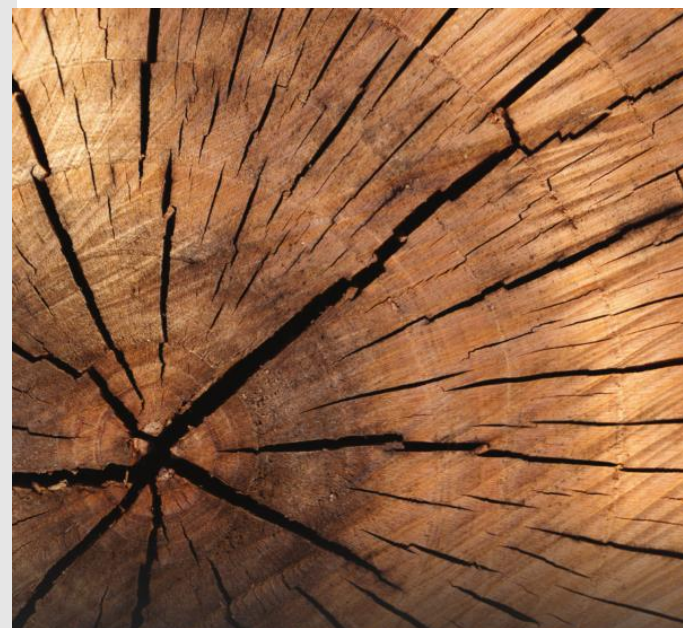
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MOVING THE NEEDLE ON POVERTY

Snapshots of community-campus partnerships

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Summer Institute, U of Regina, August, 2018

Day Two – August 21st, continued

2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (RIC Atrium)
Coffee break and networking

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Breakout sessions 4:
Choose one of two sessions:

A: **Building Reconciliation into Poverty Reduction Efforts (RIC Room 208)**

Drawing on an action research project centred on Station 20 West Community Enterprise in Saskatoon within the SSHRC-funded Poverty Reduction Hub of Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement, Isobel Findlay and Colleen Christopherson-Cote propose to demonstrate how reconciliation-and the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action-can help render more inclusive, enabling, and innovative community-campus partnerships.

Day 3, August 22nd, continued

12:30 – 1:30 **Dialogue and Reflections on Next Steps (RIC Room 119, Lecture theatre)**

Moderated panel: Michelle Stewart will pose questions around how to create support for community based research at the university and within the community.

Lessons from the University of Winnipeg:

Shauna MacKinnon will provide insight into how the Manitoba Research Alliance and her partnership with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives has raised the profile of CBR in their community and within the University of Winnipeg.

Lessons from the University of Saskatchewan

Isobel Findlay will share her thoughts as University Co-Director of CUISR (the Community–University Institute for Social Research) at the University of Saskatchewan and what it has taken to get where they are.

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AUGUST 20-22, 2018
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- A showcase of best practices in community-campus partnerships.
- Three days of practical workshops led by experts in community-based research.
- Discussion and reflection on how CBOs and the university can work together to do research that leads to social change.
- An opportunity to build partnerships and learn from your peers how to do research that funders and policy makers will take notice of.

To register, check out the Community Research Unit website at: uregina.ca/arts/community-research
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Partners: KTH, University of Regina, Faculty of Education, rpiq, UREA, MAF, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Canada, CUPE, SCIC, University of Regina, and others.



Community-driven Research



Dr. Michelle Johnson-Jennings ~ Serves as the Canadian Research Chair (CRC) Nominee in Indigenous Community Engaged Research and associate professor in Indigenous Studies and Associate in Community Health and Epidemiology in Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. She has co-developed health interventions entrenched in ancestral guidelines to encourage a renewed commitment to health and has worked with Indigenous communities and decolonizing healing while transforming narratives of trauma.



Dr. Isobel Findlay ~ As the University co-director of the Community-University Institute for Social Research, Dr. Findlay works closely with diverse partners to design and conduct research to promote and support economic development, community entrepreneurship and environmental sustainability. Her work with marginalized populations, such as those living with a disability and living in poverty, as well as research regarding maximizing potential of urban Aboriginal students and the CFICE project are areas of deep passion.



Ms. Colleen Christopherson-Cote ~ Is the coordinator for the Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership, community partnership and evaluation facilitator for the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership and the community co-lead for the Evaluation and Analysis working group of CFICE. The interconnect between all three partnerships provides her with the opportunity to catalyze, convene and coordinate community-based work to drive change and build capacity around improving the lives of vulnerable people in Saskatoon. Fostering new and existing community-campus relationships is a core priority of her work, understanding that engaging community throughout research processes is integral to successfully reducing poverty.

Please join us for a Community-Driven Research Panel

With Panelists including Dr. Michelle Johnson-Jennings, Dr. Isobel Findlay and Ms. Colleen Christopherson-Cote and moderated by Ms. Lisa Erickson

**Friday, March 29th at 1pm
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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 reports, public presentations, 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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Natalya Mason



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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)



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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, presentations, journal article
- **Research team:** Drs. Isobel Findlay, Marie Lovrod, Elizabeth Quinlan, Jebunnessa Chapola, Yuchen (Nina) Gao, Erin Pillipow, and Shaylyn White



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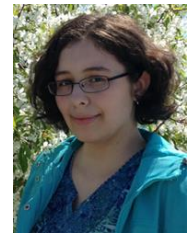
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Ongoing Projects

- Affordable Housing for Those in Greatest Need
- **Funding:** SSHRC-CMHC Partnership Development Grant
- **Study objectives/ Research questions:**
 - How do programs designed to make housing more affordable make a difference in the lives of participating low-income households?
 - To what extent programs achieve intended positive social and economic benefits or outcomes?
 - In what ways different programs may result in **distinct shelter** (affordability, security, quality) and **non-shelter** (safety, health and well-being, social capital, access to amenities and employment) outcomes?
 - How do programs have **differential impacts** on women, men, non-binary individuals?
- **Research team:** Professors Nazeem Muhajarine, Isobel Findlay, Sarah Buhler, Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Toby Esterby, Bill Holden, Len Usiskin



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Strategic Research Directions

In regular strategic planning, CUISR has affirmed its mission and principles and adopted five interdisciplinary strategies in settings ranging from the local through regional and national to international levels.

- Community Sustainability
- Social Economy and Social Relations
- Rural-Urban Community Links
- Indigenous Community Development
- Community-university partnerships

These strategic directions build on and extend our research on healthy, sustainable communities—quality of life indicators, community health determinants and health policy, and community economic development— that led to the formation of CUISR to build capacity among researchers, CBOs, and citizenry.



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