

RAVEN team meeting

October 30, 2018, 14:30-16:00

Tilley 28

Invited:

- Casey Burkholder, UNB Education, co-investigator (tentative)
- Daniel Tubb, UNB Anthropology, co-investigator (regrets)
- David Perley, UNB Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre, collaborator (may be late)
- David Hofmann, UNB Sociology, collaborator (regrets)
- Janice Harvey, STU Environment & Society, potential RAVEN post-doc (tentative)
- Matt Rogers, UNB Education, co-investigator
- Mary Aspinall, UNB Sociology, PhD research assistant
- Rick Wightman, UNB Computer Science, collaborator (regrets)
- Rodrigo Gutiérrez Hermelo, UNB CETL Media Lab, collaborator
- Sabine LeBell, UNB Media Arts and Cultures, co-investigator (regrets)
- Shanthi Bell, UNB Psychology & Media Arts and Cultures, research assistant (regrets)
- 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. Meeting virtually (zoom video) in the Winter term?

3. RAVEN work: recent and underway now

- *videos / stories with rural champions (NB Media Co-op)
- *online survey for feedback
- *RAVEN website development / social media
- *NBEN SEA workshop in Moncton last week
- *study/paper with Mary and Susan - analysis of Brunswick News editorials
- *finding a RAVEN space on campus
- *plans for SSHRC connection grant applications with U de Moncton
- *revision of paper for Rural Issues workshop
- *other work ongoing?

4. Students

- *new undergraduate, Rowan Miller, hired for Winter term - work on position papers
- *Ramona Nicholas (PhD candidate Interdisciplinary) interested in working as cultural advisor to video production
- *Lisa Jodoin (PhD candidate Creative Writing) interested in working on film production
- *general call-out to all graduate students - will send the draft posting out this week

5. Developing the initial study sites / champions

- *plans by Tracy / Matt / Casey

*meetings with David P/Matt, and Tyler

*next steps

6. Feedback from RAVEN launch / Rural Issues workshop (document)

*discussion and next steps

7. RAVEN research ethics

*potential modifications:

**requested change to research participant honorarium from \$100 per year to \$25 per year (implications for more revenues)

**NBIF award requires application for REB modification

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

*Ricardo as collaborator, Sabine as co-investigator

*online video feedback survey

8. Next meeting date Tuesday, November 27 2:30pm, in Tilley 8

9. Adjournment

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Minutes
October 30, 2018

Present: Susan O'Donnell, Sophie Lavoie, Mary Aspinall, Tyler Foley, Tracy Glynn

Regrets: Daniel Tubb, David Perley, David Hofmann, Janice Harvey, Matt Rogers, Rick Wightman, Rodrigo Gutiérrez, Sabine LeBel, Shanthi Bell.

1. **Territorial acknowledgement** – Susan offered an acknowledgement.
2. **Video meetings.** Susan suggest we try video meetings in the winter term. Susan will look into a Zoom license from UNB.
3. **RAVEN work – recent and underway**

Video profiles - Shanthi and Tracy completed the video profile of Ron Tremblay and are working now on a video profile of Charles Theriault. Both videos were included in stories written by Tracy for the NB Media Coop. We hope to work on a story about woodlot owners and/or David Perley next. Susan set up an online survey for feedback on Ron's video, We never surrendered. She will share it with Shanthi and Tracy. Susan reminded all to provide feedback through the online survey. Susan is piloting the feedback mechanism and wants to see how it is effective and could be included in the research ethics application.

Susan: Must be sure to tell the rural story and why the person in the video is a rural champion.

Sophie: Will women's voices be featured next? Tracy: the woodlot video will include a woman.

RAVEN website - Susan: Website needs some design work. Jesse Fiddler, who completed the logo design, will do some of this work. Susan explained the website is focused on issues now and not on the project itself. Content on the website should include: videos, NB Media Co-op stories, position papers as well as academic papers, etc. Tracy: RAVEN has Facebook and Twitter. Facebook/Twitter icons must be added to the website.

Position papers on RAVEN issues - Susan has hired Rowan Miller, an undergraduate student in political science and history and an activist to start work on the project in January for the winter term. He is co-organizing the meeting in Tobique on Nov 3 on spraying the forest. He will work on position papers on each of our topics – land, air and water protection, forestry,

farming and fishing. The briefs will include graphics. Anyone who wants to co-author a paper can volunteer to work with Rowan on the paper.

Sustainable Education Alliance Workshop in Moncton – Tracy, Susan and Sabine attended the workshop last week as well as two students from STU – Hannah and Olivia. Sabine gave a great keynote address on queering art education for the environment and Matt Rogers came in by skype and did a great overview of RAVEN and using participatory video for learning.

Book project featuring rural champs - Susan is talking with Celine Surette with the ECHO project and Julie Forgues with Fine Arts at the Université de Moncton (also involved with the ECHO project, doing photovoice) on doing a SSHRC connection grant to do a book featuring rural people who we are working with – both RAVEN and ECHO. The book would be a bilingual publication to highlight what rural activists across NB are doing. Celine also asked Susan to be a co-investigator on her upcoming SSHRC Connection grant application for the ECHO conference in 2019.

