



Serena Mendizabal at Grand Renewable Solar on the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory

## A SHARED Future Bi Monthly Update

Hello A SHARED Future team members! It has been a busy couple of months since our last update and we are excited to share a number of new developments with you, including the launch of our new website and the release of the A SHARED Future short film from the Summer Institute in 2018. If you have any news, conference, or funding announcements you would like to see in the newsletter next month, send them to Emily Beacock at [emily.beacock@dal.ca](mailto:emily.beacock@dal.ca).

If you are interested in getting involved in any A SHARED Future activity or project, please contact Marc Calabretta at [marc.calabretta@queensu.ca](mailto:marc.calabretta@queensu.ca). It would be great to connect you with the team!

### Highlights

#### New Website Launch

We are happy to roll out the brand new A SHARED Future website. The team has been working hard with Mark Stoller (Web Designer) to perform a major overhaul of the website's structure and layout. Conceptually, we anchored the website's new design around our logo, created by Simon and Claire Brascoupé (Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg).

On the new website you can find information about our research program, governance structure, collaborators, the latest updates from each project, as well as all of our past bi-monthly updates.

We will also use the site to showcase any new research outputs from the team. Thank you, Mark for the wonderful redesign of the website—we love it! You can check it out at [www.asharedfuture.ca](http://www.asharedfuture.ca)



The new layout of the A SHARED Future website. Visit us at [www.asharedfuture.ca](http://www.asharedfuture.ca)

#### A SHARED Future Summer Institute 2018 Short Film

The A SHARED Future Co-Directors and Josh Lyon (FLK Productions) are thrilled to share a new short film from our Summer Institute in the unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples in Fredericton, New Brunswick in August 2018. You can watch the video [here](#) and on our new website.

The video features interviews with Summer Institute participants who reflect on the value of their experience and the linkages formed by bringing together such a diverse and dedicated team. The A SHARED Future Co-Directors would like to

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thank all of those who attended the 2018 Summer Institute and took the time to share their thoughts with Josh and the production team. We look forward to hosting another Summer Institute in the near future. Stay tuned!



Josh Lyon (FLK Productions) capturing some moments at the Summer Institute in 2018



The 2018 Summer Institute Attendees

## Welcoming Shady Hafez and Chaneesa Ryan to the International Advisory Committee

The A SHARED Future team is excited to welcome Shady Hafez (National Association of Friendship Centres) and Chaneesa Ryan (Native Women's Association of Canada) as members of the International Advisory Committee. As we welcome Shady and Chaneesa into their new roles, we extend our best wishes to Pamela Ouart and Sarah Harney as they depart from their respective positions at the NAFC and NWAC. The entire A SHARED Future team would like to thank you both for your dedication to the research program and for the valuable contributions you have provided since the inception of A SHARED Future.

**Shady Hafez** is currently the Research Advisor at the National Association of

Friendship Centres (NAFC). He holds an MA in Indigenous Governance from the University of Victoria and is currently supporting the development of research capacity and projects within the NAFC in the hopes of creating better programs and services for urban Indigenous peoples. Shady is Algonquin Anishinabeg and Syrian from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg.



Shady Hafez (National Association of Friendship Centres)

**Chaneesa Ryan** is the Director of Health at the Native Women's Association of Canada. As a settler of Irish and Scottish descent, Chaneesa is dedicated to the process of reconciliation, specifically through shifting the agenda from truth to action. Chaneesa recognizes that this action must be led by and for Indigenous peoples. Chaneesa has worked with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and Elders from all four directions on various health and wellness initiatives. She is committed to utilizing Indigenous knowledge and decolonizing methodologies. Chaneesa is passionate about health equity and intersectional feminism and applies these lenses to inform her work.



Chaneesa Ryan (Native Women's Association of Canada)

## Diana Lewis at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, Aotearoa

On June 27, 2018 Diana (Dee) Lewis (Pro-Tem Co-Director of A SHARED Future and *We Lived This Way Before* project Co-Lead) had the opportunity to travel back to Aotearoa to give a conference presentation, entitled *Indigenous leadership in renewable energy: Exploring intersectoral partnerships for healthy lands and healthy peoples*.

Dee presented on behalf of the A SHARED Future team at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) 2019 conference held at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, Aotearoa/New Zealand. NAISA attracted 2000 registrants from around the world and was a wonderful opportunity to be amidst such an inspiring group of people. Thank you, Dee for representing the A SHARED Future Team on the international stage, sharing our work, and growing our network.



