



# Community-University Institute for Social Research

## Annual Report 2019–2020





# 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 we have built on our housing and homelessness research, our work on poverty and quality of life, indicators, and metrics, including Social Return on Investment (SROI), as well as on grant applications, including SSHRC funding, and community-driven research on a sexual violence action plan.

COVID-19 has frustrated some efforts, including the 2020 PIT Homelessness Count, while underlining the inequities that interdisciplinary, intersectoral, & intercultural research might address.

We have continued to contribute to national efforts by Universities Canada, Community Campus Engage Canada, and others to foster institutional change and strengthen community capacity, infrastructure, and the impact of community-campus partnerships.

It has been a busy year on our successful housing affordability SSHRC-CMHC Partnership Development grant building partner relationships, co-designing the research, and collaborating on a full five-year Partnership grant application (People, Places, Policies, and Prospects: Affordable Rental Housing for Those in Greatest Need) with Cape Breton U, Carleton U, and others (Quebec, BC, States) with a budget of \$1,308 million, in-kind U of S support of \$270,880 and a generous in-kind contribution of \$366,000 from community partners.



# Message from the Co-Directors (cont'd)

We again had change on the Management Board, thanking Sylvia Waterer and Nicholas Fraser for their terms, while welcoming Roy Lavallee, Social Development Consultant, City of Saskatoon; Athanas Njeru, Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Coordinator, Saskatoon; and Kayla DeMong, Associate Director, AIDS Saskatoon (now Prairie Harm Reduction).

We also welcomed one new research associate, Dr. Charles Plante of the Graduate School of Public Policy, who is already leading one CUISR study.

This was the last year of the generous funding of the Saskatoon Food Council by Mosaic in support of research and collaboration on a sustainable, accessible food system that can support community food security. Our sincere thanks to Mosaic.

We gratefully acknowledge the energy of our committed board, researchers, and staff and the support of our funders—and look forward to celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year in style.

Dr. Isobel M. Findlay

Bill Holden



# Research Funding



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Community Services Department



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SASKATOON FOOD BANK  
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Saskatoon Poverty  
Reduction Partnership



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Hospice Society



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- We gratefully acknowledge our 2019-2020 funders:

- Mosaic
- City of Saskatoon Community Services Department
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada-Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Edwards School of Business
- Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan/Status of Women Canada
- Western Economic Diversification Canada
- Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership/Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre
- Prairie Hospice Society
- Health Promotion Department, Saskatchewan Health Authority
- Research Junction funded by the City of Saskatoon and University of Saskatchewan
- Pathways to Equity, U of Saskatchewan
- University of Saskatchewan
  - Office of the President





# CUISR Management Board



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Epidemiology



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Sociology



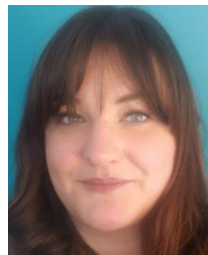
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Sandra Stack  
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Society of SK



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(now  
Prairie Harm Reduction)



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Saskatoon Poverty  
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# CUISR Research Associates



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# Saskatoon Food Council



Thanks to generous funding support from Mosaic (to March 2020), Western Economic Diversification Canada, and ongoing support from CUISR and U of S, the Saskatoon Food Council continues work to improve Saskatoon's food economy, enrich our food culture and reduce hunger.



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# Saskatoon Food Council

## Partnering with Tourism Saskatoon and the Culinary Tourism Alliance

- With funding from Western Economic Diversification we are working to develop a Social Enterprise to deliver culinary tours and food system education in Saskatoon and surrounding region.







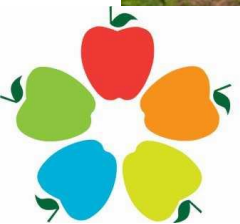
# Saskatoon Food Council

**Educating and engaging citizens in building  
Saskatoon's local food system**



“The Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre Garden Patch and the Saskatoon Food Council have collaborated on numerous occasions to bring together producers and consumers to inspire a more vibrant, equitable, and sustainable local food system.”

Adrian Werner  
Food Security Senior Manager  
Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre

