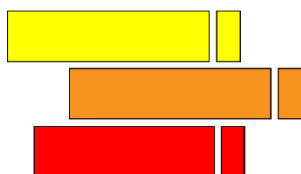


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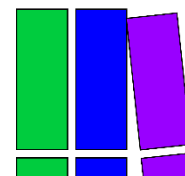
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



~ Judith Harris

Promoting Linkages between Academic Study and Practice of Co-operation

This is a significant year for CASC/ACÉC as we welcome new board members Emi, Juliet, and Rafael and prepare for our 40th anniversary conference. In this report, I want to emphasise the organization's role in "promoting linkages between the academic study and practice of cooperation." I will follow up on challenges identified by our 2022 Human Books Erik Esse, Eric Gosselin, Michelle Cooper-Iverson, James Magnus-Johnston and Michael Pontinen. The discussion was energized by co-operators who had "found their heart in the co-operative movement" and by a consensus that the co-op model is, by necessity, evolving to respond to current waves of change.

This year, a 2023 roundtable called on participants to revisit the inter-related issues and debates that arose in that earlier discussion. The circle included

Russ Christianson, Juliet 'Kego Ume-Onyido, and Phillip Mikulec. Taking our lead from the previous discussion, participants weighed in on the following topics: activating the heart; scaling up by courting unlikely partners; choosing participation or engagement; co-operating 101 education for children & managers; redefining old models by peeling off the layers; inviting harsh criticism and pooling our common, lived experience.

Below, I have tried to capture the highlights of this year's roundtable in the words of the participants in our circle (apologies to the group for any errors and omissions).

The first observation from the group was that as co-operative individuals, we may have a fear of failure as well as a fear of conflict and this can mean that we overlook the need to invite harsh questions and necessary criticism. Members need to be direct and ask engaging questions to get honest feedback—the truth. Co-ops often need a reality check.

For example, free riders can sometimes be an issue in co-op development and sustainability. Members and workers need to be aware that there is some sacrifice in building any enterprise. Clearly co-operative leadership structure lies outside the corporate box. Still, there are consequences to decisions made at every stage in the life of the co-op. On a related topic, we need to think carefully about the difference between engagement and participation.

The group considered the need to scale up by courting unlikely partners—in one case municipal workers were engaged in a co-operative initiative. Co-ops must be relentless in pursuing partners. This effort takes resources and the results may not be immediate.

The pandemic gave rise to new sectors of co-op development. Since people could not get together, technology may have dominated at the cost of community. There was mention of a new app WOVO. Developed to enhance worker voice and worker engagement, the app allows for anonymous feedback and potentially better communication with one's employer.

Long-time co-operators highlighted the importance of emotional motivation in activating the heart of co-op members. In following co-op values, members support each other.

Burnout can be a challenge in the co-operative movement and may be related to the life stage of the co-op. Greater diversity in membership can play a role in injecting new energy and finding new solutions. This reflects the need to expand the circle, a theme that emerged in a number of sessions at the CASC/ACÉC Conference this year.

The group observed that “the elephant in the room”, especially for small co-operatives, is the fact that many workers hold down a side job. The question for them is “when do we feel secure enough to let go and commit to go ‘all-co-op’ — emotionally and financially?” For most emerging co-ops, founders can look forward to many volunteer hours. Some members are frightened. At first the board

may be too involved. Once there is long-term investment in the enterprise, then you become strategic. It takes some courage to accept that it's sink or swim. Related questions are, as an individual worker, “how much do you need” or “what is enough?” These questions are political and reflect our worldview.

We talked about important topics of applied research to support small co-operatives: surveying members on what's appealing, why might some have left and why did they not come back, and more market research is needed.

There was general agreement that banks and chambers of commerce do not understand the model. Even some Credit Unions could use a Co-ops 101 workshop. Financial institutions tend to sideline co-operatives. In fact banks have lobbied to constrain co-ops, calling for a higher reserve rate. More story telling is called for and we need to challenge imposters who present with co-op language. There is a wider need to amplify the work of co-ops and CASC/ACÉC plays a key role.

We look forward to further discussion and plan to dedicate a full day of our 2024 conference in Montreal to papers, roundtables, and tours that highlight the daily challenges facing co-operative enterprises. We invite you to join in this critical and continuing dialogue and our 40th Anniversary celebrations.

CASC/ACÉC 2023 CONFERENCE, CONGRESS 2023



Jaya Beange (CASC Communications) and Judith Harris (President)

Taking Account, Expanding the Circle and Envisioning New Futures

We're feeling energized after this year's CASC/ACÉC conference, our 39th annual conference, which took place in-person May 29-31, 2023, at York University as part of the Congress of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Here are snapshots and comments on some of the diverse and inspirational presentations. We asked a few conference attendees for their key takeaways—here are some of the highlights.

CASC/ACÉC 2023 Conference Takeaways

"It was an incredible experience to see so many diverse perspectives invited and involved in the opportunity. I enjoyed the candor and engaging interactions during, in between, and after the sessions."

