

Quality of Life

Towards sustainable community futures

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Thursday, May 15, 2014

Friday, May 16, 2014

Quality of Life: Towards Sustainable Community Futures

Day 1: Thursday, May 15

Location: Neatby-Timlin Theatre (Arts 241), Arts 133, 134, and 146

Time	All plenary presentations in <u>Neatby-Timlin Theatre (Arts 241)</u>			Trade Show
8:30 - 9:00	Opening prayer: Elder Walter Linklater Welcomes/ Introductions: Isobel M. Findlay , University Co-Director; Bill Holden , Community Co-Director, CUISR Greetings: Heather Magotiaux , Vice President, Advancement and Community Engagement His Worship Mayor Donald J. Atchison , City of Saskatoon Val Harper , Director of Education, Saskatoon Tribal Council President Robert Doucette , Métis Nation-Saskatchewan			Trade show (Arts Building)
9:00 - 9:30	Opening plenary address Chair: Isobel M. Findlay , CUISR University Co-Director George E. Lafond (Treaty Commissioner): <i>In the Spirit of Mistawasis: Treaties and Quality of Life</i>			
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break			
10:00- 11:30	Panel 1: Quality of Life: Evidence for Action Chair: Michael Gertler , Sociology, U of S Nazeem Muhajarine and Bill Holden (CUISR): <i>Quality of Life Research in Saskatoon: 15 Years On</i> Julie Kryzanowski (Deputy Medical Health Officer, Saskatoon Health Region): <i>Building Evidence for Action: Health Determinants Research and Policy Development</i> Pam Ouart (Director, UAKN Secretariat): <i>The Aboriginal Peoples Survey, 2012 and the National Household Survey, 2011 Selected Urban Findings and the UAKN</i>			
11:30- 12:30	Panel 2: Planning for Community Well-Being Chair: Darrell McLaughlin , Acting Associate Dean, St. Thomas More College Ryan Walker (Regional and Urban Planning, University of Saskatchewan & Director, Prairie Research Centre, Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network): <i>Indigenous Planning in the City</i> Lou Hammond Ketilson (Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan): <i>Building Community: Creating Social and Economic Well-Being</i>			
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch break @ Marquis Hall			
	Breakout Sessions			
1:30 - 3:00	Arts 241 Panel 3: UAKN - Prairie Research Centre Chair: Nancy Van Styvendale , English, U of S Jaime Cidro, Tabitha Martens, Evelyn Peters (University of	Arts 133 Workshop 1: Arts and Quality of Life Chair: Darlene Lanceley , Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	Arts 134 Workshop 2: Aboriginal and Newcomer Relations: Making Community Connections Chair: Len Findlay , English & Humanities Research Unit, U of S	Arts 146 Panel 4: Planning for Quality of Life Chair: Bill Holden , CUISR Community Co-Director

	<p>Winnipeg), Jim Sinclair (Indian and Metis Friendship Centre of Winnipeg): <i>Defining Food Security for Urban Aboriginal People</i></p> <p>Bettina Schneider (First Nations U of Canada) and Kim Wenger (Newo Yotina Friendship Centre): <i>Aboriginal Life Skills and Financial Literacy Curriculum and Education through the Newo Yotina Friendship Centre (NYFC)</i></p> <p>Evelyn Peters (U of Winnipeg) & Shelly Craig (Flin Flon Aboriginal Friendship Centre): <i>Defining and Responding to Aboriginal Homelessness in Flin Flon</i></p>	<p>Saskatoon Community Arts Programming (SCYAP): Art and quality of life</p> <p>Note: this session is from 1:30 to 2:30</p>	<p>Joe Garcea (Political Studies, U of S): <i>Newcomer-Aboriginal Relations: Perspectives on Past, Present, and Future Connections</i></p> <p>Jennifer Heimbecker (Office of the Treaty Commissioner: <i>Building New Relationships Program: First Nations and Newcomers</i></p> <p>Jess Hamm (Saskatchewan Intercultural Association), <i>Learning Interculturalism Through Employment : Employment Training Program for Newcomer and Aboriginal Youth</i></p> <p>April Sora (City of Saskatoon): <i>City Initiatives and Participation in Intercultural Connections</i></p>	<p>Lesley Anderson (City of Saskatoon): <i>Local Area Planning: Reinvesting in Urban QoL</i></p> <p>Laura Hartney (City of Saskatoon): <i>Urban Reserves and Treaty Land Entitlement: City-First Nations collaboration</i></p> <p>Paul Ledoux (MLCN Investment Management Corp): <i>Muskeg Lake's Urban Reserve Contributions to Quality of Life.</i></p>
3:00 - 3:30	Coffee break			
3:30 - 5:00	<p>Arts 241</p> <p>Panel 5: UAKN - Prairie Research Centre: Chair: Lee Swanson, Edwards School of Business, U of S</p> <p>John G. Hansen, Rose Antsanen, Isobel Findlay, Joe Garcea (U of Saskatchewan), Bill Holden (CUI SR Community Co-Director), Brad Bird (Saskatoon Urban Aboriginal Strategy), Darlene Lanceley (SIIT), Harry Lafond (Office of the Treaty Commissioner): <i>Comparing the Lived Experiences of Urban Aboriginal Peoples with Canadian Rights to a Quality of Life</i></p> <p>John Hansen (U of S), Nicole Callihoo (U of S), and Gwen Bear (Aboriginal Friendship Centres of</p>	<p>Arts 133</p> <p>Workshop 3: Social economy and Quality of Life Chair: Audra Krueger, Research Officer, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, U of S</p> <p>Irene Gannitsos (Affinity Credit Union): <i>Affinity's Approach to Building a Better World</i></p> <p>Dave Shanks (Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op [CNYC]): <i>CNYC and Quality of Life</i></p> <p>Clifford Ray (President, Northern Saskatchewan</p>	<p>Arts 134</p> <p>Panel 6: Quality of Life for Diverse Communities Chair: Jethro Cheng, CUI SR Strategic Research Coordinator</p> <p>Erin Lindsay (Saskatchewan Abilities Council): <i>Reconsidering Disabilities</i></p> <p>Deborah Bryson-Sarauer (Saskatchewan Schizophrenia Society): <i>Mental Health and Quality of Life</i></p> <p>Sean Waldbillig (University of Saskatchewan): <i>Quality of Life in LGBTQ Populations</i></p>	

