



Walking Together Towards a Sustainable Future

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Welcome to this year's symposium, "Walking Together Towards a Sustainable Future." We live in a complex world where seemingly intractable issues divide us as human beings and where we are increasingly disconnected from the natural world that sustains us. Complex issues require holistic approaches that are informed by diverse voices working together across sectors, disciplines, and borders. In the face of social and political divisiveness, how do we overcome barriers to walk together on a journey that will lead us towards more sustainable and resilient societies? How do we work within our own communities to address local issues within a global framework? And what are the transformative steps we need to take that will allow us to travel the distance on this collective journey?

ACIC's 2018 symposium will tackle these questions through a focus on climate change, indigenous issues, structural inequalities associated with access to wealth and natural resources, and the necessity of exploring collaborative responses to these issues that are designed to move us forward positively.



Symposium Agenda

THURSDAY, JUNE 21st

6:00 PM	Registration - SSDE (School of Sustainable Design Engineering) RBC Concourse
7:00 PM	Welcome & Opening Remarks - SSDE 128A and 128B
7:15 PM	Public keynote address by Sheila Watt-Cloutier
8:30 PM	Reception

FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd

8:00 AM	Registration continues - AVC (Atlantic Veterinary College) Foyer
8:30 AM	Opening Remarks - Lecture Theatre B AVC
8:45 AM	Panel discussion
10:15 AM	Break – AVC 285N
10:30 AM	Concurrent Workshops:

- Workshop 1 - AVC 286 A: Development Sustainability through The Integral Value Chain Model- David MacKay
- Workshop 2 - AVC 286 B: The Road from Idle No More to Old Harry- Leo Cheverie

12:00 PM	Lunch - cafeteria
1:00 PM	ACIC's Annual General Meeting - Lecture Theatre B AVC
2:30 PM	Break – AVC 285N
2:45 PM	Concurrent Workshops:

- Workshop 1 - AVC 286 A: The Relationship Between Social Justice Issues and Emotional Intelligence- Darlene Doiron
- Workshop 2 - AVC 286 B: In Her Own Voice: Documentary and Discussion- Sandra Moran

4:15 PM	Cry of the Loon presentation & Panel Discussion to debrief - Lecture Theatre B AVC
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Note: It takes 20 minutes to drive to Tracadie Community Centre.

6:30 PM	Gala Dinner and Silent Auction – Tracadie Community Centre for the evening
7:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Presentation of Shirley Case Leadership Award
8:00 PM	Entertainment

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd

8:45 AM	Opening Remarks
9:00 AM	The Blanket Exercise
11:00 AM	Break
11:30 AM	Plenary/ lessons learned
12:00 PM	Closing Remarks

Thursday Evening Keynote Address

Everything is Connected: Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Sustainability, Human Rights and Leadership in the 21st Century



Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier is in the business of transforming public opinion into public policy. Experienced in working with global decision makers for over a decade, Watt-Cloutier offers a new model for 21st century leadership. She speaks with passion and urgency on the issues of today—the environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health, and sustainability—not as separate concerns, but as a deeply interconnected whole. At a time when people are seeking solutions, direction, and a sense of hope, this global leader provides a big picture of where we are and where we're headed.

In 2007, Watt-Cloutier was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her advocacy work in showing the impact of global climate change on human rights—especially in the Arctic, where it is felt more immediately, and more dramatically, than anywhere else in the world. Watt-Cloutier an Officer of the Order of Canada; the recipient of the Aboriginal Achievement Award; the UN Champion of the Earth Award; the Norwegian Sophie Prize; and the Right Livelihood Award, which she won in November, 2015 and is widely considered the “Nobel Alternative”.

From 1995-2002, Watt-Cloutier was elected the Canadian President of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC). She was later elected in 2002 to become the International Chair of the ICC, representing the 155,000 Inuit from Canada, Greenland, Alaska and Russia—she held this post until 2006.

