



CBRC News

Summer 2015

A Fruitful Spring

CBRC has had many activities this Spring with a strong focus on the bi-annual [Community University Expo](#) conference held in Ottawa May 26-29th, which we core support. CBRC's Pre-conference day workshops: Understanding and Advancing Impact, Policy Engagement and Funding for CBR and Campus-Community Engagement and the Engaged Practice Learning Exchange involved over 75 academics, funders, policy makers, students, indigenous and community practitioners from Canada, the UK, the U.S., India, Malaysia, Ireland, Germany and Indonesia and generated valuable insights for CBRC's ongoing policy and practice agenda.

An exciting feature of [C2UExpo 2015](#) was the SSHRC Aboriginal Research Day on May 27 where SSHRC launched new initiatives to support and promote Aboriginal research and talent development. The [SSHRC Aboriginal Research Strategy](#) is the first initiative of its kind in the world led by an academic funder and CBRC intends to fully support this vital foundation for CBR and Canadian society. Indigenous language leader John Elliott from the WSANEC Nation on the West Coast of Canada (north of Victoria, B.C.) attended the event and emphasized



Ted Hewitt (SSHRC, President) and John Elliot (WSANEC Nation educational leader) at SSHRC's Aboriginal Research Day @ C2UExpo2015

the vital contribution which SSHRC funding to [UVic](#) and the [WSANEC School Board](#) has made over the past 7 years to reviving their SENCOTEN language, culture and tribal school. Katherine Graham, CBRC's Chair and Professor of [Public Policy and Administration](#) at [Carleton University](#), is a member of SSHRC's Aboriginal Advisory Council and leads the [Carleton University Institute on the Ethics of Research with Indigenous Peoples](#) (CUIERIP) initiative which also just finished their Summer from June 8-12th at Carleton.

So plenty of momentum and energy to build on.....

CBRC, supported by the Steering Committee and Special Advisor Martin Taylor, will continue in the coming months to focus on long-term sustainability for CBRC including outreach to national campus-community engagement champions from all sectors of Canadian society. Read on to learn more about what's happening and we hope that many of you join our new on-line Engaged Practice Learning Exchange. And please, get in touch anytime at info@communitybasedresearch.ca.



Katherine Graham
CBRC Chair

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CBRC: Our Vision

A vibrant society in Canada enabled by community based research that addresses major societal challenges.

Our Mission

To be a national champion and facilitator for collaborative community based research and community-campus engagement in Canada.

Our Goals

- Advance Research, Policy and Advocacy Engagement
- Catalyze a National Movement and Capacity Building
- Support Communications and Networks

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C²UExpo 2015

Highlights

Following a welcome ceremony with Elder Paul Shanks, keynote speaker Dr. Dawn Harvard (Interim President, [Native Women's Association of Canada](#); see right) began the conference with moving words about aboriginal women in Canada and the need for national attention to the issue. Concurrent sessions stimulated discussion and connections throughout the week. There were plays, site visits, engagement fairs, poster sessions, and a gala event at the Shaw Centre.



The coordination and volunteer team were amazing and kept the activities rolling. [C²UExpo2015](#) wrapped up with a panel session from the CFICE team and some closing remarks from Ted Jackson, conference convener. He said, "We've been electrified, we've been moved, we've been inspired, we've been challenged. And we've been in some ways ... renewed." Thanks to Carleton for the great event.

C²UExpo @ SFU in 2017

SFU will [host the 2017](#) conference in partnership with the communities of Vancouver, Burnaby and Surrey, and various community sector organizations. Congratulations to SFU! We look forward to the event and hope to see you all there!

CBRC Preconference Workshops

A big thanks to [Algonquin College](#) for hosting a wonderful day of preconference workshops, including an amazing meal prepared and served by their [Culinary Arts students](#). Thanks also to all the organizers, presenters and participants who brought these workshops to life.