	<p>Saskatchewan): <i>An Exploration of Addictions Recovery among Aboriginal Peoples who utilize the Friendship Centre in Saskatoon: A Holistic Approach to Healing</i></p> <p>Nancy Van Styvendale, Priscilla Settee, and Sarah Buhler (U of Saskatchewan), Stan Tu'Inukuafe (Oskayak High School, Saskatoon): <i>Wahkohtowin: A Relational Approach to Teaching and Learning with Str8UP, Oskayak High School, and the University of Saskatchewan</i></p>	<p>Trappers Association Co-operative): <i>Trapping and Quality of Life</i></p> <p>Arlene Bear (Big River First Nation): <i>Ohpahow Wawesegikiwak Arts Marketing Co-op and Quality of Life</i></p>		
5:00 - 5:45	<p>Book launch: Neatby-Timlin Theatre (Arts 241)</p> <p>Bonnie Jeffery, Isobel M. Findlay, Diane Martz, and Louise Clarke (Eds.), <i>Journeys in Community-based Research</i> (University of Regina Press, 2014)</p> <p>Priscilla Settee, <i>Pimatisiwin: The Good Life, Global Indigenous Knowledge Systems</i> (J. Charlton Publishing, 2014)</p>			
6:00 - 9:00	<p><i>Reception hosted by Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (229 4th Avenue S)</i></p> <p>Entertainment: Bluejay Linklater (Drummer), Zoey Pricelys Roy (spoken poet, hip hop artist), Dallas Boyer (Fiddle)</p>			

Day 2: Friday, May 16 Location: STM Cafeteria and STM 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002		
Time	Plenary Presentations (Location: STM Cafeteria)	Trade show
8:30 - 9:00	<p>Plenary address</p> <p>Chair: Sheri Benson, CEO, United Way of Saskatoon and Area</p> <p>Barb Byers (Canadian Labour Congress): <i>National Survey on the Impact of Domestic Violence in the Workplace</i></p>	Trade Show (STM Atrium)
9:00 - 10:00	<p>Panel 7: Immigrant Quality of Life</p> <p>Chair: Joe Garcea, Political Studies, U of S</p> <p>Nazeem Muhajarine (University of Saskatchewan), Allison Williams (McMaster University), James Randall (University of Prince Edward Island): <i>Metropolis Immigrant Quality of Life: Relationship to Adaptation in Three Canadian Cities</i></p>	
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30 - 11:15	<p>Plenary address</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine, Community Health & Epidemiology, U of S</p> <p>Katherine Scott (Canadian Index of Well-Being and Canadian Council on Social Development): <i>The Canadian Index of Wellbeing: Measuring What Matters</i></p>	

	Breakout Sessions			
11:15-12:15	<p><u>STM 1001</u></p> <p>Panel 8: Quality of Life over the life course Chair: Darlene Lanceley, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies</p> <p>Candace Skrapek & Cheryl Loadman (Council on Aging): <i>Enhancing Quality of Life: Building an Age-friendly Community</i></p> <p>Andrew Hatala (Community Health & Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan): <i>Youth Resilience and QoL</i></p> <p>Paulette Hunter (Psychology, STM): <i>Improving Quality of Life for Long-Term Care Residents with Dementia</i></p> <p>Marie Lovrod (Women’s and Gender Studies & English, U of S): <i>Pathways: Undertaking Intersectional Feminist Research with Youth Transitioning to Adult In(ter)dependence from Government Care</i></p>	<p><u>STM 1002</u></p> <p>Workshop 4: Food Security Chair: Lisa Erickson, Manager, Outreach and Engagement, Station 20W</p> <p>Rachel Engler-Stringer (CH&E, Medicine, University of Saskatchewan): <i>Understanding household and community food security in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</i></p> <p>Ulrich Teucher (Psychology, University of Saskatchewan): <i>Food Security: Difficulties of Conserving Plants and Plant Food Knowledge</i></p> <p>Jagath Jayasinghe (University of Sri Jayewardenepura): <i>Public-private Partnerships and Enhancing Food Security in Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Gord Enns (Saskatoon Food Council): <i>Saskatoon Food Council and QoL</i></p>	<p><u>STM 2002</u></p> <p>Workshop 5: Literacy/ Social Return on Investment Chair: Isobel Findlay, CUISR University Co-Director</p> <p>Suresh Kalagnanam (Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan): <i>Social Return on Investment</i></p> <p>Nicole White (Read Saskatoon): <i>Asset Building and Financial Resiliency</i></p> <p>Catherine Howett (Provincial Library & Literacy Office): <i>Demonstrating Value in Saskatchewan Public Libraries: Creating an Outcomes Measurement Model</i></p>	<p><u>STM 2001</u></p> <p>Workshop 6: Interdisciplinary/ Integrative Methods for Quality of Life Research</p> <p>Bill Holden (CUISR Community Co-Director and City of Saskatoon)</p> <p>Nazeem Muhajarine (CUISR and CH&E, Medicine, University of Saskatchewan)</p>
12:15-12:45	Lunch break @ STM Cafeteria			
12:45 - 1:30	<p>Plenary address</p> <p>Chair: Andrew Dunlop, Director, Community Engagement and Outreach, U of S)</p> <p>Sherril B. Gelmon (Portland State University): <i>Community and Academic Opportunities for Engaged Scholarship</i></p>			
	Breakout Sessions			
1:30 - 3:00	<p><u>STM 1001</u></p> <p>Panel 9: Physical Activity and QoL Chair: Lisa Erickson, Manager, Outreach and Engagement, Station 20 West</p>	<p><u>STM 1002</u></p> <p>Workshop 7: SRIC/ United Way & QoL Chair: Fred Ozirney, SRIC Coordinator</p>	<p><u>STM 2002</u></p> <p>Panel 10: Justice and Quality of Life Chair: Sue Delanoy, ED, Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan</p>	

