



Community-University Institute for Social Research

Annual Report 2022–2023





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
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Colleen Christopherson-Cote
Saskatoon Poverty Reduction
Partnership

This was a busy year completing a number of projects, continuing others, and working on a new SSHRC-CMHC Partnership application with Co-Principal Investigators Liam O'Brien and Jacqueline Kennelly at Carleton University. The application importantly built on our ongoing SSHRC-CMHC Partnership Grant on **People, Places, Policies and Prospects: Affordable Rental Housing for Those in Greatest Need**—the mid-term review of which we successfully completed. As the fiscal year ended, we were preparing to host a National Working Group meeting here in Saskatoon with public events scheduled for May 3.

In March 2023 we received the good news that our application--**A Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home: A Multi-disciplinary Longitudinal Outcomes Analysis of the National Housing Strategy**—was fully funded at \$4.8M over 5 years. We at CUISR will be national leads on the major theme of Health, Social and Economic Outcomes



Message from the Co-Directors (cont'd)

We launched reports (with new community versions): the 2022 Point-in-Time Homelessness Count (August 2022), the fruits of our partnership with SASS and FSIN on a sexual violence education initiative (January and March 2023), Research Junction and Social Return on Investment (SROI) studies, including national ones with the Children's Aid Society of Toronto and Coalition Canada

We were sorry to accept the resignation of Community-Co-Director **Roy Lavallee** whose role at the City was proving increasingly demanding of his time and energies. We are so grateful for his stellar contributions at CUISR and wish him the very best. We are also anticipating another loss to the board with the retirement in June of **Len Usiskin**, a CUISR founding member and tireless advocate.

We acknowledge with deep gratitude the support of our committed board, researchers, staff, and funders.

Dr. Isobel M. Findlay

Colleen Christopherson-Cote



Research Funding



Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada / Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada

- We gratefully acknowledge our 2022-2023 funders:
 - City of Saskatoon Community Services Department
 - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada-Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
 - Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership on behalf of the Government of Canada's Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy
 - Children's Aid Society of Toronto
 - Métis Nation—Saskatchewan
 - Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan
 - Elmwood Residences Inc.
 - UBI Works and Coalition Canada
 - 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
 - College of Nursing
 - Edwards School of Business





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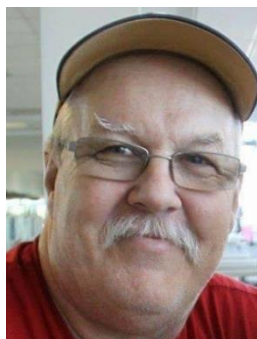
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Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge funding through the Government of Canada's Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, as administered in Saskatoon by the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP).

**2022 Saskatoon
Point-in-Time Homelessness Count**
HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY FINDINGS



**2022 Saskatoon
Point-in-Time
Homelessness Count**

Machiweyi Kunzekweguta, Isobel M. Findlay,
Michael Kowalchuk, and Anh Pham



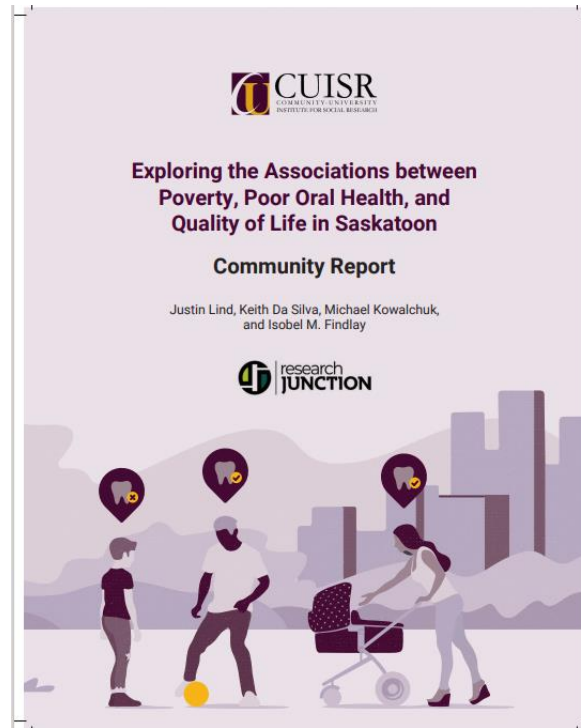


Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge funding for this study from Research Junction funded jointly by the City of Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan.



- Our congratulations to student research assistant Justin Lind for his national award for this project from the Canadian Association of Dental Research.



Exploring the Associations between Poverty, Poor Oral Health, and Quality of Life in Saskatoon

Justin Lind, Keith Da Silva, Michael Kowalchuk, and Isobel M. Findlay





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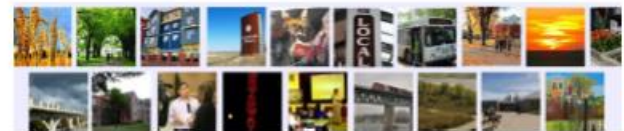


- We also acknowledge the invaluable contributions of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) who advised on research design and helped with recruitment of study participants.



