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New RPLC Executive Council Formed

The Rural Policy Learning Commons (RPLC) is currently approaching the half-way point of its seven-year mandate. The new Executive Council will help guide the RPLC over the next three and a half years, with the Steering Committee. The Executive Council is composed of the project director and three members from the steering committee.



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In their first meeting in December, 2016, the Executive Council started to clarify their own terms of reference and have begun a review of the organizational structure consisting of five research theme teams and seven knowledge mobilization teams.

Former RPLC Project Director, Bill Reimer, commented, "I am looking forward to the outcome of this process and the new visions for the RPLC that are bound to emerge." Having played an integral role with the development of the RPLC to date, and as one of his last duties with the RPLC, Bill Reimer is assisting with the transition of knowledge with the development of the executive council.

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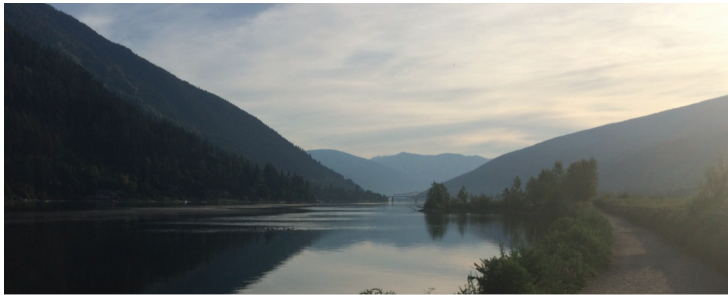


2017 CRRF Conference

The Different by Design – Exploring Innovation for Rural Prosperity Conference

Conference Dates: September 20 – 24, 2017

Location: Nelson, BC



This conference will explore the unique potential and many possibilities that exist in rural places. Themes of the conference are: Workforces of tomorrow; Our changing environment; Creating connections; and Communities of opportunity.

The 2017 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation conference will be co-hosted by the Applied Research and Innovation Centre at Selkirk College. For more information about the Different by Design conference check out www.kootenays2017.crrf.ca

Call for Presentations, Stories, and Panel Abstracts


The Different by Design Conference is also inviting stories, presentations, panels, and capacity building sessions from rural practitioners, policy makers, researchers, and citizens. Ideas should address one or more of the 4 conference themes. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and can be submitted by filling in the form http://kootenays2017.crrf.ca/?page_id=46

The first deadline for submission is March 10, 2017.

Call for Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email indicating what you are interested in to **Sarah Breen** at sbreen@selkirk.ca.

Upcoming Webinar Schedule for 2017

DATE	PRESENTER	TITLE
 January 24 4:00 pm Central CST	 David McInnes <i>President & Chief Operating Officer of the Canadian Agri-Food</i>	Achieving What's Possible for the Agri-food Sector: Through the Lens of Strategically Managing "Natural Capitals" TO REGISTER CLICK: http://ow.ly/2l9f307jEFz
 February 7	Emily Eaton	Fault Lines: Oil's Rural Reach: Social and Environmental Impacts in Saskatchewan's Oil Producing Areas
 February 22	Natalija Bogdanov	A Conceptual Framework for Studying the Consequences of Rural Out-Migration on Structural Changes in Agriculture at Origi



40
WEBINARS
VIEWED

1134
in Attendance

1923
Additional Views

Questions? Please contact Orthist Adu Gyamfi: AduGyamfiO@brandonu.ca

For previous webinars, please visit our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24ZwmEVj0-vlWnwf9er0hQ>

Our YouTube Channel in 2016



This year we exceeded our own expectations for webinar broadcasts, many of which are currently available on Youtube. We also took the time to share some videos from conference sessions, as well as update and training videos. This year's most popular video was a webinar hosted by Dr. Paul Dhillon titled: *The Surprising Lives of Small Town Doctors*.

