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The Future of Human Cultures and Livelihoods in a Sea of Change

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

- 6:00 PM** Registration [foyer, Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
6:45 PM Welcome & Opening Remarks – **Susan Onalik** [Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
7:00 PM 40 years of International Cooperation in the Atlantic
7:30 PM Panel Discussion: Water Justice: Impacts on human cultures, livelihoods and community development with panellists **Abdou Kanteh, Chief Mi'sel Joe** and **Sharmane Allen**
8:45 PM Reception

FRIDAY, JUNE 12th

- 8:30 AM** Registration continues [foyer, Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
9:00 AM Opening Remarks [Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
9:15 AM Concurrent Workshops:
- **Abdou Kanteh** (Nova Scotia Gambia Association) "Healthy Water, Healthy People" [Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
 - **Emma Graham, Yael Gazit, Mick Jefferies** (Act 4 Global Change program) "The Youth Piece (x Peace)" [C2024 Chemistry/ Physics Building]
 - **Liam Swiss** (Memorial University) "Canadian Aid by the Numbers" [C2026 Chemistry/ Physics Building]
- 10:45 AM** Break [foyer, Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
11:15 AM Plenary: Key points from the workshops, reflections on the outcomes from the morning, **Brian Tomlinson** will speak about the Gates Poll and Sustainable Development Goals [Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
12:00 PM Lunch [Hatcher Dining Hall]
1:15 PM Keynote by **Dr. Barbara Neis** "Rebuilding Fisheries and Threatened Communities In the North and South" [Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
3:00 PM Break [foyer, Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall]
3:30 PM ACIC's Annual General Meeting [Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall] 6:00 PM Gala Dinner & Silent Auction [RCAF Club – 565 Roosevelt Avenue, St. John's]
7:30 PM Presentation of Shirley Case Leadership Award
8:00 PM Music with **Tony O'Brien, Allan Ricketts** and **Rick West**

Friday Evening Music



Tony O'Brien (fiddle), Allan Ricketts (vocals and multi-instrumentalist) and Rick West (bodhran) are session regulars and have been active in the St. John's music scene for decades. Tony is a Folk Music teacher, co-hosts the weekly trad session at O'Reilly's Pub on Sundays, and is a mainstay at other sessions including the lunchtime session at the Rocket Bakery on Tuesdays. Allan is best known as an accomplished solo artist and his albums have received multiple nominations for ECMA and Music NL as well as the Emerging Artist of the Year (25th NL Arts Council Awards). Allan also plays with the well-known country band, THE EIGHT TRACK FAVOURITES. Rick West played and was executive producer for the session album, Snotty Var, nominated for an ECMA in 1998. Since then he has been a member of MAHERS BAHERS, led by accordion-master, Frank Maher and whose album, Mahervelous, was nominated for two Canadian Folk Music Awards. Rick has played on 9 albums and performed on numerous radio/television shows including broadcasts on CBC, RTE (Ireland), BRAVO, and VISION TV.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

- 9:00 AM** Opening Remarks [C2004 Lecture Hall, Chemistry/Physics Building]
9:15 AM Concurrent Workshops:
- **Cyr Couturier** (Marine Institute) "Sustainable Livelihoods in a Sea of Change" [C2004 Chemistry/ Physics Building]
 - **Paula Graham** (St. John's Council of Canadians) " Public Input to NL Fracking Panel: A citizen perspective " [C2024 Chemistry/ Physics Building]
 - **Sheila Cole** (Nova Scotia Environment Network) "Turning the Toxic Tide" [C2026Chemistry/ Physics Building]
- 10:45 AM** Break [C2004 Lecture Hall, Chemistry/Physics Building]
11:00 AM Plenary: Key points from the workshops, reflections on the outcomes of **Fraser Reilly-King** from CCIC will speak about the We Can Do Better Campaign [C2004 Lecture Hall, Chemistry/Physics Building]
11:45 AM Closing Remarks

