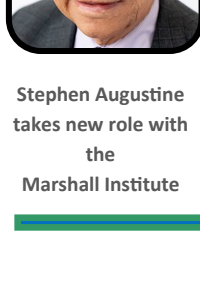
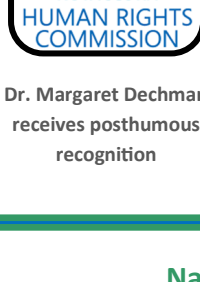




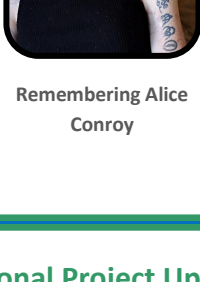
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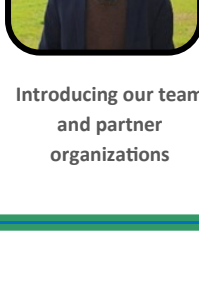
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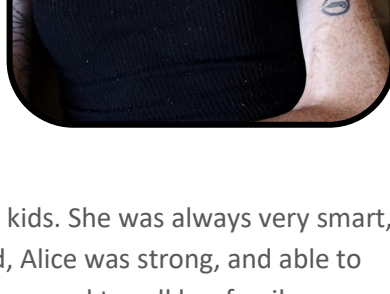
National Project Update

During the winter, work on analyzing the Canadian Housing Survey continued, the Saskatoon-based affordable housing scoping report was completed and new work with our International Advisory Group began. We also held our annual meeting with our National Advisory Group. We are excited to welcome new team members including Reza Sohrabi and the Saskatchewan Landlords Association.

Read further in this edition of our seasonal newsletter to hear about recognition given to past and current team members. This edition also covers the Saskatoon scoping report, our ongoing student training sessions, and provides a commemoration of recently passed youth co-researcher Alice Conroy, a valued member of our Ontario research team.

In Memoriam Alice Conroy  
(December 31, 1987 to December 30, 2021)

It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of a member of the Ottawa co-researcher team. Alice Conroy was a fierce and passionate advocate for trans rights, particularly in housing and homelessness services. She drew on her own lived experience to contribute to research and community in order to help others coming up behind her to have better options that she did. Her insights and advocacy will live on through the P4 project's national interview guide, to which Alice made important contributions. Her cousin, Chad Conroy, has kindly shared some details with us about her life before joining the P4 project:



Alice grew up in Montreal the oldest of two kids. She was always very smart, and had struggles in her life. That being said, Alice was strong, and able to put many of the worst things behind her. I'm proud to call her family.

Alice moved to the Ottawa area to be closer to our family and also take an opportunity at a good fresh beginning.

Our lives were always so busy, and at times that could be frustrating. Before Covid, Alice would put her foot down and arrange a babysitting day or family outing. That kind of connection is what ties childhood and adulthood and truly reinforced the sense of Family.

Alice introduced my kids to Janis Joplin, Against Me!, My Chemical Romance and really anything punk, hard core or with meaning. She also assured them that having more than one cat was not only acceptable but necessary for their cat's socialization, and maybe the kids'. So ... here we are as in love with cats as Alice was.

Alice joined us for family dinners, including begrudgingly joining us for Dim Sum, stretching her pallet. Alice reassured my youngest daughter that it is perfectly acceptable as a Conroy to stick to the basic staples of spaghetti, chicken fingers and toast and that YES salt, pepper and ketchup are all spicy!

Alice's journey in attending schools across the city and living up to her sharp intelligence was difficult for her. She remained open and vulnerable in sharing her story so that she could keep making the world a better place.

Alice was powerful in her desire to make sure we hold our kids tight and support them at all times. My teenage son was drawn in so quickly and so closely, because they could chat and share their perspectives on toxic culture and ideals for the future.

My son quietly arranged for his trans friend to join us on a family event, knowing that Alice would be able to quietly lift up their experience and reassure them that the pain can be temporary and living your truth does not have to hurt. Though those connections can be fleeting, they can also be so instrumental and Alice knew that.

Alice suffered from a heart condition for which she was not always able to get timely treatment. Entering the health care system when you are trans can be intimidating even for someone as strong as Alice.