	<p>Michael Linklater (Program Coordinator, White Buffalo Youth Lodge): <i>Sports and Quality of Life</i></p> <p>Colleen Charles (Indigenous Voices Program Coordinator, University of Saskatchewan): <i>Sport on a Personal Educational Journey</i></p> <p>Amy Shipley (Community Consultant, Sask Sport): <i>Sport and Quality of Life</i></p>	<p>Myra Potter (United Way of Saskatoon & Area): <i>Plan to End Homelessness</i></p> <p>Shannon Hanson (City of Saskatoon) and Judy Shum (United Way): <i>Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership and Impact Strategy Analysis</i></p> <p>Colleen Christopherson-Cote (SPRP and Early Years Partnership): <i>Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership</i></p> <p>Ashley Kayseas, Kitaskinaw project on Urban Aboriginal Experience of Service Provision in Saskatoon</p>	<p>Craig Nyirfa (Saskatoon City Police): <i>Saskatoon HUB</i></p> <p>Robert Henry (University of Saskatchewan): <i>Gang Strategy</i></p> <p>Darlene Lanceley (Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies) & John G. Hansen (Sociology, University of Saskatchewan): <i>Swampy Cree Restorative Justice</i></p>	
3:00-4:00	<p>Chair: Len Findlay (Director, Humanities Research Unit, U of S) Alanis Obomsawin, Hi-HoMistahey! (NFB documentary)</p>			
4:00 - 4:15	Coffee break			
4:15 - 5:00	<p>Panel 11: Discussion of Hi-Ho Mistahey! Documentary</p> <p>Chair: Len Findlay (Humanities Research Unit, University of Saskatchewan)</p> <p>Tasha Hubbard (University of Saskatchewan)</p> <p>Annie Battiste (Aboriginal Students' Centre, University of Saskatchewan)</p> <p>Max FineDay (President, University of Saskatchewan Students' Union)</p> <p>Marcel Petit (Independent filmmaker)</p>			
5:00 - 5:30	<p>Plenary discussion: lessons learned</p> <p>Chairs: Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine, Community Health & Epidemiology, and Bill Holden, CUISR and City</p> <p>Closing prayer: Elder Walter Linklater</p>			

Plenary addresses



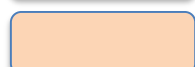
**Plenary panels
& book launches**



Breakout Panels

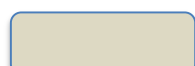


Breakout workshops

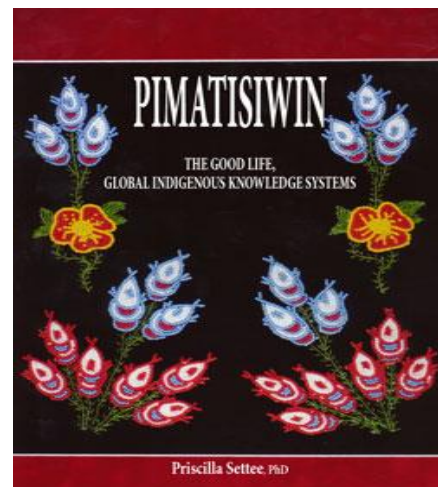


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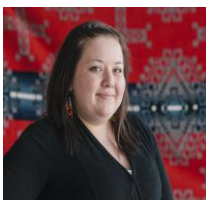
Trade show



Book launches



Plenary Presenter Biographies



Annie Battiste is a Mi'kmaq woman from Potlo'tek First Nations of Cape Breton (Unama'kik), Nova Scotia. She is currently the Mentorship Coordinator at the Aboriginal Students' Centre (ASC) at the University of Saskatchewan and a graduate student in Educational Foundations in the College of Education.



Barb Byers (Executive Vice-President, Canadian Labour Congress) is well known as a "Prairie populist." From her early years as a social worker to heading the Saskatchewan Government Employees Union (SGEU) and the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour (SFL) before being elected as a CLC Executive Vice-President, Barb's life has been spent fighting for the underdog. As a social worker for 17 years, she addressed issues of poverty, youth unemployment, Aboriginal concerns, equality for all and labour rights. Barb led her union through four turbulent years. Barb's strong community roots led her to become founder of the SFL Summer Camp for Youth in Saskatchewan and co-founder of the Prairie School for Union Women.

Moving from the SFL to the Canadian Labour Congress in 2002, Barb is responsible for labour education; medicare and health care; workplace training and technology; employment insurance; apprenticeships; and issues of concern to women workers, workers with disabilities and gay, bi-sexual, lesbian and transgender workers. She also represents Canada on the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization, the United Nations agency that brings together governments, employers, and workers in common action to promote decent work throughout the world.



Max FineDay is from Sweetgrass First Nation and is majoring in political studies. He was elected President of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) for the 2013/2014 year, re-elected for 2014/15, and has a long history of involvement with the USSU and student lobbying, having sat as an elected member of council and been appointed to USSU committees. On the Board of Governors, Mr. FineDay sits on the Land & Facilities and Finance & Investment committees and looks forward to working with the board while bringing the crucial voice of students to the table. Academically, his focus is on post-secondary education policy in Saskatchewan and abroad, First Nations policy, as well as provincial, federal, and First Nations provincial and federal politics and the political systems of New Zealand.



Dr. Sherril B. Gelmon (Chair, Public Administration Division and Professor of Public Health, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University) is an eminent scholar on health profession education accreditation and a leader in community engagement research and related teaching strategies. Dr. Gelmon holds undergraduate degrees from the Universities of Saskatchewan and Toronto, a master's in health administration from the U of Toronto, and a PhD from the School of Public Health, University of Michigan, and is an alumna of the Pew Health Policy Fellows Program.

Dr. Gelmon's research has two major areas of emphasis. The first is on applications of continuous improvement in health services delivery and higher education, with emphasis on the design and evaluation of educational programs for new health services professionals in disciplinary and interdisciplinary formats. The second focus is the study of higher education policy, with specific applications to institutionalization of community engagement and related teaching strategies and institutional policies. Dr. Gelmon has been principal or co-investigator on approximately 70 funded research projects during her academic career. Through these multiple projects, she works with community agencies, providers, and graduate students to develop evidence of impact of various educational and health improvement interventions, and assists in the development of relevant program improvement and policy strategies.



Dr. Lou Hammond Ketilson is an Associate Professor, Johnson-Shoyama School of Public Policy, and Fellow in Co-operative Management, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives. Her research interests include management in co-operatives and other democratic organizations, community development, women in co-operatives, Aboriginal co-op development, and diversity on co-op boards and governance bodies. After serving a five-year term as associate dean in the College of Commerce, Lou became acting director of the centre in July 2004 and director, April 2005-2014. Winner of the Award for Distinction in Community-Engaged Teaching and Scholarship, Spring 2013, and past chair of the International Co-operative Alliance Committee on Co-operative Research, she is currently the lead of two large research projects (in partnership with the Canadian Co-operative Association): a 2010–15 initiative on the impact of co-operatives and credit unions in Canada funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and a 2013–16 project on sustainable rural development in Africa funded by the International Development Research Centre.