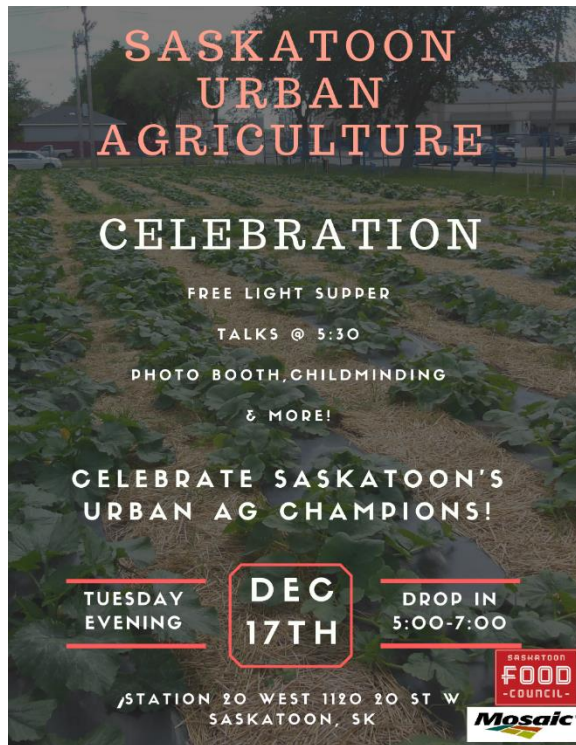


**SASKATOON FOOD BANK  
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# Saskatoon Food Council

## Promoting Saskatoon's Food Culture



"At Chain Reaction Urban Farm we grow over 7000lbs a year of high quality food and have over 30 families as members of our farm. Annual events like the Urban Ag Celebration promote a sustainable way to grow food in the city and I really appreciate that the Food Council purchases our vegetables for these events and promotes the development of a sustainable food system."  
Jared Regier – Chain Reaction Urban Farm



# Saskatoon Food Council

## Research, Resource Development, & Advocacy

- Advancing Promising Practices in Food Reclamation for the City of Saskatoon through a Research Junction grant. The purpose of the project is to determine promising practices in the diversion of edible food from the landfill.





# Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge funding for this study from Health Promotion Department, Saskatchewan Health Authority.



- We also acknowledge the contributions of research partner Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership (Coordinator Colleen Christopherson-Cote) who convened and chaired the SPRP Evaluation and Monitoring Group who helped develop relevant indicators.



## Social Return on Investment Financial Proxies and the Saskatoon Poverty Elimination Strategy

Suresh S. Kalagnanam, Abdrahmane Berthe, and  
Isobel M. Findlay







# Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge funding for this study from Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan (from Status of Women Canada).



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- We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all who have participated in the study. We appreciate your willingness to share your invaluable experiences, stories, and insights to this work.
- We acknowledge too the University of Saskatchewan's Social Science Research Laboratories (SSRL) for amalgamating and completing preliminary analysis of survey data.



Sexual Violence in Saskatchewan:  
Voices, Stories, Insights, and Actions from  
the Front Lines

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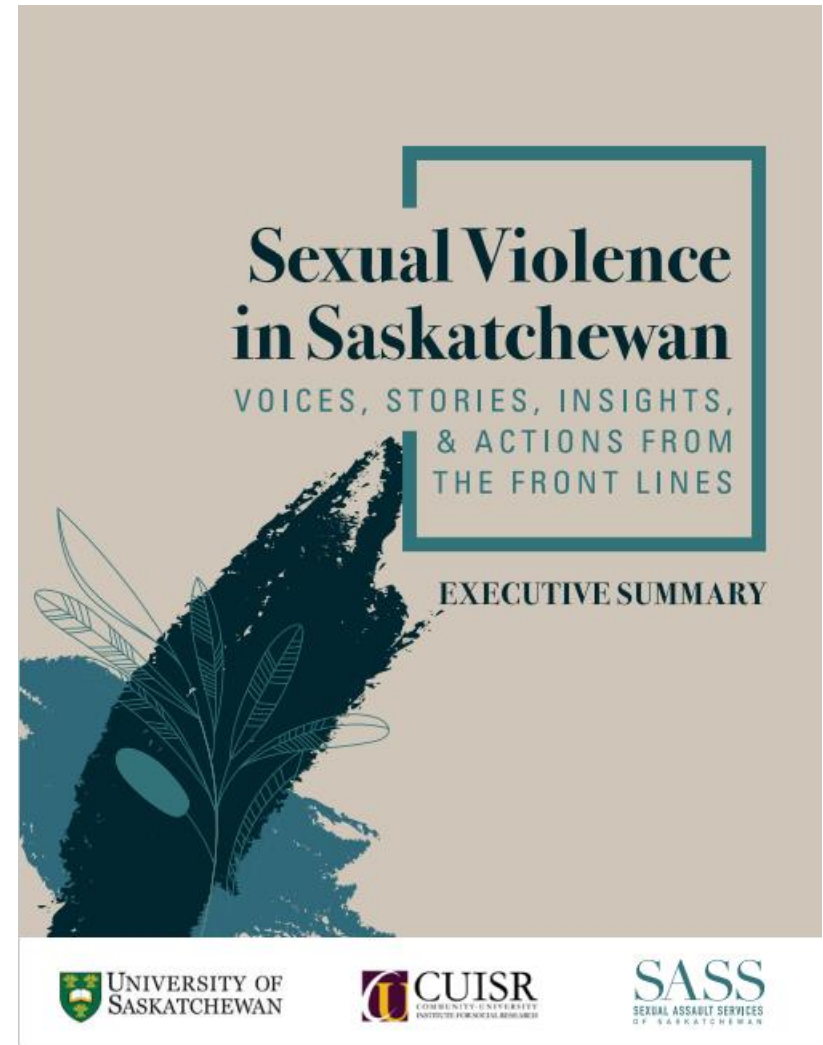
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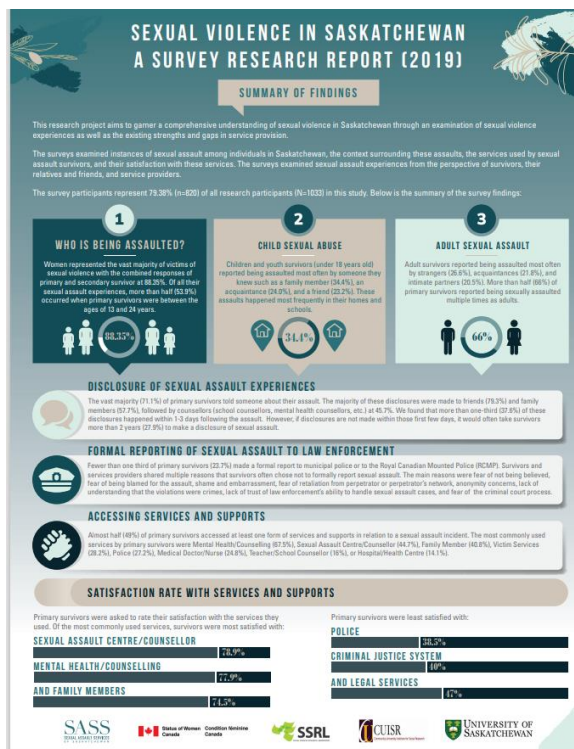
# Completed Projects

