

RAVEN team meeting

August 28, 2018, 1-3pm

UNB Tilley 26 (near Sociology office)

Invited:

- Casey Burkholder, UNB Education, co-investigator (regrets)
- Daniel Tubb, UNB Anthropology, co-investigator (regrets)
- David Perley, UNB Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre, collaborator
- David Hofmann, UNB Sociology, collaborator
- Janice Harvey, STU Environment & Society, potential RAVEN post-doc
- Matt Rogers, UNB Education, co-investigator
- Mary Aspinall, UNB Sociology, PhD research assistant
- Rick Wightman, UNB Computer Science, collaborator (regrets)
- Shanthi Bell, UNB Psychology & Media Arts and Cultures, research assistant
- Sophie Lavoie, NB Media Co-op, partner
- Susan O'Donnell, UNB Sociology, primary investigator
- Tracy Glynn, UNB Interdisciplinary Studies, PhD research assistant and future post-doc
- Tyler Foley, JEDI, partner

Agenda:

1. Territorial acknowledgement

2. Introductions

*what you bring to and expect from the RAVEN project

3. What RAVEN could/will do, doc attached - plans (Aug 22)

*discussion of plans, timelines, deliverables

*other digital media productions - posters, memes, gifs

*contributions from NBMC and JEDI

*physical space for RAVEN on campus

*changes to plans

4. RAVEN research ethics

*link with UNB's Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Ethics Watch (MWEW)

*current status and request from UNB REB chair for modifications

**requested change to research participant honorarium from \$100 per year to \$25 per year

*NBIF award requires application for REB modification

*new activities: Rick's project and digital infrastructure study

5. Budget, doc attached (Aug 22)

*review of current draft

- *potential for future funding - SSHRC, Mitacs, other
- *changes to budget

6. Engaging RAVEN students

- *goal: provide significant research training for students
- *process and UGSW collective agreement for grad students
- *process for undergrad students
- *agreement on common wages and contract by academic terms with specific deliverables

7. Expanding the RAVEN team and hub

- *strong interest from potential hub participants - results of consultations
- *how to involve new UNB people in the project re UNB ethics requirements
- *core team vs hub participants? how would this work?
- *space on campus vs space off-campus and \$\$ implications
- *SSHRC PG application / future grants

8. Monthly hub meetings

- *structure / agenda
- *monthly scheduled meetings - when??
- *RAVEN visits / meetings off-site with rural champions / organizations?

9. website / information resources

- *Website and social media
- *promotion materials - commissioning artwork?
- *next steps

10. RAVEN document for distribution at the launch / rural issues workshop

- *feedback (document will be distributed before the meeting)
- *next steps

11. Other business

- *RAVEN launch
- *what still needs to be done

12. Upcoming events

- *September 13, RAVEN launch
- *Econous conference, Moncton, Sept 24-26
- *SEA - NBEN conference in October

13. Next meeting date

RAVEN Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2018 at 1pm
UNB Tilley Hall, Room 28

Attendance: Susan O'Donnell, Shanthi Bell, Tracy Glynn, Matt Rogers, Sophie Lavoie, David Hofmann, Tyler Foley, Mary Aspinall, Janice Harvey, David Perley

Regrets: Daniel Tubb, Casey Burkholder, Rick Wightman

Meeting minutes: Tracy

- 1. Territorial acknowledgement by Susan O'Donnell**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. What RAVEN could/will do**

Monthly meetings will be a time to raise issues that are of interest to team members. Susan provided an overview of the plan, timeline and deliverables and explained the Table 1: Timeline for students, number of terms and student level, department/faculty

P3 - 3 terms – post-doctoral students
D2 – 2 terms – doctoral students
M2 – 2 terms – Master students
U1 – 1 term - undergraduate students

Budget – most of the money goes to graduate students, which is typical for these kind of grants. Frames what we can do.

Studies:

#1 - Photovoice – Tracy and Daniel Tubb will be doing this work.

#2 - Participatory video – Matt Rogers will be doing this work.

3 - Cellphilms – Casey Burkholder will be doing this work.

4 - Social network analysis- David Hofmann is leading this work.

5 - Susan hopes that Indigenous work will not just be included in the JEDI project work but in the other projects as well.

6 - Rick Wightman is working on a computer literacy project with groups in rural Charlotte County. The project is called ReadWithMe. This project fits well with our project. He requested 1 undergrad student for each summer.

7 - Rick is also working with rural digital infrastructure analysis. Susan has worked on this for years. If there is not adequate infrastructure, then communities can't view the media. This project will look at the situation of digital infrastructure. A man on an island in the Bay of Fundy has started an Internet service available to coastal communities.