Bill Holden graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with Honours in the Regional and Urban Development Program in 1983. After time in the UofS graduate studies program and starting a market research company, Mr. Holden started working for the City of Saskatoon as Planner in 1987 and is currently senior planner and coordinator, Community View Collaboration. As a founding member of the intersectoral group that established CUISR, Mr. Holden is committed to the collaboration of university knowledge, community experience and energy, and the decision-making and investment power of local government agencies. This commitment has been expressed first as the Co-Director of CUISR's Quality of Life Module and now as the Community Co-Director of CUISR. In this role Mr. Holden has focused on developing and managing community partnerships, developing original research, and supporting local decision-makers and organizations with the goal of better public policy and community outcomes.



Tasha Hubbard, assistant professor, English, U of Saskatchewan, teaches indigenous literatures, as well as classes in first-year English as part of the Aboriginal Student Achievement Program. Her current film and academic work focuses on Indigenous creative representation of the Buffalo and on recovering historic Indigenous stories. She is an award-winning documentary filmmaker; her solo writing/directing project *Two Worlds Colliding* (2004) won a Canada Award at the Geminis and a Golden Sheaf Award and she recently released the animated short film *Buffalo Calling*, 2013.



Dr. Julie Kryzanowski is a Deputy Medical Health Officer for the Saskatoon Health Region. She received her medical degree from Queen's University, a Master of Science degree in Community Health Sciences from the University of Calgary, and is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with certification in the specialty of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. In the Saskatoon Health Region, Dr. Kryzanowski is the MHO responsible for the Population and Public Health's Health Promotion Department and Public Health Observatory. She has a strong interest in promoting health equity in public health and across the health region. Born in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, she and her family are happy to call Saskatoon home.



George E. Lafond (Treaty Commissioner) is a member of the Muskeg Lake (Treaty 6) Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. He was raised in the community by his mother, one of the first women chiefs to hold office in Canada, the late Senator Alpha Lafond, and his father, a veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict, Albert Lafond, along with his brothers and sisters and extended family.

George has been involved in community development and service in a variety of roles during his professional career. He worked in recreation at the band level, obtained a teaching degree and taught high school in Saskatoon, and has been both the elected Tribal and Vice-Tribal Chief for the Saskatoon Tribal Council. George has been involved in many initiatives to bring innovative community, economic and social development to First Nations peoples in Saskatchewan and Canada. A life-long supporter and participant in sports and recreation, George has coached hockey, baseball and other sports at all levels, from novice to midget, and firmly believes that the lessons from the locker room of persistence and commitment can help boost the resilience of First Nations individuals, families, and communities.

George believes that reconciliation is a key theme for this generation of leaders and that building a common understanding of the treaty relationship, treaty history, and the spirit and intent of treaties is at the core of what reconciliation means. He hopes to bring that commitment, his grounding in community and the broader life of the province, to his role as Treaty Commissioner.



Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine is Professor and Chair, Community Health and Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan, and Research Faculty, Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU). Nazeem is a social epidemiologist who leads the healthy children research theme at SPHERU, working with other faculty members, research staff and graduate students investigating the social determinants of children's health. He is also board member, former co-director (academic) and founding member of the Community-University Institute for Social Research at the

University of Saskatchewan.

Nazeem brings together breadth and depth in academic research, expertise in quantitative, qualitative, and evaluation research, and a deep understanding of and commitment to conducting research that makes a difference for the young children of Saskatchewan, their families, their neighbourhoods, and the broader community.



Pam Quart is the Director of the Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network Secretariat at the National Association of Friendship Centres in Ottawa. Pam is originally from Saskatchewan, where she received her BA in Native Studies and an MA in Geography and Planning from the University of Saskatchewan. She is currently a PhD Candidate at Trent University where her work explores the complexity and richness of urban Aboriginal organizations, particularly Friendship Centres.



Marcel Petit is an independent producer, filmmaker, and photographer from Saskatoon, SK where he runs his independent production company, m.pet productions. He is also a strong community activist and a strong believer in hope & change.



Dr. James Randall is a Professor and Coordinator of the Master of Arts – Island Studies program at the University of Prince Edward Island. Prior to assuming this role in 2012, he served as Vice President Academic at UPEI for two years. Before joining UPEI, Jim was a Professor in International Studies and Geography at the U. of Northern British Columbia, where he also served as Provost (2007-08) and Dean of the College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences (2003-07). Jim spent 15 years at the U. of Saskatchewan, including a period of time as Head of the Department of Geography and as Co-Director of the federally-funded research institute Community-University Institute for Social Research. Jim's academic credentials consist of a Ph.D. in economic geography (University of Washington) and an MA and BA from York University in Toronto. His research and teaching interests are in economic geography, quality-of-life indicators, community economic development, urban/regional planning and the role of universities in communities.



Katherine Scott, Vice President Research and Policy, Canadian Council on Social Development, has worked in the social development field as a researcher, writer, and advocate over the past 20 years. Her on-going work focuses on issues of social and economic inclusion as they affect children, families and communities. In her role at the Canadian Council on Social Development (CCSD), she plans and manages the research agenda and public education activities of the CCSD. She is a founding member of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing's National Research Advisory Group and played a key role in developing the index through her research on Community Vitality. Katherine lives and works in Ottawa, Canada, with her family. She holds degrees in political science and environmental studies.



Dr. Ryan Walker is an associate professor of urban planning at the University of Saskatchewan and directs the Prairie Research Centre of the Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network, which serves Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He is co-editor and co-author of two books, *Reclaiming Indigenous Planning* (published by McGill-Queen's University Press) and *Canadian Cities in Transition: New Directions in the Twenty-first Century* (published by Oxford University Press). Walker is a Registered Professional Planner and serves as Co-Chair of the Canadian Institute of Planners 2015 National Conference Steering Committee which will be held in Saskatoon, co-sponsored by the Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute. In 2012 he received the Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence and University of Saskatchewan Award for Distinction in Outreach and Engagement.



Dr. Allison Williams is Associate Professor, CIHR Research Chair in Gender, Work and Health, School of Geography & Earth Sciences, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, and has held previous academic appointments at the University of Saskatchewan and Brock University (St. Catharines, Ontario). Dr. Williams is trained as a social geographer, having a long research interest in sense of place, therapeutic landscapes, informal caregiving, women's health, quality of life, and community-based research. She is the recipient of a number of Awards, including the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) - Ontario Women's Health Council/ECHO-Institute for Gender and Health Mid-Career Scientist Salary Award (2008-2013), the CIHR New Investigator Salary Award (2001-2006). She has recently begun a CIHR Chair in Gender, Work and Health, with a focus on caregiver-friendly workplace policies (2014-2019). She is currently supervising 6 graduate trainees.

Panel and Workshop Presenter Biographies

Lesley Anderson is a Registered Professional Planner with a Masters in Planning from Dalhousie University. She is the Manager of Neighbourhood Planning for the City of Saskatoon. In this role, she oversees teams involved in Attainable Housing, Urban Design, Neighbourhood Safety, and Local Area Planning.