Watt-Cloutier is the author of the memoir, *The Right to Be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic and the Whole Planet*, published in 2015. The book was nominated for the 2016 BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction and the Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing. In 2017, the book was shortlisted for CBC Canada Reads, defended by Chantal Kreviazuk. Watt-Cloutier was also shortlisted for the Kobo Emerging Writer Prize.



Friday Morning Panel Discussion:

Walking Together: Steps for Organizational Change

With today's reality of limited funding and human resource capacity, we often find ourselves compensating by reducing or limiting our scope/ framework/ lens.

But including intersections of identity of our audiences is necessary when thinking about moving forward, working toward genuine change, and working with and for communities. Making time and space to explore new frameworks through creativity and innovation is important. We strive to engage in better ways with communities such as youth, indigenous, 2SLGBTQ+, African-Canadians and within a feminist, climate justice, sustainable development goals framework.

While our sector supports all of these lens/ frameworks, there are practical obstacles that prevent us from actually acting on them.

This panel will explore the importance of including and diversifying theory frameworks within organizations that can create change while reducing and minimizing harm.

Panellists will discuss how the lens or framework benefits their organization and work daily and how to fund and support long-term sustainable change in their work for the variety of communities we seek to engage.

Friday Morning Panelists



Sandra Moran is an advocate for LGBT, women's and Indigenous rights, an accomplished musician and, most recently, a politician. In 2015, Sandra made history as the first feminist and first openly gay Member of Congress to be elected in Guatemala. She is a member of the Convergence CPO-CRD party, which brings together feminists, students, farmers, as well as Indigenous peoples.



Dr. Sherry Pictou is a Mi'kmaw woman from L'sitkuk (water cuts through high rocks) known as Bear River First Nation, Nova Scotia and is an Assistant Professor in the Women's Studies Department at Mount Saint Vincent University with a focus on Indigenous Feminism. She is also a former Chief for her community and the former Co-Chair of the World Forum of Fisher Peoples. Her research interests are decolonization of treaty relations, Social Justice for Indigenous Women, Indigenous women's role in food and lifeways, and Indigenous knowledge and food systems.



Josie Baker is a queer woman from the island of Abegweit, the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. She is Executive Director of the Tatamagouche Centre, a retreat centre for transformative education in Nova Scotia. Her background is in the local and national movement for migrant worker rights, community development, and anti-oppressive community work. She is committed to creating inclusive and safer spaces, and challenging the ways that neo-liberal capitalism continues to degrade community and our ways of working together.

Southern Speaker Recipient



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the Convergence CPO-CRD party, which brings together feminists, students, farmers, as well as Indigenous peoples.

Sandra was forced to leave Guatemala during the 1980s, at the height of Guatemala's Internal Armed Conflict, due to her involvement in student politics. In 1986, while in Nicaragua, she joined the revolutionary music group Kin Lalat, which used music to denounce state violence and to foster international solidarity with Guatemala. Members of the group eventually went to Canada as refugees, performing in the Maritimes in 1988. Today, Sandra continues to perform percussion and poetry, and in 2011 helped form the band "Centro-America Feminista," made up of prominent women singer-songwriters from several Central American countries.

Sandra's work is rooted in a history of grassroots activism. She returned to Guatemala in 1994 and participated in the formation of the Women's Sector, an alliance of 33 organizations and collectives throughout the country. She served as its coordinator for 13 years. In 1995, Sandra also founded the first lesbian collective in Guatemala- We Are Women. Sandra has been one of the most visible faces of the feminist movement, working to publicly denounce the impunity, fear and violence that is used as a political strategy to oppress Guatemalans struggling for social justice.

Concurrent Workshops

Friday, June 22, 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Development Sustainability through The Integral Value Chain Model

LOCATION: AVC 286 A

FACILITATOR: David McKay

The workshop will examine the Integral Value Chain development model as a holistic approach to economic development. The model deals with development challenges by recognizing 4 aspects of development: internalized individual and community cultural norms as well as the tangible aspects of life such as individual physical health, human made infrastructure as well as regional eco systems.