Dee Presenting at NAISA at the University of Waikato, Aotearoa.

## ASF Connect: Serena Mendizabal

While the A SHARED Future team stays connected through bi-monthly meetings and email updates, with projects unfolding coast-to-coast, we don't get to meet face-to-face very often. As a way of showcasing A SHARED Future team members, their projects, and the great work folks are doing, we have started a new segment called ASF Connect so we can all get to know each other a little better.



To start the segment, we spoke with Serena Mendizabal, a Project Assistant with *We Lived This Way Before*, about her role in the project.

If you, or someone from your project would like to be interviewed, we would be happy to chat and feature you in our next update! You can send an email to Emily at [emily.beacock@dal.ca](mailto:emily.beacock@dal.ca).

*Hi Serena! It's so nice to have a chance to catch up – thank you for agreeing to be interviewed in our first ASF-CONNECT segment! Can you start us off by telling us a little bit about yourself?*

I am currently an incoming 4<sup>th</sup> year student at Western University studying a double major in Media, Information, and Technoculture and Indigenous Studies. I am from Brantford, Ontario, the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, where I was raised in a multicultural family with my mom, a member of the Cayuga Nation and dad, who was born and raised in Panama City, Panama. I am very passionate about understanding how technoculture (the interactions between technology and culture) impacts everyone, working with Indigenous communities, and my role in helping to create a sustainable future on Mother Earth.

Outside of those interests, I am a just your regular busy undergrad student who loves being involved in her campus through orientation, her programs of study, and her community both in London and back home in Six Nations.



Serena working with Six Nations Polytechnic at the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education 2017

*Can you describe your role in A SHARED Future?*

Back in January, I joined A SHARED Future as Diana Lewis' research assistant for *We Lived This Way Before*. I have gotten to dip my feet into a bunch of different things so far, which channels into a couple of my interests, from communications work with A SHARED Future, to working on an education-focused renewable energy project for elementary school students in Tobique. With the *We Lived This Way Before* ethics approved, many more new things are to come!

*What have you been up to recently?*

I have had quite the busy summer! I was working for the London Fringe Festival as a Theatre and Visual Arts Assistant, as well as studying in a field course for Language Revitalization on the Oneida of the Thames settlement, and planning Orientation for the Class of 2023. I have also been focused on *We Lived This Way Before* and am very excited for the upcoming work on this project.

Finally, I have started to do some of my own energy work at Western University. With a couple of classmates, I have co-founded a Student Energy chapter that will help engage, educate, and advocate for young people to take action on energy and energy transitions throughout their own lives. I became a part of the Student Energy movement after attending the Indigenous Student Energy Summit, SevenGen, in Calgary, AB back in January.



Serena and classmate, Tehya Quachegan, at SevenGen in Calgary, AB

I was actually just in London, England last month for Student Energy, attending the International Student Energy Summit.

*Oooh! Cool! Can you tell us more about the Student Energy Summit?*

*The International Student Energy Summit* brought together 650 students from 102

countries around the world to facilitate conversations about energy and a sustainable future for the world.

Student Energy is a global charity focused on building the next generation of energy leaders who will accelerate our world's transition to a sustainable future. This summit gave so many students including myself a platform to share ideas surrounding the energy transition and gave me the opportunity to learn from so many others around the world. You can check out more about Student Energy [here](#).

*What was the best part of the experience?*

I would definitely have to say the amount of people and connections I made throughout the Summit. There were so many people from around the world who shared the same passion about driving a sustainable future, and the ways in which they wanted to help varied from discipline to discipline. It is easy to get into a mindset that revolves around our own general area, but this summit reminded me just how important it is for global collaboration on problems so large.



Serena and Student Energy Co-Founder, Grace Young, attending the Student Energy Summit 2019 at the Natural History Museum in London, England

*What did you learn that you can bring back to A SHARED Future?*

I was chosen as a part of the Indigenous Delegation from Canada to attend the International Student Energy Summit, and there were about 20 other Indigenous students attending from all over Canada. The biggest thing I did learn is how underrepresented Indigenous communities are in this energy conversation, and it was an important

perspective that the Indigenous students could contribute as we discussed ideas for the transition to a new energy future.