8 - Online content analysis. Susan, David Hofmann and his students will be doing this work. A core methodology in media analysis – counting incidences, visual analysis, etc.

9 Liaison with RAVEN collaborators / stories with NBMC – Tracy is doing that work now but will change when she starts post-doc. Will need someone to do this work.

10 – Project website/social media. An undergrad for 1 term per year. Shanthi has been hired now.

Papers/media will be co-authored with research participants/rural champions/indigenous persons

Susan wants to find a way for UNB to share its research capacity (75% of the province's research capacity) to rural communities/Indigenous communities. Trying to address the inequalities – urban is often a focus of research while environmental degradation often happens in rural communities.

Janice will be doing historical interviews with people who are retired – will be able to access video/equipment/training available through the project.

David Perley asked about the video shorts. JEDI has screens in the 15 First Nation band offices. We could have short videos that could screen on those screens. Could be silent films with subtitles. Still exploring this idea. Susan says we are open to creating longer videos.

Matt thought a longer video – that brings together all the pieces of RAVEN. He recently saw a documentary – where one scientist interviews another scientist in another field. With a focus on rural activism – people from different communities could do this – domino effect – one person interviews another person then they interview another – building knowledge of the unknown. Such a feature length doc of 45 minute could be produced for CBC. Community members sharing skills and it could involve the participatory format too.

Memes, posters, etc. are also options of media to produce. At the moment, we don't have an investigator who could support this work so would have to think of a way of bringing that in.

Contribution from JEDI & NBMC -

Tyler, JEDI - must be respectful of what communities want to do. Interested in mobilizing interest in the project. Can facilitate getting people who are interested in a career or learning skills in these areas. Provide flexible trainings. See what kind of stories they want to tell.

David Perley thinks that people who are involved in fracking resistance in Elsipogtog and pipeline resistance should be contacted for collaboration. David will ask around to see if others are interested.

Sophie on the NB Media Co-op – this project can provide more stories on Indigenous struggles, especially outside of Fredericton.

David Hofmann – asked about the environment – does it include the social environment too? Susan says the focus is on protection of land, farming, fishing, renewable energy, forestry and all these issues would include social environment too although it is not a specific focus.

Physical space for RAVEN on campus

Susan met with David MaGee, VP Research. She told him that the project is interested in applying for a SSHRC Partnership Grant but needs confirmation from UNB that we have secured a space. MaGee is going to consult with senior UNB managers and find space by the end of Sept. If not, we will go for another funding such as a SSHRC Connection Grant or a Partnership Development Grant.

We need more funds. It's a tight budget.

The new Dean of Education said she would look at giving us space for a year. We are looking for a minimum 400 square feet.

4. RAVEN research ethics watch

David Perley says many Indigenous researchers here have identified the need for a research ethics watch here – a Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Ethics Watch (MWEW). Oftentimes Indigenous people are not part of the research from the beginning and other phases. The MWEW seeks to address this problem by making it a requirement that research with Indigenous peoples will follow OCAP principles while also following a MWEW that makes sure that researchers involve Indigenous people in all phases.

David Perley says that David MaGee, UNB VP Research, supports this initiative. David and others will be meeting him again on Sept. 13 to submit a more detailed proposal.

There was a meeting on MWEW with Mi'kmaq Wolastoq students, faculty, allies, etc. last week. There was a good turn out.

RAVEN has offered to be a test case for the MWEW.

UNB REB approved our protocol for the original SSHRC project, so we can start the research in September. Modifications required: UNB REB requested that honorarium change from \$100 to \$25 per year to make sure that participants are freely giving their consent to participate. Susan says that if the project wants to make a case for \$100 honorarium then we can go to the REB board. We will discuss this at the September meeting.

NBIF award now requires application for REB approval of a modified protocol. We need to add the digital infrastructure study with Rick Wightman and the work with JEDI. Will talk more about the modification at our next September meeting.

Matt: Heavy lifting in participatory video by participants requires some discussion about the honorarium for it to be done ethically so participants are properly compensated for their effort.

Susan: an increase in the honorarium will have implications for the budget that can be discussed later. If we want to increase honorarium back to \$100 then will have to reduce something else in the budget.

5. Budget

Susan reviewed the budget.

David H: Is there flexibility to hire # students for # terms? Susan: Yes, there is flexibility.

David H: Will RAVEN take a stance against certain funding organizations? Susan: Can discuss it. If anyone knows of a potential source of funding, let us know and discuss it. There may well be funding sources we would not be interested in. Our priority is for funding that does not require specific deliverables. Must consider whether funding controls the content.