The workshop will include a discussion of the ISCA's implementation study conducted in northern Haiti in 2014, the development proposal and the actual work undertaken, in partnership with Chalice and peasant farmers to establish 27 backyard poultry enterprises, an agro supply store and a laying barn in 2017. The presentation will also provide an overview of these existing operations and the successes and challenges observed in a recent (March 2018) operational audit.

David MacKay is an agro-food business consultant working both internationally and in the Atlantic region. He works in Haiti and the Ukraine where he utilizes the integral value chain model to develop a sustainable business approach to livestock production. David ensures that development initiatives have the infrastructure and market support necessary to succeed. This development aspect is critical to the ISCA-AIDC model of sustainable development. He has worked to foster sustainable community development right here at home through his work with a variety of community based organizations including the PEI Organic Producers Co-op, Farmer's Markets, PEI Eco-Net Co-op, and other Atlantic region NGOs.

The Road from Idle No More to Old Harry

LOCATION: AVC 286 B

FACILITATOR: Leo Cheverie

The workshop will examine federal government issues and policies that relate to climate change, extractive industries and First Nations issues and will focus on the protection of the environment, meeting Paris climate targets and the rights of indigenous peoples (including UNDRIP). This will be

examined in light of the various issues that have arisen in Atlantic Canada including various projects like Alton Gas, Elsipogtog and tracking, Old Harry and Corridor Resources, Abercrombie Mill, Muskrat Falls, access to water issues and related Canadian projects such as pipelines where indigenous communities are on the front lines and which highlight the need to protect water and our environment for the next seven generations. There will also be examination of some successful campaigns on PEI and elsewhere and see if there is room to apply some of these practices to these emerging issues, work within existing networks and groups and to reach out to Atlantic Canadian Members of Parliament on these issues.

Leo Cheverie is a member of SOSS, CUPE's National Aboriginal Council, No Frack PEI, Native Council of PEI and has been an advocate on various issues including indigenous rights and environmental sustainability. He has taught lobbying and political actions within CUPE and to citizen groups.

Concurrent Workshops

Friday, June 22, 2:45PM – 4:15PM

The Relationship Between Social Justice Issues and Emotional Intelligence (EI)

LOCATION: AVC 286 A

FACILITATOR: Darlene Doiron

Some of the greatest moments in human history were fueled by emotional intelligence. When Martin Luther King, Jr. presented his dream, he chose language that would stir the hearts of his audience.

This workshop hopes to offer a wide ranging conversation allowing participants to share their insights, knowledge, and wisdom. It aims to discuss issues of injustice as often affecting the emotional and physical well-being of a person or a community. What is the role of Emotional Intelligence (EI) in creating awareness when it comes to social justice issues related to areas such as human rights, gender inequity, racism, violent extremism, sexism, etc. The purpose of this workshop will be to advocate how emotional intelligence traits can be successfully used to deepen our understanding of how to foster “socially conscious” practices within the Canada. The Notion of cultural intuition will be explored as Emotional intelligence allows an awakening from cultural competence to cultural humility. After all emotional intelligence traits, if practiced responsibly, can make society a better place for everyone to live and work in.

We will also discuss social media trends and attitudes and identify the characteristics related to EI in social media sites that play important role in impacting behavior.

Darlene Doiron has over 25 years of experience with various levels of government in counselling, teaching and conflict resolution. She is currently employed as a Mediator with the Federal government and the founder of Medi8 Solutions Inc. which is company supporting peaceful dialogues, mediation, facilitation and training. She specializes in difficult conversations/negotiations—where emotions run high and relationships become strained. With a Master's Degree in Psychology, she is also a current graduate student of the United Nations University of Peace. Serving on various boards she prides herself in actively promoting happiness, forgiveness and mediation models in her work and her community. She is on three mediation rosters for Child Protection, Olympic Level Sports Disputes and the Energy Board of Canada. Darlene is a graduate of both the Program on Negotiation at Harvard and Dalhousie University. Very grateful for her education and experience she feels her best schooling in negotiation began with her own two children. This led to her lifelong learning journey with a dedicated focus on cultivating optimism in the face of seemingly-intractable conflicts at the individual, societal and global levels.