"A compelling international panel with Isabelle Ferreras, Emi Do, Matt Noyes, Priscilla Ferreira, Jerome Warren and Marcelo Vieta".

"Everyone seemed both relieved and excited to meet each other in person once again. There was quite a number of interesting panels, but one highlight was the panel on 'experiencing' cooperation."

"I really appreciated the emphasis and care put on diversity in research on cooperatives."

"The CASC Conference was invigorating. Among the many important speaker, panel, and discussion sessions I found time to enjoy many other parts of the overall Congress including the book fair, Indigenous keynote speakers, and food system events."

"Many of the sessions I attended in the CASC conference had a common theme of community empowerment, ownership, and supporting deeper levels/ explorations of democracy, employing community, participatory and inclusive research methods for their work."

"Speakers invited the community to think big and to consider what inter-

cooperation means in the face of racial capitalism, inequity and environmental injustice – “Creative energy is our most powerful resource.”

"This was the most diverse and intellectually rich CASC conference I have had the joy of participating in over the past 17 years. Rich papers, presenters from all over the world, and from different backgrounds made this a very stimulating conference and a template for future CASC gatherings."

CASC/ACÉC Conference in Review

The organization of the conference is a big undertaking and we are grateful for everyone's volunteer work over the past six months. John Simoulidis was the local organizer who arranged for rooms, audio-visual support, and catering. Derya Tarhan, every year, organizes the review of papers and produces numerous drafts of the program. Judith Harris played a key role in keeping all of these parts moving and connected.

This review will help you to revisit or visit for the first time the CASC/ACÉC Conference of 2023 and to follow up on people and topics that are currently shaping the dynamic co-op movement in Canada.

Day 1 May 29

This first session covered lessons from initiatives that have prioritized **collaboration and co-creativity**.

Transform Practice has integrated Feminist Intersectional Solidarity into their leadership approach. Fursova provided a case study of ways that this

non-profit enterprise embodies FIS in its leadership, resource allocation, knowledge creation, and relationships. Duguid presented on a case of co-creation in Eswatini, building on a long history of co-operation. Stakeholders provided the context and co-created opportunities for growth, employment, women's opportunities and community economic development. In a presentation by Heras, we learned about collaborative research and an exchange of knowledge between researchers in Canada and Argentina. Heras described an exchange of knowledge over the past five years. Canada has experience with community health co-ops but no enabling legislation while Argentina recently created supportive legislation but lacks experience with work integration social enterprise.

Presenters in the next session provided cases that have demonstrated a response to ***economic development challenges in rural, northern, and remote locations***. In order of presentation, Reed, Awotwe, and Clark presented on the following: structural disadvantages for marginalized groups in India and leveraging bonds of solidarity; e-solutions to address the rural-urban digital divide; and the experience of small holder agriculturalists and the sustainability of producers who access fair trade markets.

Dr. Caroline Shenaz Hossein presented a keynote on Imagining Co-operative Futures: Africana women co-operators on solidarity for Canada and the World.

There was a great turnout for her talk on informal, cooperative networks. ROSCAs, SUSUs, and other self-help and mutual aid organizations are a big part of

the solidarity economy, particularly in the Caribbean and yet they have not been recognized as part of the co-op movement in Canada. Hossein's research provides evidence of a thriving co-op sector that contributes to economic development internationally and is a growing phenomenon in major Canadian centres. Dr. Hossein called for acknowledgement of the Banker Ladies whose work is behind this more inclusive financial system.



Dr. Hossein facilitated and expanded on research with a panel of presenters from the *Diverse Solidarities Economies Collective*. Members of the panel aimed to “move us away from the colonial library”: Stock described alternative co-operative educational institutions/pedagogy; Nelson recounted examples of Black women's struggle to overcome economic exclusion and predatory lending in the mainstream economy; Barrett argued for a ROSCA Federation to strengthen and promote informal banking in Canada; Pearson spoke on behalf of marginalized students and resistance to educational inequities; and Esnard focused on the Caribbean co-

operative experience in building social and economic capital.

Federations, Leagues and Incubators were the focus of our final session of the day. Boucher and Pigeon have employed strategic niche management theory to examine the role of renewable energy co-operatives in contributing to Canada's net zero target. The presenters studied the role of second and third tier organizations in providing for greater collaboration/federation, competitive advantage and opportunity for scaling up in this resistant landscape. Murray presented highlights of a literature review of co-op incubators. Incubators enhance survival, entrepreneurial development, and financial performance and create employment. The literature on co-op – specific incubators is scarce but from her review Murray includes the following recommendations: subsidized, open/community-based programs, online sessions, mentorship teams, and regional incubator hubs.



Our *AGM and Reception (with ANSER)* held at Cecil Community Centre brought us to the end of Day 1. John Simoulidis ensured that our reception and our coffee breaks were highlights of the conference

with local baking and samosas and craft beers. John is our “go-to” for the best family restaurants in downtown Toronto.