Mary and Susan's analysis of Brunswick News editorials - Mary: Susan and she are coding for themes in Irving-owned Brunswick News editorials over the past five years. They looked at all editorials featuring rural issues. They are coding for urban regions as the future, rural resilience, resource extraction and whether that's supported in the editorials, rural initiatives. Mary's initial analysis shows that the predominant theme involves urban regions as the future. Susan hopes that Mary can get 3 conference presentations and 1 journal article out of this work.

Qualitative Methods Research Conference - Susan reminds all about the Qualitative Methods Research Conference coming up in Fredericton. Deadline: Nov. 15. Susan encourages people to apply.

Congress - Susan: The project has funding to support RAVEN team members to give papers at Congress at \$1,000/year. The project can help Mary find other sources of funding too.

RAVEN space on campus - Susan: Dedicated space in the Arts Faculty is not happening. UNB Sociology has repurposed a space into 8 work spaces and our students will be able to work out of that office starting in January. Casey has no updates about space from Dept. of Education.

Paper on RAVEN used at Rural Issues Workshop launch - Susan is still hoping to repurpose the paper that was presented and discussed at the Rural Issues Workshop. Sophie suggests pitching it to *Acadiensis*. Susan hopes to look through their archives as well as *Journal of NB Studies*.

Experiential learning funding - Tyler: PTEL has funding for experiential learning. They have working groups/areas of research that may be of interest to our students, including funding for indigenous students. David Perley is on the steering committee and would know more. Sophie: Sarah King is the experiential learning program person at UNB. Matt Rogers had a meeting with her. Tracy knows the STU experiential learning person.

Indigenous filmmaking session - Sophie is holding an introduction to indigenous filmmaking session with Lisa Jodoin. Casey is collaborating on the session.

Update on student hires - Susan met with Ramona Nicholas (MA graduate in Anthropology, UNB PhD student, Wolastoq grandmother). She is interested in working part-time as a cultural advisor to RAVEN media production activities. Ramona could start in January. Susan hopes to work with Lisa Jodoin, an indigenous filmmaker from Northern Quebec, working on archival photographs. Lisa could start at the end of April and early May. Susan met with Neha Gupta, post-doc with UNB Anthropology, who was interested in the project. She's withdrawn, too busy.

Because of the collective agreement, the project can hire students in our own department or students that we are supervising. If not, we must go through a process that involves a job posting, hiring and interviews. This is a good opportunity to find students who may not know about the project. The faculty members hiring students can make sure to have details of what they want for students in the job postings. To hire students for January, job postings can go out in November and interviews can happen in December. Susan will work on a draft job posting for circulation soon.

Start of RAVEN research – Tracy, Daniel, Casey and Matt recently met to discuss 1st steps for their project. We would like to do intro sessions about the different methods in the communities of interest. Casey also suggested having these sessions recorded as important data could come out of them. This will require an amendment to our REB application. Susan aims to submit an ethics amendment in November. Casey will draft a description of how the workshop will proceed and an interview guide for Nov. 8 for us to review.

Adding Sabine to the project – A request has been made to SSHRC to make Sabine LeBel a co-investigator on the project.

Indigenous films/JEDI - Susan met with David and he wants the MWC Indigenous film project to be related to the JEDI project. Now we need to figure out if Matt's film project is the same as David's project and JEDI's project or if we will have at least two different film products involving Indigenous film-makers. Hoping to have a meeting with everyone soon.

Tyler: JEDI is flexible. If the project is off campus, it may require more funding sources to support the people working on the project. Susan hopes that it can involve young indigenous filmmakers, not connected to the university. Ramona's cousin, Oqim Nicholas, recently won an award for his film. Susan: need to consider the mentoring, filmmaking experience of the people involved with the project. Susan has an idea about the film focusing on the theme, We Are All Treaty People, and wants to discuss how Matt's domino film theme idea could work with that or not.

Renewable energy in First Nations – Tyler talked about NB Power's initiatives with First Nations, the LORES project and Tobique's renewable energy project. There is a researcher interested in implications of power dynamics of the pilot project. Tyler will try to find more information about this.

Feedback from RAVEN launch –

Francophone content/engagement - Susan: Alain Deneault's email on Francophone engagement after the RAVEN launch/ analysis of Acadie-Nouvelle raised important concerns with the project. Some of these concerns can be addressed by RAVEN working with the ECHO group at the Universite de Moncton that is working with Francophone groups. Our projects can highlight each other's research results. The Université de Moncton researchers are interested in similar methodologies – photovoice. Sophie: one of the videos should be in French with English subtitles. Tracy will look at Annika's video interview, which was done in French. Alain has some connections with environmental groups in the Acadian peninsula, which we may want to work with.

Analysis of other media - Susan: some suggestion for the project to include analysis of Acadie-Nouvelle and CBC. It's beyond the scope of the project.

Who are the rural champs? Susan: Tom Beckley raised the question of who are rural champs? Would Kris Austin be considered a rural champ in this project? Our five issues on the environment provide that scope so people like Kris Austin would not be included.

Working with minorities? Our stories should be about the rural economy in New Brunswick, including resistance to moving for resource extraction and pockets of rural resilience. Susan wondered if Acadian and Indigenous communities are more likely to stay in rural NB than others. Tyler suggested look at the STATSCan census data to examine these trends.

The use of "environment" - Should consider using land instead of environment to respect indigenous perspectives.

Will discuss other feedback later.

Next meeting: Nov. 27 at 2:30pm, Tilley 8, UNB