Impact Workshop

Supporting the C²UExpo 2015 thematic focus on policy and collective action, CBRC used this valuable opportunity to facilitate the workshop chaired by Martin Taylor, entitled "Are we making a difference? Understanding and Advancing Impact, Policy and Funding for Community-Based Research and Campus-Community Engagement in Canada and Globally", to build its national strategy. Participants were invited to share in a critical and creative look at the impacts of community-campus research collaboration, focused on how we can collectively improve societal well-being and institutional transformation. [Ted Jackson \(Carleton U\)](#) described levels, measures and trajectories of impact; [Leslie Brown \(UVic\)](#) presented a case study of the institutional CUE impact framework from UVIC; [Jenni Chambers \(RCUK/NCCPE/UK\)](#) presented on RCUK's case studies on pathways to impact; [Budd Hall \(UNESCO Chair in CBRSR\)](#) stimulated conversation on contribution analysis and theories of change; [Eric Bastien \(SSHRC\)](#) spoke of the importance of genuine partnerships; [Bill Schaper \(Imagine Canada\)](#) presented on how to better connect the research and voluntary sector in Canada; and [Sarah Viehbeck \(CIHR\)](#) spoke of criteria for peer review of partnerships and the importance of identifying the role of research in both positive and negative impacts. The lively discussion that ensued was a great start to the conference.

The Engaged Practice Learning Exchange (EPL) Workshop

Co-facilitated by [Maeve Lydon](#) (UVic and CBRC staff) and [Ceri Davies \(CUPP\)](#). Building on the CBRC and [NCCPE International Framework for Collaboration](#), community-campus engagement practitioners from around the globe met to discuss ways to stimulate innovation in engaged practice and develop institutional cultures that support it, growing our community of practice. The three-hour session exchanged ideas about what we think we need to do and/or how we need to be to grow our engaged practice/research work together. We came prepared to share our CUE stories, passions, visions and practices. Guest speakers, including [Wafa Singh, Participatory Research in Asia](#); [David Wolff, Community University Partnership Program](#); Sandy Oliver, Research for All; [Joanna Ochocka, Centre for CBR /CBRC](#); [Kim Aumann, NCCPE sponsored UK Community Partnership Network](#), and [John Elliott, WSANEC Nation](#), shared their stories of CUE. We then brainstormed ideas for growing our connectivity and capacity for engagement and CBR. [Sarah Wiebe](#) presented on her use of participatory video and facilitated a discussion on methods and approaches in CUE. Finally, the [Engaged Practice Learning Exchange's](#) on-line platform was officially launched (see more pg. 3).



From l. to r.: Sarah Wiebe (UVic), Pamela Quart (National Association of Friendship Centres), David Wolff (CUPP) and other workshop participants, Wafa Singh (PRIA)



CBRC tools for networking and connecting

In response to our member's survey, CBRC is creating more opportunities for members to network and connect. Member institutions will be profiled in our newsletters and on our website, so remember to submit your profiles and provide any questions or suggestions to info@communityresearchcanada.ca. Below you will find a description of the [Engaged Practice Learning Exchange](#) and profiles of two CBRC member institutions, [St. Francis Xavier University](#) and [York University](#). Find the complete profiles of these and other member institutions at www.communityresearchcanada.ca/institutions.

The Engaged Practice Learning Exchange

The Engaged Practice Learning Exchange (EPLX) is an international network, sponsored by CBRC and the UK's [National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement \(NCCPE\)](#), for those developing practices and programming around community-campus engagement (CCE). We offer space for CCE practitioners to stimulate innovation in what they do. Together, through the EPLX, practitioners: can develop their practice, and network and connect. All CBRC members can now access the EPLX online platform to create their own profile, share their favourite resources and connect with others. Go to www.communityresearchcanada.ca/eplx to join in and contact info@communityresearchcanada.ca with any questions or suggestions.

St. Francis Xavier University

[St FX](#) has an established history of community engagement. The tradition of community participation stemming from the Antigonish Movement in the 1920s and 1930s, continues today. Examples include the Leadership work of the Extension Department with rural communities and aboriginal women, and the international work of the [Coady Institute](#) which engages not only people from around the world, one with another in leadership programs, but also the Antigonish community which participates actively in the work of the Institute.