CASC/ACÉC AGM Highlights

President’s report highlights

Judith oversaw one of the Human Books sessions last year at the Conference and the practitioners talked about communication being essential. Communicating with a wider audience has been one of this year’s goals. The pandemic has changed things and has made us more aware of the need for economic transformation. This past year was also focused on relationships, alliances, and partnerships cultivated through engagement. Fiona is leading the Communications committee to reach a wider audience and Derya is leading the Diversity committee to increase funding for marginalized communities.



CASC has an opportunity as well to build on a number of keynote speakers from the past and panels that have been addressing communications and bringing more people to CASC. This year we are talking about Taking account, expanding the circle, and envisioning new futures, a

challenge that we will keep in mind for the coming year.

Congress Graduate Merit Award

The Congress Graduate Merit Award is funded and administered by the Federation and adjudicated by CASC. This year’s Graduate Merit Award is awarded to Esther Awotwe. Esther Awotwe is a Ph.D. Candidate at Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan.

CASC Scholarships

Dan Brunette of CMC announced the 2023 recipients of the CASC Scholarships:

- The **Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship** was awarded to Salimata Konate, a Ph.D. candidate at the Université du Québec.
- The **Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award** was granted to **Joty Simarjot Dhaliwal**, a student in the Graduate Studies Certificate at the City University of New York.
- The **Alexander Fraser Laidlaw Fellowship** was awarded to **Jessica Izard**, a Juris Doctor Candidate at Queen’s University.

Ian MacPherson Legacy Fund

Dan also mentioned the Ian MacPherson Legacy Fund, which is set up in collaboration with CASC. The fund is for young people (under 35 years old) to participate in research and education

about co-ops. **Kristen Murray** received funding to participate in this year's CASC Conference.

CASC/ACÉC Board Elections

Continuing members are:

- Fiona Duguid
- John Simoulidis
- Anne-Marie Merrien

Judith Harris, Marcelo Vieta, Esther Awotwe, Derya Tarhan, and Isobel Findlay have completed their term, but are re-offering to continue working on the board. Darryl Reed, Claude-André Guillotte, and Mitch Diamantopoulos are leaving the board and CASC is thankful to them for their work over the past years. Therefore, 3 more members can be invited to join this year.

Fiona Duguid nominated Kristen Murray who is not currently able to commit to working on the Board. Marcelo nominated Rafael Ziegler. Rafael agreed to join the Board. The returning members and Rafael Ziegler were duly elected. Congratulations to all. The Board can add two more members at their next meeting.

Renewed thanks to the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives for support of the Secretariat and to Eylin Jorge Coto for all her contributions as CASC assistant.



Day 2, May 30

Our first session on the second day of the conference provided *theoretical explorations of co-operative practice*.

Warren suggested mechanisms for transforming the firm toward greater sustainability. Piltai promoted the concept of a learning ecosystem of co-operatives, building on the idea of channels of learning that contributed to resilience during the COVID 19 pandemic. Ziegler presented theory-propositions to support strategies for re-embedding co-operatives in the circular economy.

In an illuminating chat with

practitioners Phillip @pegcitycarcoop; Juliet @bwpcoop; Russ @ONcooperatives and others took part in a circle discussion focused on activating the heart; scaling up by courting unlikely partners; choosing participation or engagement; finding the energy to invest in broad coalitions; demonstrating that co-ops are direct democracy; co-operating 101 for children & managers —beyond school yard behaviour; redefining old models by peeling off the layers; inviting harsh criticism and pooling our lived experience. Among the challenges identified by the group were a fear of failure and a tendency to avoid conflict.

This critical and continuing dialogue will be revisited in future conferences.

Two presenters focused on *co-operatives and higher education*. Banyani suggested that new humanist language become a part of STEM education with more attention paid to worker positionalities and interiorities. Banyani's research examines the aviation labour shortage and recruitment and training, accounting for the problem by describing entrenched hierarchies and a lack of awareness of intersectionalities. Jodah described student environmental activism and opportunities for universities to highlight and promote the work of student-run organizations that offer opportunities for learning and long-term impact.

In his keynote *Mamawitcihitowin (Working Together)*, Milton Tootoosis, traced the history of Indigenous encounters with representatives of the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan. He introduced us to influential leaders—Poundmaker, Big Bear, and John Tootoosis, and described a worldview passed on to current generations. This worldview is framed by four key values: mamawitcihitowin (working together); wahkotowin (kinship); kayawisiwin (respect); and pimacihisowin (care of self/neighbours). Theirs was a system where everything was connected, in contrast to the colonial political economy of division. Today, evidence of values-based economic renewal is laid out in Bill Gallagher (2012) *Resource Rulers*. Tootoosis left us with his observation that an economic revolution is taking place.



