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Affordable Rental Housing for Those in Greatest Need

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National Update

We are pleased to officially announce the beginning of *People, Places, Policies and Prospects* - a pan-Canadian research initiative which is part of the [Canadian Housing Research Network](#). Through this five-year, SSHRC-CMHC partnership grant, our team will develop a national understanding of different affordable housing strategies (such as public housing, housing allowances and rent supplements), and the outcomes and experiences of tenants involved in these different housing programs. This includes looking at the economic hardship experienced by tenants, their health and wellbeing, their neighbourhood connections and opportunities, the condition of housing in which tenants live, and housing stability. Some of the media coverage we have received following the announcement include articles in the [Chronicle Herald](#) and the [Saskatoon StarPhoenix](#), as well as interviews with the CBC in Cape Breton, [Ottawa](#), and [Saskatoon](#). We encourage you to share the news in your own networks.

This summer, regional academic and community co-leads in Saskatoon, Ottawa and Cape Breton began recruiting research assistants and people with lived experience to prepare for our in-depth, community-based research and to develop a shared data collection tool. We have also hired a national coordinator, developed new community partnerships and started our knowledge mobilization work.

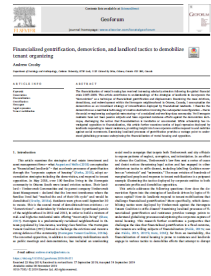
The CMHC Expert Community on Housing



Team members and others interested in current housing research are encouraged to join the Expert Community On Housing (ECO) at <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/nhs/expert-community-on-housing>. Through the CMHC-managed portal, you can expect to be connected to other housing researchers, be notified of regularly hosted webinars, and find a great opportunity to share your own projects and research with a wide community of Canadian housing researchers and professionals. All teams that are part of the Canadian Housing Research Network will be sharing news of their work through this platform.

Publication from Andy Crosby at Carleton University

Andy Crosby is a PhD Student in the Sociology and Anthropology department at Carleton University who has been involved with our research project since the spring of 2019. He recently published an article titled *“Financialized gentrification, demoviction, and landlord tactics to demobilize tenant organizing”* in GeoForum.



This article contributes to understandings of the strategies of landlords to incorporate “demoviction” as a technique of financialized gentrification and displacement. Specifically, the article focuses on the mass evictions, demolitions, and redevelopment within the Herongate neighbourhood in Ottawa.

Introducing a Few of Many Team Members from Across the Country



Xavier Leloup is an Associate Professor at the Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS) in Montréal. He has worked on several research projects on social housing, immigrant housing and income inequality. His current research interests focus on the private rental sector and residential precariousness, including affordability issues. Recently Xavier has also contributed to the writing of *Changing Neighbourhoods*, which examines social inequality at the neighbourhood level.

Aijia Deng is an MBA in Community Economic Development student at Cape Breton University with an undergraduate degree in non-profit studies. She also has significant work experience in the non-profit sector in the United States. She is committed to, and passionate about, working with disadvantaged individuals and communities. Aijia came to Canada last year to further her studies in community development, and is very happy to be working as a research assistant in this national initiative.



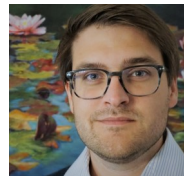
Sarah Buhler is an Associate Professor at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law. Her research focuses on housing law and access to justice for tenants. She is thrilled to be a part of this multidisciplinary and national research project and to be part of moving our national and local conversations about affordable housing forward.

Brian Gilligan works with Ottawa Community Housing (OCH), Canada’s fourth largest social housing provider, offering affordable housing to +32,000 tenants. As the Vice President of Community and Tenant Services, he is responsible for building healthy, safe and inclusive communities and successful tenancies. Prior to working for OCH, Brian has spent much of his career working in infectious disease programming with at risk populations in Canada, Asia and Africa.



Camponi Housing Corporation has been serving the housing needs of the City of Saskatoon since 1973. They are a non-profit Indigenous organization committed to providing safe, affordable and quality housing for Métis and Indigenous people in Saskatoon. They believe that providing integrated supports to the more than 400 families that reside in their housing is key to ensuring stable and sustainable housing – everyone deserves to live somewhere that they are proud to call HOME.

If you or your organization has an announcement or project you would like shared, please reach out to **William Roy**, our National Project Coordinator, at coordinator@cbu.ca. We can help share your news and increase the reach of important work being done in the housing sector by all of our community and academic partners.



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