Rose Antsanen was born and raised in Northern Manitoba; she is a member of the Lac Brochet Dene Nation and is a graduate student in the Department of Educational Foundations at the University of Saskatchewan. Her research is in the area of Aboriginal quality of life and social justice.

Arlene Bear is from Big River First Nation. She obtained her B of Ed. with distinction, a major in English and minor in Science. She taught in Dillon, SK, before returning to her community. She currently teaches English, Science, Native Studies and Life Transitions. She has two beautiful grandchildren, Kobe and Khloe, and is a single parent of four boys and two girls. She is very proud to speak her Cree language and loves sewing, hunting, and fishing. She believes all people have a gift to share and every day is a second chance to make life better.

Gwen Bear has been Executive Director, Aboriginal Friendship Centres of Saskatchewan (AFCS), since January 2011. Gwen manages the Aboriginal Friendship Centres Program (AFCP) Federal funding and reporting, and oversees the administration of the provincial Cultural Connections Aboriginal Youth (CCAY) Initiative and other provincial and national projects. Gwen also advocates on behalf of the Friendship Centres in the province. Gwen is an experienced manager offering more than 11 years' experience with First Nations & Non Profit organizations. She also offers six years as an educator/facilitator owning and operating her own computer business working for various Colleges. She has also worked as a researcher for the University of SK, University of Regina, and the First Nations University, gathering and recording evidence of many aspects of specific gender treatment for addictions, women and violence, as well as spiritual, social, and general cultural practices.

Brad Bird has been involved with Saskatoon Indian Metis Friendship Centre since 2003, initially as a staff member working with youth, then as a board member for the last several years. Born and raised in Saskatoon, Brad is a member of the George Gordon First Nation. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in the spring of 2012 with a degree in Political Science, majoring in Aboriginal Public Administration and a Native Studies minor. Family and friends are an important part of his life, as well as leading an active lifestyle playing a variety of sports such as basketball and golf. Brad was previously our Urban Aboriginal Strategy - Saskatoon Coordinator and has been hired as the new Aboriginal Cultural Coordinator of the AFCS Office.

Deborah Bryson-Sarauer is a registered social worker. She most recently retired as Executive Director at Family Service Saskatoon. Previously she worked for Mental Health Services in Humboldt and was Dean at St. Peter's College. She has been volunteering with The Partnership Program with the Schizophrenia Society for 4 years. Deborah is also a sessional lecturer at the U., of Regina Faculty of Social Work.

Sarah Buhler is an assistant professor, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan. Before joining the college in 2010, she served as the Executive Director and Supervising Lawyer at Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City (CLASSIC) and practiced at a law firm. Sarah graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 2002, receiving a Dean's Letter of Recognition for

Cumulative Academic Excellence, as well as academic prizes in Evidence Law, Aboriginal Law, and Legal Research and Writing. She was called to the Bar in Saskatchewan in 2003. Sarah served as a Commissioner for the Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission, 2005-2008, and as Alternate Chair of the Tri-District Mental Health Region Review Board, 2006-2009. In 2008 she received the University of Saskatchewan Award for Distinction in Outreach and Engagement.

Nicole Callihoo will receive her Master of Public Administration at the Spring convocation from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, U of Saskatchewan. Raised in Alberta and a proud member of Paul First Nation, with a BA in Native Studies from the University of Alberta and over 15 years' work experience with Friendship Centres across Canada, she is Chair of the Aboriginal & Indigenous Graduate Student Council and the Aboriginal Liaison for the Graduate Student Association.

Colleen Charles, BA, Med (Indigenous Voices Program Coordinator, U of Saskatchewan) is a Woodland Cree from the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. As a single mother of three children and one granddaughter, Colleen values education so much as to travel every week for two and a half years to Saskatoon for her Masters Program while teaching Indigenous Studies and Restorative Justice and working full-time as a First Nations School Success Program Retention Consultant. Colleen worked with the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District as a Community Relations Coordinator and also as a Community School Recreation Coordinator implementing activities afterschool, evenings and weekends. Currently, Colleen is a Team Saskatchewan Volleyball Sport Co-Coordinator for NAIG 2014, a Team Woodland Volleyball Coach for the 2014 First Nations Winter Games and was Mission Staff for 2014 Saskatchewan Winter Games.

Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Community Partnership Facilitator, Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership and Saskatoon Early Years Partnership, has worked in community development for the past 10 years first as a rural community economic development officer and then as the Community Partnership Facilitator for two Saskatoon Regional Intersectoral Committee priorities. With a background in science and education, experience as a school trustee, and municipal councillor, Colleen brings a unique perspective to community development. The recipient of the Saskatchewan Economic Development Association "developer of the year award" and the Council of the Federation Literacy Award, Colleen has a proven track record of collaborative, innovative partnership development and intersectoral relationship building.

Dr. Jaime Cidro is an Assistant Professor at the University of Winnipeg in the Department of Anthropology. Dr. Cidro is the recipient of the New Investigator Award for Aboriginal Health Scholars through the NEAHR (CIHR) and works primarily in social determinants of health including maternal child health and food security in northern First Nations communities and inner city Winnipeg.

Shelly Craig has been an employee with the Flin Flon Aboriginal Friendship Centre since 1981, currently in the position of Executive Director. During her tenure with the Friendship Centre, she has seen many advances in determinants for health, and notes that there remains much work to be done. Shelly is an advocate for respect and equality, and believes that by working together and through partnerships, we can achieve.

Dr. Rachel Engler-Stringer is an assistant professor, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. She has a doctorate in Nutrition and her research interests include community food security, food environments and food access, food system sustainability, health promotion, and community-based and participatory research. Rachel is currently principal investigator of a large, multi-year CIHR and SHRF-funded study examining the food environment in Saskatoon for families with children.

Gord Enns was appointed Executive Director of the Saskatoon Food Council on April 1, 2014. Gord has extensive food sector experience gained through over 12 years of leadership of Heifer International Canada, supporting urban and rural food security. Prior to joining Heifer in 2002, Gord worked as an agrologist with Saskatchewan Agriculture for more than 12 years. His background also includes working with Mennonite Central Committee on community development projects in Zimbabwe.