Panel Discussion: Water Justice: Impacts on human cultures, livelihoods and community development

R. Gushue Hall, MUN

Thursday, June 11, 2015. 7:30 PM



Abdou Kanteh

With over 11 years experience in development related work in communities throughout The Gambia and a holder of Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Development Studies (Honours) has hosted over 20 formal public presentations and mini-lecture sessions both academically and professionally at local and international conferences. He spoke on topics related to community health, gender, poverty alleviation, governance, leadership and general international development issues among underserved groups and communities. Abdou is a development practitioner with profound experience in programs related to health promotion and human rights advocacy, especially those related with women and children. He has been involved in several organizational and national planning, implementations and monitoring of major development programs responding to Safe Water Education (SWE), HIV/AIDS and Life Skills, Malaria, maternal health challenges, governance, improvement in the education sector, reproductive health and sexual rights in The Gambia. Most recently, Abdou has initiated NSGA's school and community-based program of education for the prevention of Ebola Virus Disease in The Gambia.

Symposium Participants



Chief Mi'sel Joe

Misel Joe was born in Miawpukek on June 4, 1947. He was born into a strong Mi'kmaq family, both his grandfather and uncle have held the office of hereditary Saqamaw. Misel has been educated in all the Mi'kmaq ways and traditions. At the age of 16 Misel was given the alternative to either leave the reserve to journey to other parts of Canada in search of employment or to travel to a neighboring community and attend secondary school. Misel chose to leave the reserve and during his time away from the community he held several different positions such as farm hand, factory worker, railroad worker, construction worker, truck driver, heavy equipment operator, ranch hand, commercial fisherman, underground miner and labor foreman. Since 1973, he has been involved in First Nation Politics, first as a Councilor and after the death of his uncle, Chief William Joe in 1982, he became Traditional Saqamaw and the Newfoundland District Chief for the Mi'kmaq Grand Council. Misel is currently in his sixth consecutive two year term as Administrative Chief. He is also the spiritual leader of his people. In this capacity he has gained recognition provincially, nationally, and internationally, particularly in the area of spiritual healing. Saqamaw Misel Joe is committed to preserving the language, culture and traditions of his people. He also plays a very public role in presenting a better understanding of the Mi'kmaq people of Miawpukek to residents of this province and country. In this process he has developed a positive profile through numerous interviews in print and electronic media, and publicized speaking engagements.



Sharmane Allen

Sharmane Allen is a Doctoral Candidate in the Geography Department at Memorial University. Under the supervision of Dr. Charles Mather and Dr. Dean Bavington, she is studying the implementation and practice of rights-based fisheries management (i.e. the allocation of licenses and quotas) in Newfoundland and Labrador's commercial fisheries, with a specific focus on the Coast of Bays Region on province's south coast. Before returning to Memorial University in 2013, she was an economic and policy analyst with the federal

Department of Fisheries and Oceans for 13 years. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Memorial University. In 2013, Sharmane received the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship and in 2000 was awarded Dalhousie University's Guy Henson Gold Medal for academic achievement, social justice, personal integrity and professionalism in public administration. Her long-standing interests in commercial fisheries and coastal communities stems from her upbringing in a coastal fishing community and her academic affiliation with Dr. Barbara Neis and Dr. Peter Sinclair in Memorial University's Sociology Department.