In line with the theme of the CASC/ACÉC conference, the following researchers contributed to the idea of *Expanding the Circle*. Sengupta's survey of ethnocultural, racialized, and Indigenous co-operatives identified unique characteristics and needs of organizations that are sometimes bypassed by progressive changes in co-op practice. This research aims to achieve greater equity and at the same time enhance resilience of the movement. Redekop spoke of ongoing and "active erasure of BIPOC contributions to the co-operative sector". Her interviews with Black and Indigenous co-operators identify ways of making space for diverse voices and opportunities in the solidarity economy. Renewable Energy Co-operatives are a growing phenomenon and most of the members are white men. This narrow demographic runs counter to claims that RECs promote greater social justice. Tarhan's interviews have indicated that policy and regulations increased minimum investment, shutting out marginalized communities.

Co-op Governance was the theme in this afternoon session where Pigeon, Mou, and Jaggi examined *Cooperative Health Clinics*. They noted that the co-op model in practice is a democratic alternative to

clinics where patients' voices are marginalised. The presenters believe that co-op governance with patient representation results in the adoption of more innovative medical practices. Merrien worked with Ilagiisaq, a federation of Inuit co-ops in Nunuvut, in her doctoral research. Second level federations are challenged to balance efficiency with relevance. She emphasized the importance of adapting governance structures to fit the community. Co-op member control was the focus of Gray's analysis of co-op structures (i.e. member offices, elections, and bylaws). Drawing attention to a series of charts on membership structures Gray's presentation went on to illustrate conditions under which control was contained by membership.

Canadian co-operatives have had a leading role in Fair Trade. This panel of experts included Gavin Fridell, author of the *Free Trade Handbook*; Patrick Clark on food sovereignty and sustainable rural development in Ecuador and Peru; Chad Saunders, VP Ancillary Services at York University; Bill Barrett from Planet Bean in Guelph; and Kelly Storie, ED of La Siembra in Ottawa. Their rich discussion covered value chain relations in different sectors, capacity building projects, certification programs, financial support, and procurement policies.

In the **Human Library** this year, "readers" participated in small-group conversations with our three Human Books. The following are the "titles" of our human books:

Breaking the Silence: Amplifying Co-ops Beyond "Best Kept Secret"

with Juliet 'Kego Ume-Onyido, a financial advisor, a social justice advocate, a

speaker-poet, and a master-certified Leadership Coach-Trainer.

How Peg City Car Co-op grew carsharing in Winnipeg with

Philip Mikulec the CEO of Peg City Car Co-op, Winnipeg's first and only carsharing company.

Co-op Pathway through the Anthropocene with Russ Christianson, founder of the Aron Theatre Co-operative and Campbellford Seymour Community Foundation and Chair of the Northumberland County Food Policy Council.



Day 3. May 31

Beange, Harris, and Orfanidis shared ideas on ***co-op consciousness, the arts and aesthetics***. The aesthetic experience is a foundation for community and cooperation. according to Beange. Philosophers have argued that aesthetic agreement establishes a framework upon which we build systems of ethics and this pre-linguistic agreement is what makes communication and in turn cooperation possible. Harris and Hunter provided an

illustration of how the Village Co-op in Winnipeg's inner city in the north end intends to employ theatre as a way of sharing knowledge of existing and historical ways of co-operating. Based on Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed, they demonstrated theatre that involves "Spec-actors" and becomes a shared language and a liberating process of knowledge creation. Orfanidis presented the concept of glocalization as an alternative route of conceptualizing and actualizing the globalizing propensities of our universities. He explored possible venues of operationalizing local consciousness as a tool for practicing interconnectedness and co-operation.

This next panel brought together three researchers focused on *territorial autonomy and governance in Latin America and the Caribbean*. Cordoba (Queen's University) studies the role of the state and models of collective action of different excluded sectors (peasants, Indigenous, and Afro-descendent communities) in Argentina, Bolivia, and Brazil. Edmonds (University of Toronto) specializes in Caribbean political economy, alternative/illicit development, and the region's radical political tradition. Miguel Gonzalez (York University) focused on Indigenous self-governance, governance of small-scale fisheries (SSF) in the global south, and emerging authoritarianisms in Latin America. This presentation covered the historical dynamics of resource extraction, land dispossession, and local organizing against this. Themes included ethical alliances; social movement learning and community and economic development.

Democratizing and Co-operativizing Work was the third plenary session of the conference and featured: Isabelle Ferreras, Emi Do, Matt Noyes, Jerome Warren, Ana Ines Heras, and Priscilla Ferreira. COVID exacerbated many on-going crises that are felt most acutely by racialized and marginalized peoples across the Global North and South—the majority of "essential workers" so widely discussed during the pandemic. This international and interdisciplinary session, hosting a diverse panel, engaged in a critical conversation inspired by two recent co-authored books that directly tackle these critical issues and document pathways beyond the crises via more democratic and cooperative work and workplaces: *Democratize Work: The Case for Reorganizing the Economy* (2022, University of Chicago Press) and *Cooperatives at Work* (2023, Emerald).