Dr. Isobel M. Findlay (University Co-Director, CUISR, Scholar, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, and Professor, Management & Marketing, Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan) teaches and publishes widely on business communications, co-operative studies, Aboriginal entrepreneurship, and law and culture. A member of the Sector Commission on Culture, Communication, and Information, she has special research interests in communications, cultures, and communities;

community-based research methods and ethics; diversity in the workplace; Aboriginal and associative organizations; partnerships and governance; and corporate social responsibility, performance indicators, and reporting standards.

Irene Gannitsos is the Community Investment Manager with Affinity Credit Union and is responsible for leading and supporting Affinity's community investment and development programs and initiatives. Prior to moving back to Saskatchewan in 2011, Irene worked for 11 years with Vancity Community Foundation, developing and managing programs in areas such as social enterprise development, social finance, affordable housing, local food systems, and non-profit real estate. She also worked as the coordinator of a CED capacity building project with the Centre for Sustainable Community Development at Simon Fraser University and was the Executive Director of the Immigrant Access Fund of Saskatchewan, 2012. Irene holds a Master of Science in Rural Planning & Development, University of Guelph, and a Bachelor of Commerce, University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Joe Garcea (Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan) teaches courses in local and multi-level governance, public policy, public management and partnerships. He has conducted research and published on immigration, integration, inclusion and interculturalism as well as local governance. He has served as Chair and Director of Research and Analysis for the Saskatchewan Task Force on Municipal Legislative Renewal, as a member of Saskatchewan's Métis Electoral Panel and of Saskatoon's Municipal Ward Commission, as Domain Leader, Politics and Citizenship Domain, Prairie Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration, and as Team Leader for the Saskatchewan component of an MCRI project on multi-level governance.

Jess Hamm (Saskatchewan Intercultural Association) grew up in rural Saskatchewan and has made Saskatoon her home for over 10 years. She is married to her high school sweetheart and she has a Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan. Jess's passion for helping others is why she pursued the field of teaching but also why she found herself working and staying in the non-profit world. She has been working for the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association (SIA) for 6 years where she has worked on several programs spending most of her time on the Mentorship Program and is currently also the Employment Manager. She also has been active in writing proposals for new programs at SIA which have helped the organization secure more than 6 new programs since she started working at SIA in 2008.

Dr. John G. Hansen is a member of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation. He is an Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department at the University of Saskatchewan, and his research and teaching specialization is in the area of Justice, Crime and Society, focusing on Aboriginal models of justice.

Shannon Hanson has worked for the City of Saskatoon for 20 years and is currently the Social Development Manager within the Community Development Division. She has been part of the Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership since its inception and has been involved in numerous funding programs both as a funder and as a recipient. Shannon is also involved in community initiatives as a representative of the City including the Poverty Reduction Partnership and Crime/Gang Reduction Strategy.

Laura Hartney is Manager, Regional Planning Section for the City of Saskatoon. The Regional Planning Section works with First Nations who are selecting land as Treaty Land Entitlement or creating Reserves in the Saskatoon region, providing information about the planning process and helping negotiate compatible land use agreements. Laura is a graduate of the Regional and Urban Planning program at the University of Saskatchewan. Before joining the City, she worked as a community planner for the provincial government, the Rural Municipality of Corman Park that surrounds Saskatoon, and a private consulting firm.

Dr. Andrew R. Hatala completed his Ph.D. in the Culture and Human Development program in the Department of Psychology, University of Saskatchewan, looking at how Western medical models of mental health treatment and conceptualization of mental disorders compare with or can dialogue with Indigenous knowledge and approaches. Andrew aims to help provide what he calls "culturally and contextually appropriate clinical practice guidelines for policy-makers, institutions, and healthcare professional working in multi-cultural contexts like Canada." Andrew is beginning a CIHR post-doctoral research project in Community Health and Epidemiology and Psychiatry. Along with his two supervisors Sylvia Abonyi and Caroline Tait, Andrew is working on "*Identifying strategies of resilience and mental health among inner-city Aboriginal youth.*" This project takes as its operating principle the fact that there are existing resources, capabilities, and strengths within inner-city neighbourhoods.

Jennifer Heimbecker (Director of Speakers Bureau, Office of the Treaty Commissioner) received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours in Aboriginal Public Administration, University of Saskatchewan. At this time she was presented with the Most

Outstanding Student Award. While continuing full-time work with OTC, she has also obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Aboriginal Agriculture and Land Management with the U of S. Since 2008, Jennifer has been the Speaker Bureau/Project Coordinator. Under Jennifer's direction the members of the OTC Speakers Bureau have reached well over 20,000 Saskatchewan residents with Treaty Education. Jennifer has also been involved with various projects such as the Treaty Essential Learnings document, CTV vignettes, the Building New Relationships program, and has been instrumental in the creation of such partnerships with the University of Saskatchewan Students Union and the Aboriginal Students' Centre.

Robert Henry (Native Studies, University of Saskatchewan) is a Metis from Prince Albert, SK. Robert is currently in the Department of Native Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, where he has focused his PhD research on the usage of photovoice methods to understand relationships between Indigenous male youth and street gangs. He focused his research on relational accountability and the 4R's of Aboriginal research.

Catherine Howett, Literacy and Learning Partnerships Coordinator, Public Library Planning, Provincial Library and Literacy Office, Ministry of Education, Government of Saskatchewan. The Provincial Library and Literacy Office develops the legislative and policy framework for the operations of the Saskatchewan public library system. It administers grants and coordinates system needs such as the cooperative use of information technologies, databases, interlibrary loans and virtual reference services. Catherine currently leads the Summer Reading Evaluation and Strategy project, a 3 year program to develop an outcomes measurement model designed to assist public libraries to demonstrate value and their potential to support student success. Her work experience includes academic research support and project coordination; consultancy for an international network of NGO's; and project management and programming in public and community libraries.

Dr. Paulette Hunter is Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, where she teaches courses about human development over the lifespan. Her program of research emphasizes psychosocial interventions to improve quality of life in older adulthood, with a special focus on older adults who have dementia. Since one factor that may influence quality of life in dementia is the degree of social stigma attached to the disorder, her work explores the impact of beliefs about personhood on those who have dementia.

Dr. Jagath Jayasinghe is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Food Science and Technology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, with experience working in small and medium enterprises, and livelihood development projects assisted by international funding agencies in Sri Lanka.

Dr. Suresh Kalagnanam is an Associate Professor in the Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan, specializing in the areas of management accounting and management control systems. He has presented at numerous conferences and published research papers and teaching cases in national and international peer-reviewed journals. More recently he has developed an interest in pursuing research focusing on management control in the NGOs/social organizations.

