

RAVEN Team Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2019

Location: By Zoom

Present: Susan O'Donnell; Tracy Glynn, Kim Reeder; Rodrigo Gutiérrez Hermelo; Brian Beaton; Daniel Tubb, Casey Burkholder; Tyler Foley

Apologies: Matt Rogers; Rick Wightman; Abram Lutes

1. Brian acknowledged the unceded territory of the Wolastoq Nation.
2. Upcoming RAVEN activities in September

September 20-27 - RAVEN and NB Media Co-op Voices for the Environment Week

Put up posters in the Forestry Building, Education Building, buildings with lots of traffic, etc.

Brian suggested handouts for student orientation week.

Susan will look into ads/PSAs in *The Brunswickan* and *The Aquinian*.

Tracy can put up posters.

3. Invitation from Adrian Downey for WIPS presentation

Adrian Downey invites RAVEN to present at WIPS in October or November.

Susan asks us to think about presenting at WIPS. There's a paper by Mary and others in final stages of revisions for the Journal of Rural and Community Development. Kim is about to submit a paper to the same journal. There's another paper in the works by Amy, Tracy and Susan.

Brian suggests other kinds of presentation on the research process itself - perhaps a group presentation.

Casey suggests that a group could start with a presentation about the project and Tracy could present a case study - the photovoice project done in Sussex. Susan and Tracy will discuss a date for a presentation in October.

4. Activities since June and upcoming

Tracy: Working on a photovoice project in Sussex with folks from different rural communities. Concluded the photo-storytelling stage. Now working on transcribing the stories, editing and making posters of the photo-stories. Organizing the panel on women resisting extractivism and bridging the scholar-activist divide on Sept. 27 at 2:00pm at BMH Rotunda. Folks from outside Fredericton are planning to attend.

Daniel: Attending photovoice project meetings with Tracy in Sussex. Working with Abram on the Letters from the Future series. Amy Floyd's letter is the next letter to be published by the NB Media Co-op on Friday. Putting together a book prospectus on the letters to take to Goose Lane or Fernwood. Publishing some of the letters in French in Astheure. Going on parental leave/travelling to Ontario/Colombia on Oct. 1 for the year. Will continue working with Tracy as her supervisor over the phone and Skype.

Kim: Working on a manuscript to submit for review. Wrote a collaborative letter from the future with Passamaquoddy colleagues. Working on a report on rail infrastructure and governance.

Rodrigo: Does not have an update since the last meeting. The Media Lab facilitated training sessions for the RAVEN summer institute.

Casey: Working with Alicia on literature reviews for a paper. Working on the Hayes Urban Teaching Farm and hoping to have someone from there collaborate on a paper. Will check back in with Jerry Gogan at Petitcodiac about a cellfilming workshop in the fall.

Tyler: Was working with Susan on training for university-aged Indigenous students but that didn't work. Thinking about a different approach for next summer. Community development section at JEDI did an entrepreneurship camp for youth – 12 to 17 years old this summer and perhaps a similar model could be used. The national organization, Indigenous Works, that works on inclusion of Indigenous people in the workforce, is working with JEDI to hold a conference in Fredericton – Sept. 24-25. The itinerary will be firmed up soon. Tyler plans to attend.

Susan: Considering holding the RAVEN workshop with Indigenous youth and JEDI at the Permaculture Festival in Knowlesville next year. Will need to consider age and ethics if doing research, or alternatively it could be only a training activity.

Brian: Working on an overview of the telecommunications infrastructure in the province. Did 3 interviews, including one with the Atlantic health desk that services all the First Nations in NB. Will produce a report for the end of next week. Trying to keep up with Susan and traveling the province.

Susan: Working with the summer institute students, an interesting experience that started with text, then moved to video and a memes workshop. Learned a lot. Students said they developed expertise in different areas and were able to publish something every week. The summer institute met every week in the summer and talked about how it could be different next summer, including having not just city people writing about rural people. Decided to do activities with First Nations youth next summer.

Susan is also meeting with student activists at UNB and STU on the fossil fuels divestment campaigns. Susan sent a letter to the UNB Strategic Planning office requesting that they include fossil fuel divestment in their strategic plan. Did not get feedback yet. Met with Jennifer Andrews, a UNB board of governor and English prof. Jennifer introduced Susan to the BOG secretariat, who forwarded Susan's letter and request to work with us on divestment of fossil fuel. Abram has prepared some requests for information that we will submit if the information is not volunteered first from the UNB administration. Rachel Bensler is leading the UNB campaign and Hannah Moore the STU campaign. Both will be speaking at the Voices of Environment week. Organizing events for Voices of Environment week. Christine Wu is working on the poetry for climate crisis event and workshop.

Brian: Asks everyone to share the events online and invite people to come to the events – adults supporting the youth is important.

Susan: Sept. 20-27 is the global youth climate action week. A good way to recruit new students into environmental activism.

5. New students starting September

Tracy highly recommended Rachel Bensler. Susan is impressed by her interactions with her so far. Patrick Donovan is the second student hired, recommended by Daniel. We may also have another student through UNB Arts 3000 interns.

6. Other biz

David Hoffmann's social networking course begins in January 2020. Ideally will hire students from his course to do social networking analysis. Susan may audit his course to learn about the tools for such analysis. Will analyze the reception – of what's already been produced, how it gets shared, what people are saying about it, etc.

7. Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept 17 at 3:00pm

8. Adjourn