The next panel discussed the closure of businesses serving *Equity-Denied Communities (EDGs)* and the resulting impacts on socio-economic stability as well as the cultural legacy. The audience heard presentations on existing Social Purpose Organizations (SPOs) by Janielle Maxwell (Business Conversation Project Coordinator, JEDDI) and Juliet 'Kego

Ume-Onyido (Black Women Professional Co-op, Marcelo Vieta (OISE) and Jessica Gordon Nembhard (CUNY). The discussion evaluated the claim that transitioning to co-operatives and social enterprises could be the right fit for EDGs.



Campbell, Piscitelli, and Geobey focused their presentation on the housing sector, examining *asset locks that effectively prevent or disincentivize future demutualization*. Co-op members at some point may be attracted by the profits they could realize by claiming capital reserves if the enterprise were to wind down. This research considered the lessons that can be learned from land trusts, co-operatives, and other housing organizations.

Orfanidis examined *intergenerational forms of co-operation* within diverse contexts, considering future, currently non-existing, generations. This presentation provided a synthesis of sociological inquiry in intergenerationality and the interdisciplinary study of social responsibility. Orfanidis made the case for focusing on issues of future

generations and imagining linkages between areas of co-operation that will inspire collective social activity from current generations.

Dan Brunette (Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada) gave a presentation on the “*CMC Database*” and the related “*Co-operation across Canada map*” (<https://crm.canada.coop/map/>). The database can be used by researchers with CMC helping to showcase and disseminate research and stories. Brunette also touched on how tools like the database and map are already being used.

A roundtable with Bobb, Chamberlain, Nanavati, and Sahota, described

“Beyond High School”, a collaborative project of Erin Mills Connects (EMC) with funding from Canada’s Healthy Communities Initiative. Based on the community wisdom of educators, researchers, mental-health practitioners, elected leaders, youth, parents/guardians, settlement workers, and social entrepreneurs,, this group produced a *multi-lingual guide to address concerns for the confidence and mental well-being of young people* in negatively impacted neighbourhoods of Ontario during the pandemic. (free at <https://onpathway.me/BHS>)

In this final session, we were honoured to be *celebrating Ian MacPherson’s work and the Ian MacPherson Fund* at Congress 2023, with presentations by J.J. McMurtry, (University of Toronto), a former student, and by colleague Darryl Reed, (Shiv Nadar University, Greater Delhi). Ian MacPherson was the founder of the British Columbia Institute for Co-operative Studies at the University of Victoria. His research has recorded the

history of the co-operative movement, particularly in Canada. Professor MacPherson served on boards of co-operatives for twenty-five years at the provincial, national, and international levels. He was the founding President of the Canadian Co-operative Association between 1989 and 1993. He chaired the process and wrote the documents by which the international cooperative movement prepared an identity statement for co-operatives and revised their basic principles (Manchester Congress of the International Co-operative Alliance, 1995). Ian received many awards for his research and practice and in 2005, the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)

presented Professor MacPherson with the Rochdale Pioneer Award, the highest award in the international movement. Ian passed away in November 2013. Dan Brunette (Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada) called on everyone to contribute to the fund, in recognition and support of Ian's commitment to students. The fund supports student participation at co-operative research conferences.

Recordings of our keynotes will be posted online for future access. Stay tuned. Thanks to everyone for their support and participation. We look forward to seeing you in Montreal in 2024!



CASC/ACÉC 40th ANNIVERSARY

CASC/ACÉC 40th Anniversary Conference at Congress of the Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences, June 12-14, 2024

2024 theme: *Sustaining shared futures*

While alarming images of a warming planet infuse the concept with a critical sense of urgency, ‘sustainability’ transcends even the immense challenges posed by climate change, urging recognition of the interconnectedness of human existence and global action on the overlapping social, economic, environmental, and technological issues that threaten our future.

As members of the global community, we share the responsibility to take on this multi-faceted challenge of a lifetime by way of concerted action across disciplines, bringing into focus its unequal impact, the bounds of our planet, and in turn, our solutions.

For this 2024 edition, enmeshing the knowledges of diverse contexts, and amplifying Black and Indigenous perspectives, Congress invites scholars, students, policymakers and community members to reflect on what remains collectively attainable – and what must be done – in the face of this vast and complex imperative in order to bring forth solutions for today, and sustain systems of tomorrow.

More info coming soon! And watch the FHSS website [here](#).