Ashley Kayseas has been the Director of Aboriginal Relations with United Way of Saskatoon and Area since December 2010. His work involves engaging the Aboriginal community and working to ensure that United Way and its funded agencies are inclusive of the Aboriginal community. Prior to joining United Way, Ashley was involved with the Friendship Centre movement both at the local level and provincial level.

Harry J. Lafond is the Executive Director of the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. He has a wide range of experience in the community, in politics and in academics. He has been Chairperson for the Board of Trustees First Nations since 2003. Previously, he served his Nation as Chief (1990-2000). Harry has worked extensively in the area of education as the Director of Education and earlier as Principal of Kihiw Waciston School at Muskeg Lake. Harry's academic education includes: B.A.; B. Ed, and an M.Ed. He was appointed to serve on the Senate of the University of Saskatchewan (1995-2002) and was also appointed to the national Federal Task Force on Education (2003). Family is a priority and Harry spends many hours with his children and grandchildren teaching them about being Cree.

Darlene Lanceley (Employment Development Consultant, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies) is a Mistawasis First Nation band member who has worked in the field of education for many years. Darlene holds a Bachelor of Education, a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts and started her PhD studies, Fall 2009, Sociology, U of S. She has worked as a community developer, teacher, student advisor, post-secondary counsellor, policy analyst, sessional lecture, and researcher. Darlene is interested and

has lectured in areas of self-government, treaties, Indian Act, Residential School, Indian Control of Indian Education, Murdered and Missing Women, restorative justice, and social policy relating to Aboriginal people in urban Canada particularly in the area of homelessness and housing.

Paul Ledoux is a member of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. He has over 20 years' experience in First Nations economic development and is currently employed as the General Manager of MLCN Investment Management Corp a wholly owned company of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Paul is responsible for the management of a group companies owned by Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. The companies are located on the urban reserve lands in Saskatoon. He was also a recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Affinity Credit Union.

Erin Lindsay is the Program Senior Supervisor for the Saskatoon Branch of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Erin has been with the Abilities Council since 2006. Her primary role within the agency involves program development & evaluation and grant writing. Her work is guided by the Council's vision of working together to enrich futures through abilities and mission to work with people of varying abilities to enhance their independence and participation in the community through vocational, rehabilitation and recreational services. Erin has a four year Bachelor of Arts Degree (Sociology) from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from the University of Regina. Erin is passionate about working in human services and has a background in the Corrections and Disability fields.

Michael Linklater (Program Coordinator, White Buffalo Youth Lodge) helped take basketball in Saskatchewan to new heights. Already, he has achieved many of his own dreams and it makes sense he is helping others achieve theirs. Linklater recalls setting three goals for himself when he was in grade 6, attending the Bedford Road Invitational Tournament (BRIT), a major high school basketball event in Saskatoon. "The three goals I set for myself were to play in that tournament, to play at the college level in the States and to play basketball professionally," he says. "I spent so many hours in the gym, pushing myself to achieve these goals." Achieve he did—at high school, BRIT, Bismarck, N.D., SAIT in Calgary, Lakeland College in Lloydminster, AB, and with the U of S Huskies where he was voted captain in his final year and led the team to an unprecedented achievement. In the 2009-2010 season, the Huskies won the CIS National title for the first time in the school's history.

Cheryl Loadman is the project coordinator for the Saskatoon Council on Aging Age-Friendly Saskatoon Initiative project.

Dr. Marie Lovrod is Women's and Gender Studies Coordinator at the University of Saskatchewan. Working across humanities and social science frameworks, she examines lived gendered experiences as shaped by material and discursive forces, learning together with diversely positioned people who seek to grow beyond the effects of social violence in their lives. Recognizing trauma and resiliency as cultural and political phenomena implicated in the formation of systems and subjectivities, she has published on the role of differential colonial education in producing dominant and subaltern trajectories, how post-traumatic stress disorder diagnoses condition potentials for social reform, practices of feminist counseling in response to childhood traumas, intergenerational labor practices and policies, and peer-networks among youth in government care and custody.

Tabitha Martens is a Cree Metis student at the University of Manitoba. She is currently working on her Master's thesis on Indigenous food sovereignty in western Canada, as well as a project on cultural food access and skills in Winnipeg.

Sergeant Craig Nyirfa is currently assisting in the development of a Saskatoon HUB, which involves numerous human service agencies working collaboratively to address acute elevated risk situations. Craig is a strong proponent of integrated and collaborative approaches working to create vibrant healthy, safe and caring communities. Craig has extensive experience on Aboriginal policing issues including a 6 ½ year secondment to the Canadian Police College in Ottawa where he worked in the Professional Development Centre for Aboriginal Policing and as manager of Knowledge and Research on "Economics of Policing" issues in which the Prince Albert Hub/COR model figured prominently as an emerging practice.

Dr. Evelyn Peters is an urban social geographer. She received her BA (Hons) at the University of Winnipeg and her MA and PhD at Queen's University in Kingston. Dr. Peters' research focus on First Nations and Métis people in cities has been conducted with community groups, including the Prince Albert Grand Council Urban Services Inc., the Saskatoon Tribal Council, Friendship Centres in Saskatoon, Winnipeg, and Flin Flon, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, and the Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. Her edited book with Chris Andersen, *Indigenous in the City: Contemporary Identities and Cultural Innovation*, focusses on urban

Indigenous experiences in Canada, US, Australia, and New Zealand. In 2013 Dr. Peters was given the Canadian Association of Geographers' Award for Service to the Discipline, for her work in developing the field of urban Aboriginal geographies.

Myra Potter is the Director of Resource Development at United Way of Saskatoon & Area, an organization she has been honoured to be involved with for the past 15 years. Myra is the staff lead on The Plan to End Homelessness. She works with a dedicated team of volunteer leaders to move this important initiative forward.

Clifford Ray, President of the Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative (NSTAC), is from Sandy Bay. From a long line of trappers and natural resource managers, he is in his third term as president of the NSTAC. Recently retired from his position with SaskPower, Clifford now puts his energy into retelling the stories of trapping and remapping the territory, including the area around Sandy Bay.

Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming (SCYAP) Inc. is a charitable organization that meets the social, educational, and economic needs of youth at risk through arts and culture. SCYAP was established in 2001 to offer street-level, youth-oriented solutions to crime and unemployment by using an interest in visual art as the key to personal development and redirection towards a healthier and more productive life. **SCYAP** (conveniently located in Saskatoon's downtown at 253 3rd Ave South) offers a variety of art programs and community art initiatives with the purpose of giving youth the opportunity to make a connection with the wider community and earn the recognition and confidence that comes with it.