Serena with the Indigenous Delegation from Canada at the Student Energy Summit 2019

The work being done with A SHARED Future is vital and I was able to bring forth something to the global conversation while at the summit. I have gained incredible insight into how youth can have a say into what needs to be done for a sustainable future and how many groups from all over can work together to achieve the same goals.

#### *What's next?*

With August is around the corner, I will be finishing up my language revitalization field course and another project I am working on, archiving recordings from the Indigenous radio show, *Smoke Signals*. For *We Lived This Way Before*, rounding out August, Dee and I will be heading to Tobique First Nation to start planning educational renewable energy and energy efficiency learning projects for the young students in the community. And, I will also be finishing the planning for Orientation 2019 and the launch of the Student Energy chapter. Once September comes around, I will be working on my final year of undergrad studies. For now, I am going to enjoy the rest of summer and try to relax a bit before the craziness of September comes!

## **Project Updates**

Here is what project Co-Leads have been working on since our last update:

### **Urban Indigenous Leadership on Climate Action and Reconciliation**

**Co-Leads:** Renee Abram (Executive Director, M'Wikwedong Indigenous

Friendship Centre), Paul Nadiwan (Cultural Resource Coordinator, M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre), and Jeff Masuda (Centre for Environmental Health Equity, Queen's University)

**Project Assistant:** Carlos Sánchez-Pimienta (Centre for Environmental Health Equity, Queen's University)

**Advisory Committee:** TBD

**Current Status:** Project proposal under development.

**Update:** We are happy to announce that the project team consolidated a partnership with M'Wikwedong in June. M'Wikwedong has over 18 years of experience working as a Friendship Centre in Owen Sound, Ontario, acting as a hub for community programming and service delivery for Indigenous peoples living off-reserve within Grey and Bruce counties

The overall aim of our proposed research project is to support M'Wikwedong's efforts to establish its leadership role in climate action. Expected research activities include: identifying connections between M'Wikwedong's existing work and climate action in collaboration with the local urban Indigenous community; collaborating with external stakeholders to leverage resources for M'Wikwedong to advance its self-determined priorities on climate action and reconciliation; and creating opportunities for M'Wikwedong to share knowledge with other urban Indigenous organizations and settler communities regarding their respective efforts on climate action.

In the meantime, Carlos and Paul are working together to refine the existing draft research proposal and consolidate the group of people who will move forward with this project. Currently, additional team members include Anna Anbalagan (Queen's University, 4th year student with a major in Environmental Studies and a minor on Gender Studies) and Julia Moreau, (Queen's University, 3rd year student with a major in Psychology and a minor in Health Sciences).

### **Indigenous Women in Renewable Energy (I-WIRE)**

**Co-Leads:** Naatoui'lhkpiakii (Melissa Quesnelle) and Heather Castleden

**Project Assistant:** Melody Wise

**Advisory Committee:** Barbara Dumont-Hill, Tanna Pirie-Wilson, Eryn Stewart, and Open

**Current Status:** Project proceeding as planned.

**Update:** Melody has completed an initial round of coding on all the interview transcripts from the I-WIRE Gathering in October 2018 to produce a preliminary codebook. Melody will use this codebook to proceed with further data analysis. Throughout this initial round of coding, Melody has worked with Heather and Melissa to further refine, group and categorize the codes to improve the relevance and quality of their definitions. A second round of coding, which takes these changes into account, is currently underway. In addition, Melody has drafted a methods section, and is now working on a comprehensive literature review Indigenous women in the renewable energy sector to be completed over the next few weeks.

### **We Lived This Way Before - Tobique First Nation**

**Co-Leads:** Diana Lewis, Tanna Pirie-Wilson.

**Research Assistant:** Serena Mendizabal

**Project Coordinator:** Jennifer Sappier

**Advisory Committee:** Elder Ramona Nicholas, Laura Turnbull (Sex and Gender Project Co-Champion), Asha Bear (Youth)

**Current Status:** Project proceeding as planned.

**Update:** The team has secured ethics approval and Chad spent a week in Fredericton, New Brunswick during the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly and wrapped up a few interviews with Tobique First Nation staff. Serena and Diana are heading to Tobique to start the planning for renewable energy and energy efficiency educational programming for the school children in the community.