INTRODUCING A NEW CASC/ACÉC BOARD MEMBER



Emi Do, PhD

Communications specialist

SSG (Sustainability Solutions Group Workers Co-operative)

Emi Do (PhD, Tokyo University of Agriculture) came to co-operatives as a small-scale urban farmer trying to find a viable alternative to the dominant food distribution chain. The empowerment, mutuality, and solidarity underlying co-operatives sparked an interest in co-ops as a vehicle for democratizing and transforming relationships across different workplaces and contexts. Emi works at [Sustainability Solutions Group](#)—an environmental consultancy worker co-operative—in addition to being the co-operative coordinator at [Young Agrarians](#). They are also an active member of the Community Working Group Operations Team at [social.coop](#), helping to navigate the challenging waters of online moderation co-operatively. Emi has also served on the editorial board of ICA-AP, and was the coordinator of the Cooperative Working Group of Young Scholars Initiative. When they are not evangelizing about co-operatives, you can find Emi scampering on trails in mountain ranges around the world.

INTRODUCING A NEW CASC/ACÉC BOARD MEMBER



Rafael Ziegler, PhD

Associate professor

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Rafael Ziegler is a professor at HEC Montréal and director of its Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins International Institute for Cooperatives. He holds a BSc. from the London School of Economics and a PhD from McGill University. He is associate editor of the *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* and the *Journal of Social Entrepreneurship*, and member of the Réseau québécois de recherche en économie circulaire (Québécois Network for Research in Circular Economy – RQREC). Rafael has published the books *Creating Economic Space for Social Innovation* (Oxford 2019, with Alex Nicholls) and *Innovation, Ethics and Our Common Futures* (Edward Elgar 2020).

INTRODUCING A NEW CASC/ACÉC BOARD MEMBER



Juliet 'Kego Ume-Onyido

Financial Advisor with one of the leading Financial Institutions in Canada

In addition to being a financial adviser, Juliet '**Kego Ume-Onyido** is a Social Justice Advocate, an International Speaker-Poet, and Master-Certified Leadership Coach-Trainer. A passionate advocate of financial resilience and economic opportunities for women and youth, she is an active proponent of the co-operative movement and the solidarity economy. Juliet is a co-founder of Whole Woman Network—a Leadership, Advocacy & Empowerment Social Enterprise for BIPOC Women and Youth, focused on holistic financial literacy/liberation education and building community wealth using an iterated, digital model of the informal financial cooperative, *ROSCA (ROSCA plus)*, and Afrocentric indigenous lens/values/frameworks. She is also one of the 10 co-founding members and president of Black Women Professional Worker Co-op (BWPW Co-op)—a women-led multi-stakeholder co-operative linking women of African descent in the agro-food chain and other professional sectors, from the global north and south, and supporting them to collaborate, start up, operationalize, and scale up their operations into mainstream retail channels.

As a feminist and poet, her works of poetry amplify the lived experiences of women and girls and proceeds from her global poetry recitals and speaking engagements support the

education and empowerment of vulnerable girls and women in under-served communities across Africa.

Juliet's other areas of advocacy include ending Gender Based Violence, STEM, WASH, Menstrual Health access; Quality & Affordable Public School Education; Child Rights; Women in Leadership; Environmental Sustainability. Her educational background and professional experiences span multi-disciplinary fields: Engineering, International Business, Gender Studies, Wealth Management & Financial Advisory. She has an MBA from the University of Manchester, UK, and has worked and consulted for Honeywell Group, American Express, Emex Systems, MIS Systems, Edward Jones Investments, Sun Life Financial. She is a coach-strategist for several Governmental agencies and Corporate Leaders. She is on the advisory board of several organizations in USA, Canada, Nigeria, such as **Global Rights, WAAW, Foundation, EnvironFocus, Canadian Worker Co-op Federation, PARO, Women's Enterprise Centre, BOAT Lifebank Foundation.**

CASC/ACÉC MERIT AWARD WINNER 2023



We are delighted to announce the recipient of the CASC/ACÉC Merit Award in 2023 is **Dr. Darryl Reed**. The award recognizes an individual's outstanding leadership and contributions to the field of co-operative studies, their mentorship of students and others in understanding the intricate workings of co-operatives, and to acknowledge their ongoing support of CASC. Darryl Reed is exemplary in that regard: a long-time CASC board member, past president, president of Green Campus Co-op, and a tireless advocate, author, researcher, educator, and developer.

After a distinguished career at both York University and University of British Columbia, Darryl Reed is currently Distinguished Professor, Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University, Uttar Pradesh, India. There he continues with his research interests in Development, Business Ethics, Cooperatives, Social Enterprises, and Fair Trade.

Darryl served as the President of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) for five years and has been appointed to the Board of several journals (including the *Journal of Business Ethics* and the UK *Journal of Co-operative Studies* where he has been the CASC representative for some years). In addition to regularly presenting at CASC

conferences, mentoring so any in the process, Darryl also led and secured SSHRC funding for one of our most successful conferences in Montreal in 2012.

We congratulate the winner of the 2023 CASC Award of Merit, Darryl Reed, and celebrate his many accomplishments and commitments.