Toward a Community of Safety and Care: Exploring Public Safety in Downtown Saskatoon

Isobel M. Findlay, Renée Penney, Kate Loseth, Daniel Owusu Nkrumah, John Hansen, Elisabeth Miller, Michael Kowalchuk, Jonathon Mercredi, and Jade Creelman





Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge funding from UBI Works and sponsoring partner Coalition Canada basic income-revenu de base, a national non-partisan coalition, and partner Community Development Council Durham.

UBI Works



Coalition Canada
basic income
revenu de base

- To the Edwards School of Business, we express our gratitude for a Research Completion Grant that supported report revisions in response to peer reviews.



- Our sincere thanks to the national Advisory Committee for its good guidance and to all who gave so generously in interviews.



Basic Income: Calculating the Cost Savings and Downstream Benefits

Isobel M. Findlay, Suresh S. Kalagnanam,
Cassidy Rheame, Anh Pham, Charles Plante,
and Colleen Christopherson-Cote





Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge funding for this study from Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE) via Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan



- Our sincere thanks to SASS member agencies, the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations Women's Secretariat, and all who shared their stories.



Learning is Healing
"When we know better,
we do better"

Saskatchewan Sexual Violence
Education Initiative

Somiya Tabassum, Marie Lovrod, Isobel M. Findlay,
Shaylyn White, Emilia Gillies, and Haleh Mir Miri





Completed Projects

- We gratefully acknowledge funding from Children's Aid Society of Toronto



- We are also grateful for the generous contributions of all who agreed to be interviewed and for the good guidance in regular debrief meetings with Dr. Deborah Goodman, Director, Child Welfare Institute, CAS Toronto, and Sharon Cabrera, Director, Prevention, CAS Toronto



Journey to Zero: Calculating the Social Return on Investment

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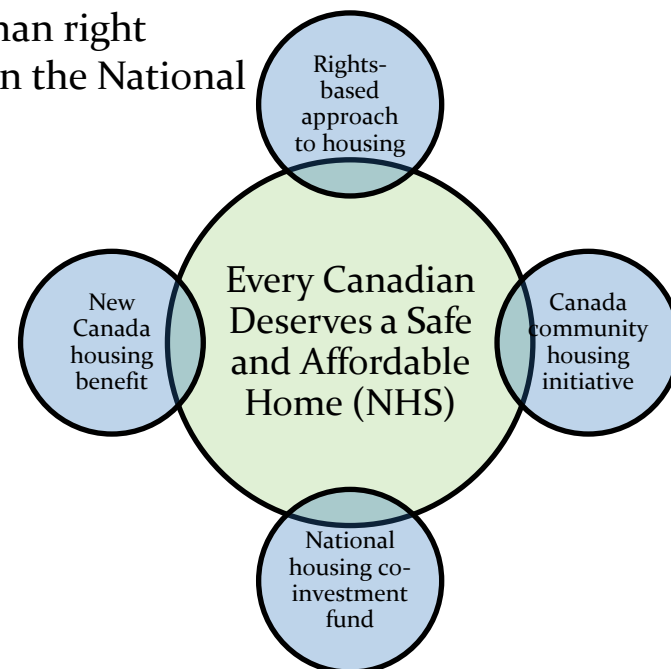
New Project



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Research Council of Canada

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sciences humaines du Canada

- **A Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home: A Multi-disciplinary Longitudinal Outcomes Analysis of the National Housing Strategy**
- **Funding:** 5-year CMHC-SSHRC Partnership grant (PIs O'Brien & Kennelly, Carleton U) 2023-2028
- **Study objectives:**
 - Housing as a human right became law in 2019
 - Assess effectiveness of approaches to housing as a human right
 - Investigate the three major funding vehicles outlined in the National Housing Strategy (NHS)
- **Five project themes:**
 1. Health, social and economic outcomes (USask leads)
 2. Climate impacts and mitigation
 3. Indigenous and Northern housing
 4. Alternative housing solutions
 5. Housing financing





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- **A Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home: A Multi-disciplinary Longitudinal Outcomes Analysis of the National Housing Strategy**
- **Research team:** Sarah Buhler, Isobel M. Findlay, Nazeem Muhajarine
- **Research partners:**
 - City of Saskatoon
 - CLASSIC
 - Cress Housing Corporation
 - Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan
 - Haven Family Connections
 - National Affordable Housing Corporation
 - Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership
 - Office of Residential Tenancies Saskatchewan



Sarah Buhler



Isobel Findlay



Nazeem Muhajarine



Ongoing Projects



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sciences humaines du Canada

- **People, Places, Policies, and Prospects: Affordable Rental Housing for Those in Greatest Need**
- **Funding:** 5-year SSHRC-CMHC Partnership Grant (2020-2025)
- **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?
 - 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 diverse individuals?
- **Research team:** Nazeem Muhajarine, Isobel Findlay, Sarah Buhler, Kaith DaSilva, Caitlin Olauson, Machi Kunzekweguta, Haleh Mir Miri, Mannie Mirzaei, Rosmary Martinez Rueda