Abdou Kanteh - Nova Scotia Gambia Association
Bill Chislett - Marine Institute
Brian Tomlinson - ACIC NS Board Member, AidWatch Canada
Carey Bonnell - Marine Institute
Carolyn Whiteway - ACIC, Acting Executive Director
Cyr Couturier - Marine Institute
Debbie O'Reilly - Centre for Nursing Studies
Deborah Pantin - ACIC NL Board Member, Centre for Nursing Studies
Della Webster - Individual Member
Emma Graham - Act 4 Global Change Youth Ambassador
Ginette Le Breton - Engaging Canadians and Outreach (DFATD)
Hannah Pugh - Dalhousie University, Faculty of Agriculture
Irene Novaczek - ACIC PEI Board Member, CUSO
Jackie Dowling - ACIC staff
Janelle Frail - ACIC staff
Jennifer Slood - ACIC, Executive Director
Jenny Jefferies - Rolls Royce Canada Ltd.
Jessica Barry - ACIC, NL Provincial Coordinator
Joy Blundon - Marine Institute
Joy Hecht - Individual Member
Julia Pantin - Bangor University
Kathryn Hunter - CHAT To the Future
Kiley Best - Centre for Fisheries Ecosystems Research Marine Institute
Kelly Moret - Marine Institute
Laura Halfyard - Sunrise Fish Farms Inc.
Liam Swiss - Memorial University
Louise Webb - Individual Member
Mackenzie Jefferies - Act 4 Global Change Youth Ambassador
Marc Gionet - ACIC NB Board Member, Falls Brook Centre
MaryAnne McKinnon - Chalice
Mary Pippy - Marine Institute
Meghan Hollett - Association for New Canadians
Nadya Ladouceur - ACIC NB Board Member, Renaissance College, UNB
Natalie Gosse - Centre for Nursing Studies
Nora Didkowsky - ACIC NS Board Member, GPI Atlantic
Nouhad Mourad - ACIC PEI Board Member, WUSC
Paula Graham - St. John's Council of Canadians
Sharmane Allen - Memorial University
Sheila Cole - Nova Scotia Environmental Network
Sonia Ho - ACIC NL Board Member, Marine Institute
Stephanie McAnany - ACIC staff
Yael Gazit - Act 4 Global Change Youth Ambassador

Public Input to NL Fracking Panel: A citizen perspective

Location: C2024 Chemistry/ Physics Building

Facilitator: Paula Graham

This presentation is about public engagement with government and independent committees regarding policies that will impact drinking and ocean water. First, the presenters will outline how citizens in NL responded to the NL Hydraulic Fracturing Review Panel’s (NLHFRP) request for public input. The presentation will focus on creative and artistic submissions and the value of emotion and art in public decision-making regarding industrial developments that impact water. The workshop will conclude with an opportunity for participants to create their own representations of the importance of healthy marine (water) systems. Participants will be encouraged to submit their creations to current water- and ocean-related campaigns.

Turning the Toxic Tide

Location: C2026 Chemistry/ Physics Building

Facilitator: Sheila Cole

Industrial expansion of all kinds, oil and gas extraction, mining, industrialized agriculture, factory farming and our own personal lifestyles all produce chemical outputs that impact our stream, lakes, rivers and oceans. This workshop will give an overview of these subject areas by way of creating as a base of knowledge about the full extent of chemical contamination of water. Using this knowledge base we will explore ways I. Which individuals can reduce chemical contaminants in their own lives? Then we will look at sources of pollution in their communities (both the global North and South) and use examples of best practices that are already working to reduce such contamination. Finally we will discuss effective Multi-Stakeholder methods of influencing policy and legislation at the municipal, provincial, national and international levels to ensure that grassroots organizations have a say in shaping sustainable methods for managing the precious water resources on which all life depend regardless of where we live on this blue planet.

Keynote Speaker: “Rebuilding Fisheries and Threatened Communities in the North and South”

Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall

Friday, June 12, 2015. 1:15PM



Barbara Neis

Professor Neis is a University Research Professor in the Department of Sociology and Senior Research Associate in the SafetyNet Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Research at Memorial University. Professor Neis received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Toronto in

1988. Her research focuses broadly on interactions between work, environment, health and communities in rural and remote contexts.

Friday Gala Dinner Menu

We will start with a spicy seafood bisque comprised of shrimp, sweet bay scallops, fresh cod and Labrador char. It will be served with our freshly baked baguette.

The Cod Carbonara: delicate pan seared cod topped with a creamy bacon, onion, white wine Carbonara sauce served over fluffy rice pilaff and with a gingered traditional Newfoundland root vegetable medley.