There are so many barriers to just simple access and the fear and reality of being misgendered or judged always impacted her sense of safety.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, she was admitted to hospital in Hull, Quebec to treat her heart condition, but subsequently suffered a stroke and then with the balance of managing the heart condition and the bleeding, she turned a corner and quietly left us in the early morning on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December.

We want to find a way to continue to honour Alice and the light she leaves in our family and those she has touched. I am sure over time, we will find ways to continue to do that.

Alice was a strong advocate for homelessness, the social determinants leading to homelessness, the long term impacts of homelessness and

addiction, mental health supports, access to supports, trans rights and overall just making the world a better place for all marginalized people.

In Alice's memory, we are asking members and associates of P4 to please make a donation to the Friends of Ruby home, Canada's first custom-built transitional housing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and two-spirit young people, located in Toronto, Ontario. Donations can be made [here](#).

You can specify that your donation is in memory of Alice Conroy through the 'Dedication' option on the site.

Stephen Augustine named Executive Director of the Marshall Institute at CBU

Stephen Augustine, a Hereditary Chief on the Mi'kmaq Grand Council and co-applicant on the People, Places, Policies and Prospects project working in the Atlantic Region, has been named the new Executive Director of the Marshall Institute at CBU.



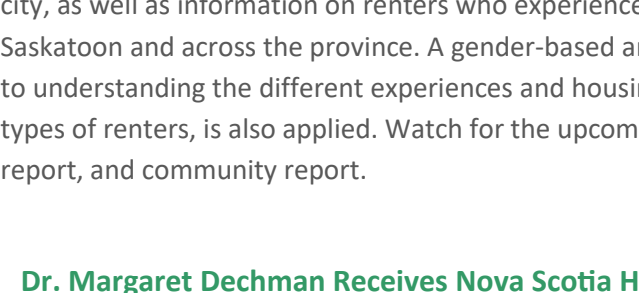
"The Marshall Institute at Cape Breton University will focus its work on public policy issues of importance to Mi'kmaq communities in Unama'ki and Nova Scotia, including those pertaining to climate change, the fisheries (Netukulimk), resource management, and health."

During his time as Associate Vice-President of Indigenous Affairs, Stephen Augustine played an important role in ensuring Indigenous culture, heritage and knowledge are incorporated into the culture at CBU. In a statement, Augustine said, "I am honoured to be the Executive Director of the Marshall Institute and I am humbled to play a role in upholding the legacy of Donald Marshall Jr. Collaboration within Indigenous communities will be crucial as we move forward, and I am very much looking forward to further establishing Unama'ki and Canada as a world leader in inclusive economies and equitable societies." Read more [here](#).

CUISR to Release Full, and Community Technical Reports on Affordable Housing in Saskatoon

We are happy to announce the upcoming release of technical and community reports, entitled "A Review of Affordable Housing Programs for Those in Greatest Need in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan". This work covers a two-year period of time and provides an assessment of the state of current housing programs and the types of support these programs provide for those in greatest need.

It also addresses government reinvestment into affordable housing programs, the National Housing Strategy, and the many organizations that are integral to the provision of housing.



It is important to note that these have been produced in a time of significant

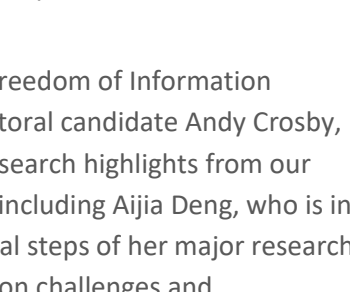
social policy change in Saskatchewan and "highlights persistent ... barriers to accessing safe, secure, [and] affordable housing."

Other important information provided includes data on homelessness in the city, as well as information on renters who experience core housing need in Saskatoon and across the province. A gender-based analysis plus lens, crucial to understanding the different experiences and housing outcomes of all types of renters, is also applied. Watch for the upcoming release of the full report, and community report.