Student hourly rates: \$32/hour is generous for a PhD student and \$28 for a Masters student. Above the amounts in the collective agreement.

Contracts with students should be consistent within the project regarding hours per week (10hpw), number of weeks per term (16 weeks). For graduate students, an offer letter is required that outlines what is required. We will ensure that all students have the supervision and support they need to complete the work outlined in the contract.

All research travel is in NB. Average \$300 for every research trip. All conference travel is in Canada.

Will support student/faculty travel to conferences with a paper to deliver. Doubt that there will be 6 papers presented this academic year so some of that money can go in the budget for next year. There are other sources of funding for conference attendance at the university.

Some wiggle room on professional technical services.

JEDI – stipend for filmmakers and we hope to engage Indigenous filmmakers

Research hub meeting catering? No response from attendees on whether they want food. Will look at bannock for the RAVEN launch meeting.

Need to look at getting an exemption from Sodexo if we get food from another source.

Budget to attend film festival participation - will need to look at that.

6. Engaging RAVEN students

RAVEN should aim to provide quality training/research experience for students.

Graduate students will have the opportunity to lead or co-write/deliver a paper at a conference. This will be a significant contribution to their CV. Susan acknowledges that's a lot of work but it's something for us to work towards.

Graduate student workers have a union –UGSW/a PSAC local. The collective agreement has clauses covering how students are hired. You can hire students directly if you are supervising their thesis or if they are in your department. If they are not in your department, you need to post the job and go through a hiring process.

You can hire undergraduate students directly.

David H: If you know students who want social network analysis training, let David H. know.

Letter of Offer – Susan has examples.

Don't feel like we have to keep going with a student if it's not working.

7. Website/information sources

Shanthi's priorities this week are to make a poster, website and logo.

Janice asked David Perley if there was a story about a RAVEN to include in the website. David says there are a few Wolastoq stories that mention a raven and what a raven represents –

dedication. There is a raven clan. David will bring ideas to our next meeting. Susan wants to make sure that we do it in a respectful way.

David H. asked about whether RAVEN will have a French name. Susan: we are not doing research in both languages and worried that a French name may make it seem like we are bilingual project. Some of the media projects can be done in different languages. It was noted that translation is expensive.

SSHRC grants can include translation expenses. Will put translation on the agenda for the next meeting.

Susan would like this project to support Indigenous language/cultural revival.

Shanthi presented here initial conceptions for the logo.

David Perley would like to see a RAVEN in flight

Sophie – could put leaf as part of the wing

“Research on” will be deleted

All like the font

Leaf looks like a feather. Make it look more like a leaf.

Mixed metaphors? Should we just pick one?

Black and white version. Coloured version? V could be in green.

Tracy will make a Facebook page. Shanthi will create a Twitter account.

David H. can see who networks with us. There are legalities on how to gather that data. May need boilerplate language for engagement. Our website is on the WP Cloud server. They have a privacy policy statement. We will consider this for Facebook and Twitter soon. We will launch social media now – in time for the launch then consider a statement later.

We might want to commission art work for banner on website.

8. Monthly hub meetings

ACTION: Susan asked for everyone’s schedules – regular times that they not available during the week in the Fall term.

9. Upcoming events

Sept. 13 RAVEN Launch hub participants. Susan will order food. Shanthi is making a poster. 3:30pm launch, 4:00pm: Rural Issues Workshop. Paper about RAVEN circulated beforehand to participants. Susan, David and Tracy drafted this paper. If anyone wants to see the paper, ask Susan for it. Susan will talk for 10minutes to introduce paper then participants will discuss it then Susan has time to respond. Pizza at the Grad House. 30 people are already confirmed. More are likely to attend. Launch will involve lots of feedback from outside.

Tracy has met with various rural champions groups and researchers this summer. All are interested in some kind of collaboration. They gave story ideas and presented their media challenges.

Should we open our meetings to everyone? Some are in Fredericton and others are not. Could we move our meetings around so that others could join us? Could we ensure digital participation in our meetings?

What resources do we have to offer to collaborators? The investigators, David/MWC and JEDI.

Do we need to bring in other investigators now?

Partnership Grant could involve more support for partners.

Tracy will profile the different groups and issues.

Rodrigo Gutierrez, Bill Parenteau, Daniel Tubb and Susan are interested in environmental history and storytelling. Tracy will invite Matt and Janice to this meeting in early Sept.

We can start to decide on cases by the September meeting. Can discuss who wants to work on what? The Wolastoq grandmothers is of interest to Daniel and Tracy.

Could start students mid term or start in January.

Susan will send next meeting time/doodle poll after hearing from everyone about their availability.

3pm: adjournment.