REMEMBERING LEN FINDLAY



We are very sad to announce the tragic passing of longtime CASC friend Len Findlay. Len was a big supporter of CASC and attended many of our conferences over the years. He and his partner in life, research, and activism, Isobel Findlay, presented on co-operative research, philosophy, and thought. Len could always be found enjoying a pint or two at the CASC reception engaged in debate with a twinkle in his eye and a wee smile at the corners of his mouth. He discussed serious and important topics, but not without a sense of humour. We will miss him.

He was Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, a founding and ongoing member of the Indigenous Humanities Group at the University of Saskatchewan, and the recipient of two USSU teaching awards. He directed the Humanities Research Unit at the U of S from its inception to its demise. He was also a Past President of Academy One (Arts and Humanities) of the Royal Society of Canada, President of the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English (ACCUTE), Vice-President External of the Canadian Federation of the Humanities, a two-term Chair of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, an ongoing Member of the Board of Directors of the Harry Crowe Foundation for Academic Freedom, and an ongoing Senior Fellow at Toronto Metropolitan University's Centre for Free

Expression. He was a Visiting Research Fellow at Western's Centre for Theory and Criticism, and the Frye Professor at the University of Toronto. He also served for three years as Senior Policy Analyst in the Universities Branch of the Department of Post-Secondary Education in Regina during a Roy Romanow government.

As an academic activist Len for several decades worked as an outsider/insider understanding organizational and power structures in order to make them more socially inclusive and imaginative in their understanding and fulfilment of their mandates. Known for his quick wit, intellectual range and rigour, fearless critique, generous mentorship, and challenging but constructive questions, in all his endeavours he tried to live by the Enlightenment maxim, "Dare to know."

CASC has collaborated with the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives to plant an ash tree in Len's name in the Meewasin Trail in Saskatoon, a gesture the family appreciates, and Len would have cherished.

[The full obituary can be found here.](#)

UPDATE FROM THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CO-OPERATIVES



~ Stan Yu

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1. Co-operatives & Credit Unions: 2023 Report from the Board Room Released



Results from the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives' (CCSC) Canadian Co-operative Governance Wave 2 Survey have just been published in this

new report. Using data gathered from 114 co-operatives and credit unions, this report presents a portrait of what co-operative governance practices look like and compares those practices with those of Investor-owned Firms.

Read the full paper here:

<https://usaskstudies.coop/documents/research-reports/canadian-co-operative-governance-wave-2-survey-report.pdf>

2. New CCSC report asks, “Do Co-operative Employees Shop at Co-ops?”

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CO-OPERATIVES (CCSC)

Do Co-operative Employees Shop at Co-ops?:

A Pilot Survey of Employee Affinity in Three Types of Co-operative Organizations

This new report from the CCSC shares the results of a pilot study that examines whether co-operative employees demonstrate loyalty to their employer and other co-operatives through their consumption behaviour. The study surveyed 350 employees from three consumer co-operatives located in a medium-sized city in Saskatchewan, Canada, and found that co-operative employees tend to buy the goods and services they help to produce or make available; however, the support for one's own employer does not appear to create a ripple effect to benefit the larger co-operative network.

Read the full paper here:

https://usaskstudies.coop/documents/research-reports/2023.09.05_ccsc_employee-survey-final.pdf

3. New article by Dr. Marc-André Pigeon documents the origins and dissolution of federal accommodation of provincial credit unions

The failure of several U.S. regional banks early in 2023 underlined Canada's reputation as home to a resilient banking sector where federal policymakers guard their jurisdictional responsibility over banking against populist impulses and trade off competition for financial stability. This new article by Dr. Marc-André Pigeon, Director and Strategic Research Fellow at the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, published in [Canadian Public Administration](#) argues that conventional explanations for this observed stability are incomplete because they omit any discussion of federal policies that shaped the growth of a \$550 billion provincially based credit union system. This article reconciles the resulting puzzle by showing how policymakers accommodated credit unions and used them to channel populist impulses but within the bounds of overarching financial stability concerns.

Read the article here:

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/ft/10.1111/capa.12534>

4. New article in Policy Options argues for the Scaling-up of Renewable Energy Co-operatives to help Canadians participate in the energy transition



“Scale-up renewable energy co-operatives to energize the nation” is a recent article published by [Policy Options](#) and written by Dr. Martin Boucher, Faculty Lecturer at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy; Dr. Marc-André Pigeon, Director and Strategic Research Fellow at the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives and Assistant Professor at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy; and Dr. Julie MacArthur, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Reimagining Capitalism, at Royal Roads University.

This piece argues that renewable energy co-operatives (RECs) offer Canadians an opportunity to actively participate in energy transition while reaping tangible economic benefits. However, current challenges have posed barriers for RECs to scale up. This piece describes those challenges and identifies how policy can address those challenges and facilitate the growth of RECs.