### **Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI**

**Co-Leads:** Mary Beth Doucette, Lisa Young, and Stan Johnson

**Project Assistant:** Open

**Advisory Committee:** Elder Albert Marshall and Cheryl Bartlett

**Current Status:** Project proceeding as planned.





*Mary Beth presenting at the International Doctoral Consortium in Anahuac, Mexico, describing the Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI Project*

**Update:** Mary Beth has been attending a variety of CEPI Steering Committee and Task Force meetings. In June, she attended the Climate Change Adaptation Forum. It was co-hosted by the Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve Association and the CEPI. The three days were spent between Baddeck, Wagmatcook, and Sydney. Senator Dan Christmas was a guest speaker talking about the CEPI model. In all the sessions, discussions centred around local evidence of climate change and implications, as well as co-governance and Two-Eyed-Seeing.

Mary Beth had a chance to meet with Heather to talk about the project while she was in Sydney in July. As well, Tanaysha Sack is working with Mary Beth for the summer again on a part-time basis. Mary Beth is interviewing this week for an assistant project coordinator who will hopefully work with her for the next year.



*Heather, De-Anne Sheppard (PhD candidate, OISE, Nursing faculty at CBU) and Mary Beth touring the Eskasoni Cultural Journeys as part of an Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Business Management Symposium*

## Towards Energy Security in NunatuKavut

**Co-Leads:** Debbie Martin, Amy Hudson.

**Project Assistant:** Emily Beacock

**Current Status:** Project proceeding as planned.

**Update:** Connor and Victoria (Research Assistants, Dalhousie University) have been developing the second phase of this project; they are developing research questions and methods that will collect perspectives on the impacts, strengths and opportunities that came out of the NATURE Youth Council program. Connor and Victoria are hoping to engage NATURE Youth Council members in discussions about their favourite parts of the program, as well as challenges and suggestions for future iterations. They are also hoping to engage with program and research team leaders on their thoughts on the program. They have submitted their proposal to their institutional ethics board and are awaiting approval. In addition to their research, they're working on grant applications to support ongoing sustainability research in NunatuKavut.

Siobhan Slade, NunatuKavummiuk from St. Lewis (Fox Harbour), just returned from the third and final Off Diesel Initiative training session, held in Alton, ON. She had a great time but is excited to be back in The Big Land (Labrador) to start planning the next steps of her project.



*Siobhan Slade being blown away by a wind farm in Ontario*

Meanwhile, Nick Mercer (University of Waterloo) is back in Halifax and working on transcription of his 221 community energy planning surveys.

Lastly, just this past month, Emily successfully defended her thesis for her Master of Environmental Studies and is working on minor revisions. She is getting very excited to start her PhD with Dee and Chantelle Richmond at Western this fall. Congratulations Emily on this major milestone!

## Advancing Culturally Relevant Gender Based Analysis in Indigenous Research on Renewable Energy Futures and Health

**Co-Lead:** Jeff Masuda

**Project Assistant:** Magnus Nowell

**Advisory Committee:** Programmatic Steering Committee

**Current Status:** Project proceeding as planned.

**Update:** Thematic analysis of the interviews conducted with members of the Programmatic Steering Committee is well underway for the CRGBA project. We are hoping to have a draft report on this initial stage of the project ready to share with the PSC by the end of the summer. On June 25th, Jeff and Heather met with Chaneesa Ryan, the Director of Health for the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC). They discussed the ways that CRGBA is being implemented within A SHARED Future and explored various ways for A SHARED Future and NWAC to continue to support each other's work going forward.

## Working Towards Energy Security, Self-Determination, and Reconciliation: A Collaborative Analysis of Natural Resources Canada's Off Diesel Initiative

**Lead:** Heather Castleden

**Manager:** Derek Kornelsen

**Project Assistant:** Rosy Tutton

**Advisory Committee:** Naatoi'lhkpiakii (Melissa Quesnelle), Ken Paul, Diana Lewis. We will be seeking additional members to our advisory committee from the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative.

**Current Status:** Proceeding as planned.

**Update:** The critical program analysis of NRCan's Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative (IODI) is moving along as scheduled, as the first phase of data collection is nearly complete. Derek Kornelsen and Melissa

Quesnelle travelled to Yellowknife, NT (June 18-22) and Toronto, ON (July 25-28) to attend Weeks 2 and 3 of the Indigenous Clean Energy Social Enterprise, 20/20 Catalysts training program and to conduct interviews with IODI awardees there. Interviews with NRCan staff and preliminary analysis are expected to be completed by the end of summer/early fall. Heather Castleden, Derek Kornelsen, Melissa Quesnelle, Ken Paul, and Elder Barbara Dumont Hill also met in Ottawa (June 25) to discuss project progress and direction.