Check it out via the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRrH47699Dw&spfreload=10>

The following is a list of the Videos uploaded in 2016:

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| Jan. 8th | Philanthropy in Rural Nova Scotia | July 22nd | ICRPS Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Rural and Regional Policy in Canada • Policy Issues in the Rural North • Social and Human Capital • Rural Policy Graduate Certificate: Development Session |
| Jan. 27th | Canada's Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program: Motivations of Mexican Workers | Aug. 4th | The Surprising Lives of Small Town Doctors: Practicing medicine in rural Canada |
| Feb. 4th | Remote Control: Lessons in Governance as a Resource for Rural and Remote Regions | Sept. 20th | Secretariat Update Video |
| Mar. 21st | Farm Succession and Inheritance: An Irish perspective on policy and support programs | Sept. 21st | The State of Rural Canada |
| Mar. 24th | Rural Labour Mobility: cohesion and social inclusion policy in Europe | Oct. 6th | Diversity in Rural Australian Communities |
| Mar. 30th | Centralized and Decentralized Police Systems: examining citizen trust | Oct. 7th | Tutorial for a Research Poster Presentation |
| Apr. 12th | Advancing the Basin Boundary Regional Food System | Nov. 7th | Governance Team Update |
| Apr. 22nd | Rural Youth Workforce Development: Policy and Practice | Nov. 23rd | The Rural Urban Nexus Panel Session - IRSA Congress 2016 |
| June 15th | Geographies of Immobility: emotions & human rights of Latin-American workers in Quebec | Dec. 1st | The Hutterites in North America: Confronting the Digital Age |
| June 23rd | Planning for Climate Change: An oxymoron? | Dec. 20th | Food Waste in the EU: Evidence to Policy Intervention |

Find all these, and upcoming videos, on our channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24ZwmEVj0-vlwNwf9er0hQ>

We're looking forward to all we can share in the coming year and request your feedback on material you'd like to see on our channel. More updates, Team member interviews, longer Webinar Question Periods? Let us know!

Governance Team Announced First Policy Fellow

By: Sarah Minnes and Patrick Leveque



The Governance Team is proud to announce their 2016/2017 Policy Fellow. Patrick is the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Third Party (OTP) of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Using his background in community development and a strong interest in rural governance, Patrick is actively working to advance rural policy issues at the Legislative Assembly and exploring the

roles that rural elected representatives can play in community development and local governance. He is also interested in public engagement, well-being indicators, and e-governance.

Patrick will be serving an important function for the Governance Team and working towards advancing the mandate and vision of RPLC. Within the Governance Team, the policy fellow will be facilitating the following activities:

- Connecting with and/or mentoring graduate students interested in governance related topics;
- Justifying new governance research topics;
- Assisting in advancing governance policy;
- Advising on policy briefs;
- Helping to ground policy discussions in the perspectives of rural practitioners;
- Attending and presenting at select conferences;
- Contributing to articles, blog posts, and knowledge mobilization events.

The Governance Team is so excited for Patrick to make this position his own!

Policy Brief Funding

The Governance Team has funding to support the completion of three policy briefs, for a total funding of \$3,000 with \$1,000 per policy brief. The policy brief must relate to one of the Governance Team's Research Themes listed below:

Research Themes

Governance and Policy Development – Policy development processes and social, political, and psychological components of community engagement and mobilization. This theme also includes community engagement as it relates to governance practice as well as governance structures and collaborations.

Environmental Issues – This includes governance components of environmental issues such as rural water and watersheds and climate change adaptation.

Food, Health, and Prosperity – Focusing on governance considerations within agro-food systems management, food losses and waste, food security and safety, food policy.

Promotion of Competition:	December 22, 2016 – January 30, 2017
Application Deadline:	February 1, 2017
Application Deliberations:	February 6 – 17, 2017
Funding Announcement:	February 20, 2017
Deliverables Due:	December 20, 2017

**Applicants must be a member of the Governance Research Team.*

Submissions can be sent to sminnes@grenfell.mun.ca and include "Governance Policy Brief" in the subject line.

To join the governance team or for further information, please contact Sarah Minnes directly via email at sminnes@grenfell.mun.ca

The Launch of Instagram



In case you hadn't heard, RPLC launched our very own Instagram page in 2016. Our first upload was back in May of this year. Since then we've been able to share over 70 photos of What Rural Means to You! Everything from pristine waters to peaceful fields to starry night skies to RPLC selfies.

Let's keep the momentum going!