Dr. Bettina Schneider is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Business and Public Administration at First Nations University of Canada. Bettina received her M.S. in Community Development and her Ph.D. in Native American Studies from the University of California, Davis. Her dissertation was a comparison of Aboriginal and Native Financial Institutions in Canada and the United States. Her current research interests are Indigenous Community and Economic Development, Indigenous Relevant Business and Financial Literacy Curriculum and First Nations Financial Reporting and Accountability Relationships.

Dr. Priscilla Settee is an Associate Professor in the Department of Native Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. Settee is a member of Cumberland House Cree First Nations from northern Saskatchewan. In 2012 she was awarded the University of Saskatchewan Provost Award for teaching excellence in Aboriginal Education and was also awarded the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee award in 2012 for contributions to Canada.

Dave Shanks is Executive Director, Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op (CNYC). CNYC is committed to developing life and employment skills with Saskatoon youth. It creates educational and sustainable economic opportunities through hands-on programming and community outreach. CNYC promotes the values of cooperation, sustainability, leadership skills, environmental principles, and youth initiative in a safe and respectful environment. By supporting sustainable youth enterprise, the CNYC will be where people representing a diversity of backgrounds and life experiences are able to come together, mentor and learn from each other, and build stronger communities. CNYC will also play an integral role in the development of Saskatoon's core neighborhood communities by engaging youth to be leaders in their community.

Amy Shipley is a graduate from the University of Saskatchewan and has worked the past seven years in the area of community development within Sask Sport Inc. Within the area of community development Amy has worked on many different programs that aim at enhancing the ability of Aboriginal people and other under-served groups to the Saskatchewan sport system. Amy is also a graduate of the McEwan University Executive Leadership in the Non Profit Sector program. She believes strongly in the ability of the not for profit sector to contribute to vibrant thriving communities. In addition to her work with Sask Sport Amy is also a volunteer at the Bridge on 20th where she makes meals for women within the inner city of Saskatoon.

Judy Shum, BA (Director of Community Impact, United Way of Saskatoon and Area) obtained her BA in Sociology, with a Concentration on Gender and Families, York University, Toronto, Ontario. She is currently a Master of Public Administration (MPA) candidate of the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. Judy's career in the not-for-profit sector over the past 25 years includes numerous senior management positions in both funding organizations and CBOs. At United Way of Saskatoon and Area, she is driving the development of a new Community Investment Strategy that will guide the organization's work towards achieving outcomes under three key focus areas – From Poverty to Possibility, Healthy People Strong Communities, and All That Kids Can Be. Judy is passionate about forging a strong culture of outcome and evidence based

evaluation in the not-for-profit sector in Saskatoon, not only from the perspectives of accountability and reporting, but more so from the perspective of a collective responsibility between funders and the funded in making real change to improve the lives of those who are most vulnerable in our community.

Jim Sinclair is currently the Executive Director of the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre of Winnipeg. Prior to taking on this role, Jim worked at the Selkirk Friendship Centre for 25 years. Other positions he has held include the Coordinator of the Urban Strategy for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and the Financial Advisor for Matawa Tribal Council in Thunder Bay. Jim is from St. Peter's Peguis Band in Manitoba and spent seven years at the Fort Alexander Residential School.

Candace Skrapek is a retired nurse educator and started as a volunteer with SCOA in 2005. Currently Candace is Past President of the SCOA Board of Directors and is interested in governance and policy development of nonprofit organizations. She co-chairs the Age-friendly Saskatoon Initiative Steering Committee, and is a member of the Executive Committee, Advocacy Committee, Communications Committee, and the Older Adult Abuse Task Force. She also serves on the Saskatoon Housing Authority board.

April Sora (Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant, City of Saskatoon) spent the first half of her career working as an adult English as a Second Language teacher first with Seneca College and then with the Toronto District School Board. When she moved to Saskatoon she worked in various positions with the federal government including Senior Development Officer in Community Programs and Employment Equity Consultant for the Prairie Region. April has also spent her years in Saskatoon volunteering in the settlement sector. Every Friday night you can find April at taiko practice (Japanese drumming) with the grassroots performance group, Living Sky Taiko.

Dr. Ulrich Teucher is an associate professor, Culture and Human Development Program, Department of Psychology, U of S. Ulrich trained as a pediatric nurse and worked in a children's cancer ward in Hamburg, Germany. Working in India for two years, he explored Eastern philosophies and spiritualities with regard to self, health, and death and dying. After immigrating to Canada, he studied Comparative Literature and Psychology at the U of British Columbia. In his interdisciplinary and cross-cultural doctoral dissertation (SSHRC funded), "Writing the Unspeakable: Metaphor in Cancer Narratives," he examined metaphor in cancer discourse. In his postdoctoral studies he examined constructions of identity in the narratives of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal adolescents, with a focus on adolescent suicide (UBC, sponsored by CIHR and MSFHR), as well as children's developing conceptions of self-knowledge (U of Nottingham, UK; sponsored by ESRC).

Stan Tu'Inukuafe has a B.A. in Aboriginal Justice and Criminology (UofS), a Bachelor Degree in Indian Social Work (FNUC), and a Masters in Adult Education (UofS, Ed Foundations). He has been involved with Str8Up for the past five years (two years as a volunteer; three years as the Str8Up Coordinator). Currently, he is the Social Worker at Oskayak High School. He has over ten years of experience in working with high risk youth and adults involved in the criminal justice system.

Dr. Nancy Van Styvendale is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English who specializes in Indigenous North American literatures and community service-learning. She is a founder and coordinator of the *Inspired Minds: All Nations Creative Writing* program at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, and she serves on the Board of AIDS Saskatoon. Nancy has co-edited several works, including *Narratives of Citizenship: Indigenous and Diasporic Peoples Unsettle the Nation-State* (2008) and *Str8Up and Gangs: The Untold Stories* (2012).

Sean Waldbillig has a Double Major Honours in Political Studies and Women's and Gender Studies. He was part of the Exploring Cultures archival group, which explored the Neil Richards archive and is working on a chapter for an art history book discussing Queer Visual Culture in Saskatchewan. In the fall, Sean will be attending Queen's University for his master's to study Gender and Politics specifically around transgender rights

Kimberley Wenger was born and raised in Regina, SK. Kim received her youth care worker certificate with honours, SIAST Kelsey Campus, 2010. She has been honoured to hold the role of Program Manager at the Newo Yotina Friendship Centre in Regina, SK for the past four years. Her biggest accomplishment thus far has been the relationships she has built with community members, leaders, and organizations. She believes that sharing and collaboration are a foundational part of her work for the NYFC.

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