York University

[York's](#) commitment to excellence spans research and teaching in pure, applied and professional fields. In their pursuit and dissemination of knowledge there is a strong sense of social responsibility and a tradition of engaging meaningfully with its communities. Their 2010-2015 Academic Plan details their commitment to building on community engagement initiatives, such as research collaborations, community-based programs, and increased recognition for faculty that engage communities. Three key engagement units at York are [Experiential Education](#), the [York University-TD Community Engagement Centre](#), and the [Knowledge Mobilization Unit](#).



New Book from the UNESCO Chair in Community-based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education co-published by PRIA and UVic

This open source creative commons e-book presents findings of a global study of institutional arrangements for the facilitation and support of research partnerships between Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Higher Education Institutions (HEI). It outlines a number of important trends, challenges and approaches associated with how research partnerships are initiated, supported, and evaluated through a comparative study of different types of institutional arrangements from around the world. This includes a detailed overview of a global survey administered in over fifty countries and four languages, including twelve country case studies demonstrating strong institutional and policy support for Community University Research Partnerships (CURP). This book is a must read for national policy-makers, university administrators and professors, and civil society practitioners. Available soon at the following site: <http://unescochair-cbrsr.org/unesco/>



CBRC Member Groups /Departments /Universities

- Abbotsford Community Services
- Arctic Institute for Community Based Research
- Carleton University
- Centre for Community Based Research
- Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health – Lakehead University
- Centre on Governance – University of Ottawa
- Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
- Community Education Partnership Centre – Georgian College
- Community Engaged Scholarship Institute - Guelph
- Concordia University
- Faculty of Extension – University of Alberta
- Faculty of Social Science - McMaster University
- Quintessential Research Group
- Simon Fraser University
- St Francis Xavier University
- St Mary's University
- Trent Centre for Community-Based Education
- Université du Quebec a Montreal
- Université du Quebec en Outaouis
- University of British Columbia
- University of Guelph
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of Victoria
- University of Windsor
- Vancouver Foundation
- Vancouver Island University
- York University



Organizational News



News from our Special Advisor

As described elsewhere in this newsletter, C2UExpo 2015 afforded a timely opportunity to assess how CBRC can advance and enhance the impact of the research conducted across our national network to address societal priorities for Canada and Canadians. The combination of the Policy Forum organized by Ted Jackson (Carleton) and the CBRC pre-conference National and Global Impact workshop highlighted the relevance and significance of collaborative community-campus research for public policy and for securing funding to sustain our initiatives.

While in Ottawa for C2UExpo 2015, I was invited, as CBRC's special advisor, to meet with program managers at CIHR to discuss ways in which CBRC's network expertise can engage more extensively with health researchers in the context of CIHR's strategic focus on increasing public and patient engagement in health and health care research.

CBRC's areas of expertise and engagement relate directly to issues that fall within the public policy mandates of Canada's provincial and territorial governments. Moreover, there is an intrinsic complementarity in respective mandates with CBRC primarily focused on knowledge creation and dissemination while government agencies seek strong evidence to inform the development of sound public policy. Accordingly, CBRC's projects have in several cases involved partnerships with provincial and territorial government departments and agencies. With these linkages in view, and through the leadership of the Office of Public Engagement in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, CBRC has been invited to meet with senior provincial government delegates at the upcoming meetings of the Institute of Public Administrators of Canada in August in Halifax to explore ways in which CBRC's engagement with provincial governments across the country can be strengthened.



- Martin Taylor
Professor Emeritus, UVic
CBRC Special Advisor

CBRC Webinar Series

CBRC, in response to our members' interests, is planning its on-line Learning Program for 2015-2016. This includes the CBRC Webinar Series taking place each month from September to April. Topics include the Indigenous Communities and Respectful Partnerships; Community Based Research Ethics; Community-Based Research Methods; National and Global Impact for CBR and Campus Community Engagement. Look for details on-line and in the next newsletter.

CBRC National and Global network partners

National

[Research Impact Canada](#)
[Campus-Community Partnerships for Health](#)
[Canadian Alliance for Community Service-Learning](#)

Europe

[National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement](#)
[Campus Engage Ireland](#)
[Living Knowledge Network](#)

Global

[UNESCO Chair in CBR and Social Responsibility in Higher Education](#)
[Global Alliance on Community-Engaged Research](#)



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