Make sure to send your own rural inspired photos to our Instagram guardian, Sarah Cook r53sjc@mun.ca

Happy Holidays winter wonderland photo submitted by Wayne Kelly via Instagram

Follow us for more beautiful rural photographs:
https://www.instagram.com/rplc_capr/



550
FACEBOOK LIKES



665
TWEETS



70
INSTAGRAM POSTS

Facebook Update



Our social media has had a growing presence this year, especially with the support of the RPLC's facebook page. Launched in 2015, it had a bit of a slow uptick. However, we worked hard

to share stories that covered a wide range of issues related to rural/remote living and policy. We hope that it has been able to further act as a platform to share the work and research undertaken by our RPLC members. This year has brought our followers up to 550 and we're still growing!

Please consider liking, following & sharing us on Facebook @RPLC.CAPR

Check Out Our Videos Section for Some of the Guelph 2016 Conference Sessions Available on Facebook:

- Climate Scientists: Searching the Golden Mean Between Pencil Pushers and Activists
- Feeding Ourselves: Food systems management in rural regions
- Climate Change and Food
- Considering Climate Change in Rural Planning and Policy
- Digital Communications for Organizational Development: The Case of Rural Networks
- Rural Development Through Regionalism? A participatory workshop to share lessons and chart a future for rural Canada
- Rural Policy Learning Commons Dialogue Session

Rural Scotland in Focus Report Released

By: Jane Atterton



Every two years since 2010, the Rural Policy Centre at Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) has produced its Rural Scotland in Focus Report. The 2016 Report, our fourth in the series, was launched in Edinburgh, Scotland on November 29th at an event which attracted around 100 key stakeholders from rural Scotland and beyond.

The Reports provide a fast-track to a range of evidence about rural Scotland, how it has changed in recent years, and how it is likely

to change in future. The 2016 Report discusses changing land management across the agriculture, land ownership and forestry sectors in Section 1 and the characteristics and contributions of businesses operating outside the land-based sector in Section 2. Section 3 reviews community empowerment policies from 1999-2016, and discusses the need for data to underpin ongoing assessments of whether, where and how these policies deliver.

Previous reports (2010, 2012 and 2014) have covered a wide variety of themes, including demographic change, housing, the future of rural towns, the role of the third sector and environmental change. All four reports can be downloaded via our Rural Policy Centre website here

(http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120428/rural_scotland_in_focus).

More information about the 2016 Report and the Launch event can be found here

(http://www.sruc.ac.uk/news/article/1757/video_brexit_fears_aired_at_launch_of_rural_scotland_in_focus).

Member Honoured



We are happy to announce that on November 24th, 2016, Linamar Campos was granted the Award for Excellence in Human Geography "Claude-Manzagol" during the ceremony "Celebrating the Arts and the Sciences" that took place at University of Montreal.

You can see photos of the event on Facebook @FASUdeM

Photo: Linamar Campos (middle) accepting the Award of Excellence with Ms. Aude Manzagol (daughter of Claude-Manzagol) and professor François Cayayas (Head of Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) at the Department of Geography).



Don't forget to tune into the new Rural Routes podcast
www.ruralroutespodcasts.com

The show is also available for streaming or download through iTunes, Google Play, SoundCloud, and Stitcher



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PODCAST EPISODES



Newsletter Submissions

Do you have a story to share regarding a recent conference you attended, project you completed, workshop you hosted, online blog or video you've posted, or an ongoing research update?

Consider making a submission to the RPLC Newsletter. We are always looking for current content and have made submissions easy. You can find our nifty guide on the website: <http://rplc-capr.ca/rplc-newsletter-submissions/>

Email your Newsletter questions, comments & submissions to **Mesha Richard** at richardm@brandonu.ca or **Michael Blatherwick** at blatherwickm@brandonu.ca

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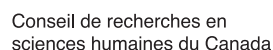
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RPLC Theme Teams and Knowledge Mobilization Teams

Governance	Personnel Exchanges
Migration	Institutes
Infrastructure & Services	Policy Fora
Natural Resources	Distance Learning
Transformations in Indigenous Communities	Publications
Digital Information Hub	Social Media

Deliverables

- Policy Briefs
- Learning Institutes
- Publications
- Opportunities
- Job Notices
- Conferences
- Presentations
- Workshops/Webinars
- Newsletter
- Research Reports

Audience

- Faculty
- Students
- Government
- Policy makers
- Community Groups
- General Public & YOU