### Perspectives Among Indigenous Youth on Energy and Food Sovereignty

**Co-Leads:** Hannah Tait Neufeld and Chief Gordon Planes

**Project Assistant:** Brianna Poirier

**Advisory Committee:** TBD

**Current Status:** Proceeding as planned.

**Update:** The team is happy to announce that their project proposal has been unanimously approved by the Programmatic Steering Committee and Executive Body. We are very excited about this and can't wait to get the project off the ground.

Since the last newsletter, we have been continuing to have conversations with Chief Gordon regarding next steps for the project. The team is waiting for their institutional ethics clearance before starting data collection. Brianna has been living out on Vancouver Island since April and volunteering with the Ladybug

Gardens and Greenhouse several times a week in the community.



*Berries Brianna has been growing and harvesting while volunteering with Ladybug Gardens and Greenhouse.*

### Trainee Project Updates

#### Clean Energy as a Contribution to Reconciliation Efforts? Exploring Developers and Canadian Electrical Utilities' Perspectives on Indigenous Partnerships in Renewable Energy in Canada

**Lead:** Chad Walker, Postdoctoral Fellow (Supervisor: Heather Castleden)

**Advisory Committee:** Programmatic Steering Committee

**Current Status:** Project proposal submitted to PSC for review.

**Update:** Fresh off presenting his work at the International Sustainability Transitions Conference in Ottawa this past June, Chad is preparing two manuscripts related to his interviews with non-Indigenous partners (developers, utilities) over the past year. He will be sharing these drafts with the A SHARED Future team shortly.

### Exploring Relations, Experience and Ways of Knowing in an Interdisciplinary Cross-Cultural Program of Research

**Lead:** Sara Rotz, Postdoctoral Fellow (Supervisor: Heather Castleden)

**Advisory Committee:** Simon Brascoupé and Cheryl Bartlett

**Current Status:** Project proceeding as planned.

**Update:** Sarah has completed all of her interviews with the Programmatic Steering Committee and is beginning the transcription and analysis process. Sarah will now be reaching out to the International Advisory Committee and former A SHARED Future Team Members for an interview, where possible. From here, Sarah will draw up themes and analyze the data, which she plans to present at the next ASF Annual Meeting in December.

Sarah started as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Science at York University as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations Sarah on your new position—we look forward to your continued work with A SHARED Future from your new home at York!

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## Upcoming Opportunities:

### Call for Papers with Academic Journals:

- ✚ A call has been put out for a Special edition of the International Journal of Indigenous Health (IJIH), entitled "Health Systems Innovation: Privileging Indigenous Knowledge, Ensuring Respectful Care, and Ending Racism towards First Nations in Service Delivery," guest edited by BC First Nations Health Authority (FNHA). You can find more information [here](#).

### Grants, Institutes, & Training:



- ✚ The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council 2019 Exploration Competition has been announced; up to \$125,000 per year; notice of intent due Aug 7 2019; application deadline Dec 10, 2019. Find out more [here](#).

## Conferences:

-  Msit No'kmaq - Honouring Relationships  
Atlantic Schools of Business Conference 2019, hosted by Cape Breton University, Sydney Nova Scotia. September 27 – 29, 2019  
Early bird registration ends Aug 16<sup>th</sup>: \$249 (\$149 for students)  
For more information, visit [www.asbconference.ca](http://www.asbconference.ca)
-  7<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta Power Symposium  
The best opportunity to connect with key stakeholders in the power industry to address the challenges facing this evolving sector.  
Calgary Alberta. October 1-2 2019  
Register by August 27 2019 for early bird pricing: \$2195  
For more information, you can visit [this link](#)
-  Sustainable Communities: 2019 North Atlantic Forum & Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference  
The organizers are excited to present a program filled with a strong mix of community experience, relevant research knowledge, lively discussion and memorable local social activity.  
St. John's, Newfoundland. Oct 1-4 2019.  
Registration: \$350 (faculty, business); \$250 (student, NGO, not for profit);  
For more information, visit: <http://northatlanticforum.org/>

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## In the News:

-  "This is what Indigenous energy sovereignty looks like: A just transition case study", by Valine Brown. You can read the article published in Briarpatch Magazine [here](#)
  -  "Geothermal energy is taking off globally, so why not in Canada?" By Vanessa Ratjen. Read about the state of geothermal in Canada through in the Narwhal [here](#).
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