Dr. Margaret Dechman Receives Nova Scotia Human Rights Award and is Recognized With a Newly Announced Award at CBU

The late Dr. Margaret Dechman has been posthumously recognized and honoured with the [2021 Nova Scotia Human Rights Award](#) and with a new research award that bears her name, called the "[Margaret Dechman Community Engaged Research Champion Award](#)." Dr. Margaret Dechman was a key member of our Partnership Development Grant, working in the Atlantic Region specifically.

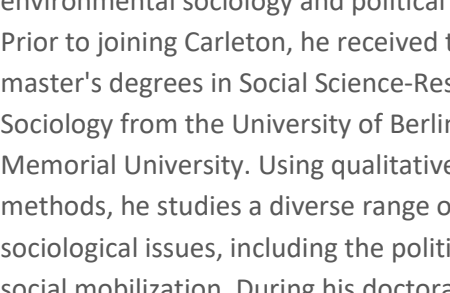
Dr. Dechman was a remarkable academic, community member, and researcher who championed social justice and compassionately advocated for the marginalized and the socially excluded. She had a passion for community-driven research and is being recognized for her work as an advocate, researcher, and champion of others throughout Cape Breton.



Student Training Sessions

On January 25th, we continued offering learning and professional development opportunities focused on developing our next generation of housing scholars. Through our partnership with Carleton University, Reference Librarian Judy Senecal provided a comprehensive two-hour session on the uses and application of NVIVO for qualitative research in the People, Places, Policies and Prospects project.

Upcoming training sessions will include using Freedom of Information Requests in research projects, provided by doctoral candidate Andy Crosby,

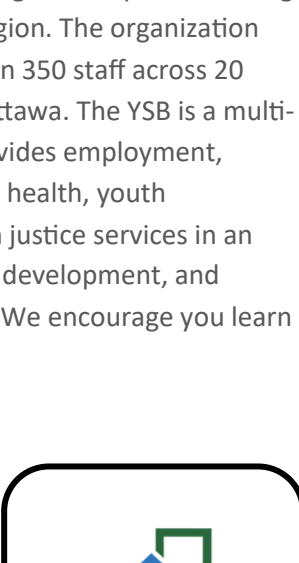


and research highlights from our team, including Aijia Deng, who is in the final steps of her major research paper on challenges and opportunities experienced by non-market housing providers as they pursue new funding opportunities for affordable housing development.

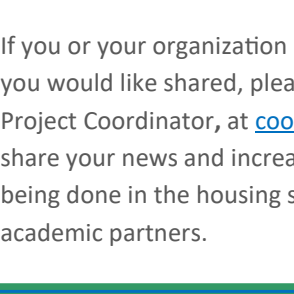
Meet the Team: New Research Assistants and Partner Organizations

Reza Sohrabi

Reza Sohrabi is a Ph.D. student in Sociology at Carleton University with a focus on environmental sociology and political sociology. Prior to joining Carleton, he received two master's degrees in Social Science-Research and Sociology from the University of Berlin and Memorial University. Using qualitative research methods, he studies a diverse range of sociological issues, including the political economy of natural resources and social mobilization. During his doctoral studies, he aims to investigate the social, political, and economic impacts of water scarcity in the MENA region. Reza's interest in comparative studies has led him to work more closely with projects in comparative research and political economy.



Youth Services Bureau (YSB)



The YSB is one of the largest non-profits serving youth in the Ottawa Region. The organization operates with more than 350 staff across 20 locations throughout Ottawa. The YSB is a multi-service agency that provides employment, health, housing, mental health, youth engagement, and youth justice services in an integrated partnership, development, and delivery model. The YSB is a charitable foundation. We encourage you learn more about them here <https://www.yvb.ca/>.

Saskatoon Landlord Association

The [Saskatchewan Landlord Association](#) is one of the latest partners to join the People, Places, Policies and Prospects project. They are the voice of landlords in Saskatchewan and advocate for a healthy housing industry that serves the needs of renters, owners, and managers. To help sustain a sustainable rental housing industry, the Saskatchewan Landlord Association promotes innovative practices, and advocates for equitable legislation.



If you or your organization has an announcement or project you would like shared, please reach out to our National Project Coordinator, at [coordinator@cbu.ca](mailto: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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