



## **RAVEN team meeting**

February 26, 2019, 10:30-noon

by zoom

**Present:** Amy Savile, Chris George, Kim Reeder, Rick Wightman, Rodrigo Gutiérrez Hermelo, Rowan Miller, Shanthi Bell, Sophie Lavoie, Susan O'Donnell, Tyler Foley.

## **Minutes**

### **1. Territorial acknowledgement**

The UNB Peace and Friendship Treaty Days events are happening starting Wednesday. Everyone is encouraged to check out the events in the link circulated with the agenda:

<https://www.unb.ca/conferences/peaceandfriendshiptreatydays/program.html>

### **2. Research ethics**

The UNB REB reviewed and approved the RAVEN research protocol for the additional work. Now there are new ideas about doing additional research, primarily interviews. If anyone has additional work planned we will submit another amendment, keep Susan in the loop.

### **3. RAVEN work: recent and underway now**

Shanthi reported on the videos she's working on now based on the interview with David Perley. There will be three videos, two are almost complete. Shanthi is coordinating the RAVEN cell phone music video contest. 11 applications have been requested so far and one completed application has been submitted.

Susan reported that she has not yet prepared the online survey for video feedback although that was approved in the ethics amendment. The RAVEN website has been re-designed to accommodate low-bandwidth situations in rural areas (no photos, fast page loads).

Rick reported on his plans for the summer, including working with high schools in Charlotte County. Rick has no plans to hire a student this summer. We have an opportunity to conduct research with the high school students however we would need a team member to lead this research and do another ethics amendment.

Chris reported on his video project work with Matt. Primarily he has been getting paperwork together for the planned documentary that will be a "domino" style story. Susan will touch base with Matt soon to clarify if JEDI will be involved in this production. Susan and Tyler will be meeting next week to discuss common work.

Tracy, Matt, Casey, Sabine will host a RAVEN digital storytelling workshop on March 12, at 7pm in Taymouth. The notice went out to the RAVEN list last week.

Mary, Tracy, Susan and Tom Beckley submitted their manuscript to Rural Sociology.

Abstracts have been accepted for the Canadian Sociological Assn conference at the Congress in Vancouver in June by 1) Mary 2) Amy and Tracy, 3) Susan. Mary also has an abstract accepted for the Canadian Communication Association at Congress.

Amy reported that she, Tracy and Susan had their abstract accepted for a special issue of Westminster Papers on Communication and Culture on media activism. The full manuscript is due end of March. They are doing the research for it now. The focus is an analysis of alternative media sources in New Brunswick on forestry issues.

Kim reported on the work underway with CSRNO. Considerable work went into the online survey and it has been reviewed and piloted. The text is now being translated. We expect it will go live in mid-March. Survey participants will include staff and elected officials of CSRNO communities as well as non-profit organizations and the two First Nations CRSNO works with in their region.

Rowan reported on the position paper he's coordinating called "A just transition to a green economy for rural NB." We're working with members of an advisory committee including Amy Floyd and Garth Hood. We've also invited others to join us. Susan explained that we're still figuring out how it will work for RAVEN to have position papers, who will work on them, who will put their name on them, what purpose they will serve, etc. We are hoping that our papers will spark some discussion on the various issues we focus on. The current plan is to start with this one to see how it works out then begin paper #2, which will focus on forestry.

Susan reported that the CIRA application led by the NB Media Co-op with partners RAVEN and the New Brunswick Community college was submitted last week. We will hear the results in late April or early June. They will fund approximately 1 in 10 applications so fingers crossed.

#### **4. RAVEN Earth week events (April 23-27)**

Susan gave an update on the plans for RAVEN Earth Week April 23-27. The evenings will feature a public discussion and book launch on making rail transit safe for communities: book launch about Lac Mégantic disaster, with Bruce Campbell, author. The event is confirmed for Edmundston, Fredericton and Saint John, working on Sussex, possibly Sackville. Partners NB Media Co-op, Council of Canadians Fredericton and Saint John.

The Earth Week days will feature online webinars using zoom by all the RAVEN students this term who have work to share. We expect that each session will be 1 hour, featuring a 15 minute presentation followed by online discussion. Susan will work with the students to prepare the presentations. RAVEN has completed one webinar to date, Casey's tutorial on how to make a cell phone video / cellphilm. It went very well and the recording is available online on the contest Facebook page.

That week will also feature the launch of the winning cell phone music videos. Shanthi confirmed that RAVEN has a YouTube channel where all the videos will be housed.

The Earth Week events will end with an event coordinated by a group with the New Brunswick Environmental Network. Susan is part of that group and RAVEN will be a partner. It will be a "March for Tomorrow's Jobs" event in Saint John on Saturday, April 27.

**5. Next meeting date in March: Wednesday, March 27, 1-2:30pm, by zoom**

**6. Adjournment - meeting adjourned early, at 11:35am.**