In Her Own Voice: Documentary and Discussion with Sandra Moran

LOCATION: AVC 286 B

FACILITATOR: Sandra Moran

Join Sandra for the premiere of a short documentary *En Voz Propia* (In her own voice), which tells the story of Guatemala's first feminist and openly gay Member of Congress, Sandra Moran. The film takes us through a journey of close to four decades of struggle for the rights of historically marginalized groups in the country: Indigenous peoples, women and LGBTI community. Sandra's personal history is weaved together with the recent history of the Central American country. The film will be followed by a discussion with Sandra on movements, resistance and her life in Guatemala.

Sandra Moran is an advocate for LGBT, women's and Indigenous rights, as well as an accomplished musician. She is also the first feminist and openly gay Member of Congress to be elected in Guatemala. Her experience includes coordinating the Sector de Mujeres, an alliance of 33 women's groups in Guatemala.

Friday Afternoon Panel Discussion:

Cry of the Loon debrief

“Cry of the Loon,” a comedic-drama in one act, examines the hollowness of an official - even if sincere - apology for the Canadian government’s mistreatment of Indigenous peoples. The play does so by a modern day reversal of fortunes. Written by Malcolm Murray, directed by Jan Rudd, and with cultural advisement by Julie Pellesier-Lush and David Varis.

Friday Afternoon Panelists



“Cry of the Loon,” will be **Malcolm Murray’s** fifth play produced, and is included in his upcoming collection of plays published by Island Studies Press. His other publications include six short stories and five philosophy books by National and International presses, the last being *Morals and Consent: Contractarian Solutions to Ethical Woes* (McGill-Queens, 2017).



Julie Pellissier-Lush is a writer and a storyteller who is very active in the Mi’kmaq community of Prince Edward Island. In 2009, Julie published her first book, ‘My Mi’kmaq Mother’ which became a best seller in PEI. In 2011 Julie wrote the play ‘Mi’kmaq Legends’ that continues to grow stronger every year. She fills her spare time with presentations on Aboriginal Culture and traditions using the art of storytelling poetry and theatre. Julie is a Lennox Island First Nation Band member.

Friday Gala Evening Entertainment

Tracadie Community Centre



Teresa Doyle is a vocal explorer with a lifelong passion for pushing the boundaries of her voice. She's endlessly experimenting with new vocal colours, extended vocal techniques, and vocal textures from other cultures. Her exploration has taken her around the world singing with Kenyan farm women, a Japanese lute player, Tibetan overtone singers, Soca musicians from Tobago, improvisers in New York, South Indian yogis, traditional Gaelic singers from Ireland, and folk musicians from the Yukon Territory to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Her repertoire reflects her journey but is always firmly rooted in the Celtic music and stories of her native Prince Edward Island.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Calls to Action

Upon closing, the TRC issued 94 Calls to Action in order to “redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation.” The proposed actions call on all levels of government to work together to repair the harm caused by residential schools and begin the process of reconciliation.

The calls to action are divided into the following categories. Download the full report here: **www.trc.ca**

Legacy

- Child welfare
- Education
- Language and culture
- Health
- Justice

Reconciliation

- Canadian governments and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People
- Royal Proclamation and Covenant of Reconciliation
- Settlement agreement parties and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Equity for Indigenous people in the legal system
- National Council for Reconciliation
- Professional development and training for public servants
- Church apologies and reconciliation
- Education for reconciliation
- Youth programs
- Museums and archives
- Missing children and burial information
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
- Commemoration
- Media and reconciliation
- Sports and reconciliation
- Business and reconciliation
- Newcomers to Canada

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