Nazeem Muhajarine



Isobel Findlay



Sarah Buhler



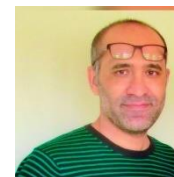
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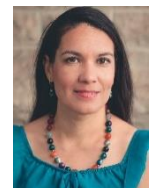
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People
Places
Policies and
Prospects

Affordable Rental Housing
for Those in Greatest Need



ABOUT US

There are different ways that governments and communities across Canada provide affordable rental housing. The problem is that there is little evidence as to which of these housing provisions results in the best outcomes for tenants. Additionally, it is not understood how different programs (e.g., rent-geared-to-income units, rent supplements, housing allowances) may result in distinctive outcomes for tenants. With Canadian policymaking being increasingly based on evidence, it is precisely this gap in information that our team helps to fill through our *People, Places, Policies and Prospects* 5-year research collaborative.

RECENT OUTPUTS



Pandemic Precarity and
Everyday Disparity:
Gendered Housing Needs
in North America



Housing and Community
Economic Development:
The Case of Membertou
First Nation



Can They Build or Not?
Nonprofit Housing
Development in an Era of
Government Re-
Engagement



Lack of Affordable
Housing in Nova Scotia
Requires Urgent Action



Financialization of
Housing in Saskatchewan



Pandemic Recovery
Agenda



A Review of Affordable
Housing Programs for
Those in Greatest Need in
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



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Ongoing Projects



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- **People, Places, Policies, and Prospects: Affordable Rental Housing for Those in Greatest Need**
- **National studies**
 - **National Housing Survey** (Nazeem Muhajarine, Catherine Leviten-Reid, Xavier Leloup, Jasmine Calix, Michael Kowalchuk)
 - **Spatial Analysis of Public and Social Housing** (Isobel Findlay, Catherine Leviten-Reid, Jackie Kennelly)
- **Regional studies**
 - **COVID and the Housing Sector** (Isobel Findlay, Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Sydney Wouters)
 - **Epic Alliance Case Study** (Sarah Buhler, Chantelle Johnson)
 - **Evictions** (Sarah Buhler, Chantelle Johnson, Hannah Gregory)
 - **Rental Development Program and Social Policy Change** (Isobel Findlay, Len Usiskin, Camponi, Alan Wallace, Michael Kowalchuk)
 - **System Transitions and the Housing System** (Isobel Findlay, Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Patti Tait, Dionne Miazdyck-Shield)



Ongoing Projects

- **College of Nursing Distributed Education: A Social Return on Investment Analysis**
- **Funding:** USask College of Nursing
- **Study objectives:**
 - To report on monetary values associated with social, environmental, and other impacts of the College of Nursing's distributed education (undergraduate and graduate), especially across La Ronge, Ile la Crosse, and south Yorkton and the accompanying community colleges and USask campuses
 - To guide decision making, and to reflect the needs of diverse College of Nursing distributed education stakeholders and communities in Saskatchewan
- **Research team:** Drs. Suresh Kalagnanam, Isobel M. Findlay, Anh Pham, and Anousheh Marouzi



Suresh Kalagnanam



Isobel M. Findlay



Anh Pham



Anousheh Marouzi



Ongoing Projects

- **Manor Transition Initiative: Outcomes and Evaluation**
- **Funding:** Elmwood Residences Inc.
- **Study objectives:**
 - To examine the impact of living arrangements on people living with disabilities
 - To examine the change in quality of life experienced by residents as a result of the move
 - To understand the process by which the change in quality of life occurred
 - To provide data that will help policy and program further improve the quality of life of people living with intellectual disabilities.
- **Research team:** Dr. Isobel M. Findlay and Shirmin Bintay Kader



Isobel M. Findlay



Shirmin Bintay Kader



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



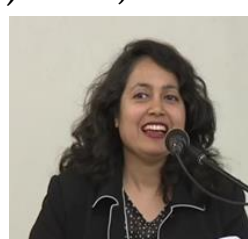
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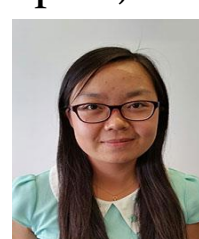
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PACSW Study—Phased Release



The President's Advisory Council on the Status of Women
and *SUM* Theatre
invite you to come and hear what we learned from you about

ACHIEVING GENDER JUSTICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN



VERBATIM THEATRE PRESENTATION and ART MAKER SPACE with BETSY ROSENWALD & DAWNA ROSE

Gordon Snelgrove Gallery, Murray Building
University of Saskatchewan

Thursday January 5, 2023, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
SPECIAL GUEST: Glenis Joyce

Come help us illustrate the Final Report:
Art supplies provided; Light refreshments served

PLEASE SAVE HOLIDAY CARDBOARD PACKAGING TO DROP OFF at the
SNELGROVE on JANUARY 3rd

For more information, please contact Joanne Hritzuk, CUISR Administrative
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We gratefully acknowledge funding from the Office of the President, the
Humanities Research Unit, and the Women's and Gender Studies Program,
University of Saskatchewan.



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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