- We also sincerely appreciate those partners and individuals who supported the research through all phases of the process: the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations Women's Secretariat, Saskatchewan First Nations Women's Commission, Prince Albert Grand Council Women's Commission, Dr. Darlene Juschka, Dr. Brenda Anderson, Dr. Priscilla Settee, Danielle Bird, Kerrie Isaac, Danielle Goulden, Zahra Ghoreishi, Brianna Spent, Maaya Hitomi, Chantelle Priel, Pat Falconbridge and all the members of the Saskatchewan Sexual Violence Action Plan Advisory Committee.





# Completed Projects



## Sexual Violence in Saskatchewan: A Survey Report 2019

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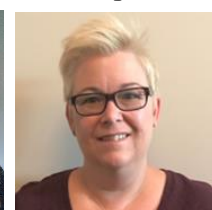
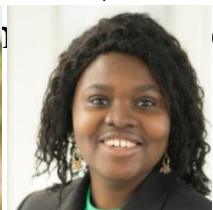
# Ongoing Projects

- Affordable Housing for Those in Greatest Need
- **Funding:** SSHRC-CMHC Partnership Development Grant; Edwards School of Business
- **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:** Nazeem Muhajarine, Isobel Findlay, Sarah Buhler, Reggie Nyamekye,



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# Ongoing Projects

- How Can Canada's New Official Poverty Line Serve the Needs of Our Community?
- **Funding:** Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership/ Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre
- **Study objectives:** To address key questions about the efficacy of Canada's New Official Poverty Line by the following:
  - Hosting a community workshop on the new Official Poverty Line (MBM)
  - Detailing and assessing how the Poverty Line is calculated for Saskatoon
  - Scanning data sources on local costs of living and proposing an adjusted MBM
- **Research team:** Drs. Charles Plante, Suresh Kalagnanam, Isobel M. Findlay, Colleen Christopherson-Cote (SPRP), Sugandhi del Canto, Connor Morrison



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# Ongoing Projects

- Exploring the Associations between Poverty, Poor Oral Health, and Quality of Life
- **Funding:** Pathways to Equity, Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives, University of Saskatchewan
- **Study objectives:**
  - To assess how those living in poverty perceive and experience their oral health
  - To assess how access to dental treatment affects oral health, self-esteem, quality of life
  - To observe self-perceived changes to self-esteem, quality of life, employment after subsidized/free dental treatment—and implications for policy and programming
- **Research team:** Dr. Keith Da Silva, Isobel M. Findlay, Bill Holden, Justin Lind



Keith Da Silva



Isobel M. Findlay



Bill Holden



Justin Lind



# Ongoing Projects

- **Promising Practices in Food Reclamation for Saskatoon**
- **Funding:** Research Junction funded by the City of Saskatoon and U of Sask
- **Study objectives:**
  - Complete an environmental scan of promising programs and policies in other municipal jurisdictions for reclamation of otherwise wasted food
  - Complete a pre/post intervention study of the implementation of a brochure explaining food business rights & responsibilities in food donation, and listing when, where and what to donate
  - Conduct key informant interviews to determine what kinds of support are needed by food businesses to reduce the edible food they send to the landfill
- **Research team:** Dr. Rachel Engler-Stringer, Gord Enns, Layane Fernandes de Sousa Moura, Freda Atsunyo



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Layane Fernandes  
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# Ongoing Projects

- **Prairie Hospice Society: Social Return on Investment (SROI) Analysis Report**
- **Funding:** Prairie Hospice Society
- **Study objectives:**
  - To increase awareness of SROI
  - To report on monetary values associated with social, environmental, and other impacts of the services of Prairie Hospice Society
  - To guide decision making, and to reflect the needs of diverse Prairie Hospice Society stakeholders and communities in Saskatchewan
- **Research team:** Drs. Suresh Kalagnanam, Isobel M. Findlay, and Anh Pham



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Anh Pham





# 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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# 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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