Dessert: New York style cheesecake served with dollops of Newfoundland wild berries: bake apples, blueberries, and partridgeberries.

This will be served with a freshly brewed locally roasted coffee.

As for the vegan option, we will serve a curried lentil & chickpea dish over the rice pilaff and the above veggies.

Simultaneous Workshops

Friday, June 12, 9:15 am

Peer Health Education Program- A miraculous approach to building healthier societies through education

Location: Junior Commons Room, Gushue Hall

Facilitator: Abdou Kanteh

This workshop will introduce his organization and express how it is contributing to development education and health promotion in Abdou's country. It will draw on the current program structure and how the overall staffing functions. This will give an idea as to how quality could be derived from managing a sizable staff effectively and efficiently to produce amazing results. Secondly it will take the participants through the unique programming approach that NSGA undertakes and to demonstrate how the approach works in various intervention schools and communities. This section will also highlight the unique role of NSGA's Health Promotion Caravan referred to as Youth Drama Troupe and how this special arm of the NSGA Gambia program is impacting on the lives of young people and general population in The Gambia thereby saving the country's health sector of millions of dollars to have been spent on curative health care. The Healthy Water, Healthy people project was implemented in 40 communities and more than 23 schools (as summer camp program targeting students and teachers) over the period. It will also dwell on the participatory and sustainable approaches adopted by the beneficiaries of this project (community volunteers and student Peer Health Educators) both in schools and communities. Fund raising and networking potentials for NSGA will also be explored at the so that participants can think of ways NSGA could collaborate with various donor agencies and youth organizations in the Atlantic especially within the ACIC membership.

The Youth Piece (x peace)

Location: C2024 Chemistry/ Physics Building

Facilitator: Act 4 Global Change: Emma Graham, Yael Gazit, Mick Jefferies

Through informal, interactive activities participants will develop the skills and mindset required to engaged youth in your community about global citizenship.

This workshop will explain the ACT 4 Global Change program and what we have done.

It will discuss what a global citizen is, what that means to the participants, and ask how are you acting as a global citizen?

Participants will also discuss their community and youth, and group members.

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Canadian Aid by the Numbers

Location: C2026 Chemistry/ Physics Building

Facilitator: Liam Swiss

This workshop will provide participants an overview of recent trends in Canadian foreign aid spending and the recent politics of aid in Canada. The objective of the workshop is to provide ACIC members and other symposium participants an enhanced understanding of Canada's aid landscape so they can better communicate about and advocate for their respective international cooperation aims. Participants will be introduced to the most recent data, analysis, and tools available to examine Canadian aid to better inform evidence-based policy, programs, and communication. Topics addressed will include:

- * The strengths and weaknesses of various aid data sources.
- * Key trends in where and how Canadian aid is being spent.
- * Cuts to and recent under spending of Canada's aid budget.
- * Mapping DFATD priorities to aid spending numbers.

Simultaneous Workshops

Saturday, June 13, 9:15am

Sustainable Livelihoods in a Sea of Change

Location: C2004 Chemistry/ Physics Building

Facilitator: Cyr Couturier

Sustainable aquaculture and fisheries are recognized by the United Nations as one of the means of enhancing food security, livelihoods, and poverty reduction for rural coastal regions of the globe, where up to 80% of the world's citizens reside. The workshop will focus on how MI faculty and staff have enhanced local and global capacity for the future "sea of change". It will cover our capacity building in developing countries, including but not restricted to Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malawi, and Mozambique. Comparisons will be made with aquaculture and fisheries development in rural coastal Canada and in developing countries. The emphasis will be on empowering women and men, increasing food security and adapting to changing climates for fisheries and aquaculture development, as well as education and training in these countries. Our projects frequently engage small stakeholder cooperatives or producer associations whose mandates are to enhance the wellbeing of all citizens in their regions (men, women, and children). The panel will discuss approaches to further enhancing community and social development by way of case studies from past work.

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