Read the article here:

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/september-2023/scale-up-renewable->

[energy-co-operatives-to-energize-the-nation/](#)

5. Introducing new members of the CCSC team

The CCSC is delighted to have grown over recent months. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome and introduce you to the new members of the CCSC team:



[Dr. Machi Kunzekweguta](#) joined the CCSC team as a Living Skies Postdoctoral Fellow as part of the Enhancing Food Security and Livelihoods Especially for Women and Girls in Sub-Saharan Africa project. Machi's research explores food security, including food utilization and related nutritional concerns, and how co-operatives can scale efforts to serve an increasingly global agricultural market, starting with a scoping review of agricultural co-operatives and smallholder farmers, with special emphasis on women and sub-Saharan Africa.



[Dr. Coralie Darcis](#) is the new Houston Family Research Fellow and will be working in collaboration with the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives on a large-scale qualitative and quantitative study aimed at evaluating a co-operative community clinic model.



[Dr. Cara Spence](#) joined the CCSC team as a Professional Research Associate and, along with Dr. Coralie Darcis, will be spearheading a large-scale study to evaluate a co-operative community clinic model.

6. Invitation to engage with the ongoing Co-op Conversation series

Since winter of 2021, the CCSC has hosted a monthly Co-op Conversation series. This series serves as a monthly online gathering for co-operative sector professionals to learn from others in the field and exchange information in a casual setting. The Co-op Conversations are held from 12:00 – 1:00 PM (Saskatchewan time) on the first Wednesday of the month.

Recent co-op conversations featured topics ranging from [business conversions to social purpose organizations amongst members of Equity Denied Groups](#) to presenting [the state of co-operative governance practices in Canada](#).

Our next co-op conversation be taking place on Wednesday, November 1. Our speaker will be Sean Geobey, Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Waterloo Institute for Social Innovation

and Resilience (WISIR) at the University of Waterloo.

The recordings of all the past Co-op Conversations can be accessed via the CCSC's Youtube Channel here: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkrbHK0N4QW7z-nNSqTc2_jPlS8bgX5Jn

7. Enroll in the Graduate Certificate in the Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Nonprofit Sector today!

Applications are currently being accepted for the Graduate Certificate in the Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Nonprofit Sector (GSECN). The GSECN is designed for mid-career professionals interested in advancing their career in government or the third sector. The GSECN can be completed entirely online. Learn more about the certificate here: <https://usaskstudies.coop/Learning-Opportunities/Programs.php#TheGraduateCertificateintheSocialEconomyCooperativesandNonprofitSectorGSECN>

SOCIAL ECONOMY ORGANIZATIONS, CO-OPERATIVES & NON-PROFITS: POLICY SOLUTIONS WORTH EXPLORING

There is a rich diversity of third-sector organizations—co-operatives, credit unions, non-profits, charities, community associations, social enterprises, and more—working alongside the public and private sectors to provide goods and services to individuals and communities.

The Graduate Certificate in the Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Non-profit Sector (GSECN) is designed for professionals interested in advancing their career in government or the third sector.

PROGRAM FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Three graduate-level classes + one non-credit class.
- Option to specialize in one of three possible streams: 1. Non-Profit stream, 2. Co-operative stream, or 3. Social Economy and Government stream.
- Opportunity to complete the Non-Profit and Co-operative streams entirely online (the Social Economy and Government stream is offered through a combination of online and in-person classes).
- A laddering option for you to transfer into a full master's degree within the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and have your coursework count towards a graduate degree.
- A focus on policy, governance, and leadership issues.

This graduate certificate is offered in partnership with the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives.



The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy has campuses at both the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina.

www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca

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MacPherson Talk

FOMENTING A DIFFERENT KIND OF GREEN REVOLUTION: DISTRIBUTISM, CO-OPERATIVES, PERMACULTURE AND RENEWING PETER MAURIN'S DREAM OF THE AGRONOMIC UNIVERSITY

"Given what you've learned so far about the challenges currently facing humanity and the need to build community resilience, how would you have liked your childhood education to be different?" That was the question that Josh Campbell asked a group of his Grade 10 science students after leading them through several classes devoted to climate change and ecosystems. Their responses inspired him to envision a school that would give students the tools they need to meet the greatest challenges of our times. In this year's MacPherson lecture, Campbell explores how the little-known past of one of Canada's pre-eminent hockey schools, Athol Murray College of Notre Dame in Saskatchewan, could be marshalled to imagine a new agronomic university built around permaculture, distributism and co-operative values and principles, and hope for an uncertain future.

Presented by:

Josh Campbell**Educator and
Freelance Journalist**

Josh Campbell is an educator and freelance journalist based in Regina on Treaty 4 territory. He holds science and education degrees, along with a Master of Journalism and a permaculture design certificate. Prior to his vision to create an agronomic university, Josh previously made an award-winning documentary and co-founded Wascana Solar Co-operative.

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022****4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (Saskatchewan Time)****Attend in person** (at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre at the University of Saskatchewan),**or Online via Zoom**Register for an [in-person ticket](#)Register for an [online ticket](#)

The MacPherson Talks honour the late Dr. Ian MacPherson, one of the leading lights of the international co-operative movement. Historian, educator, author, and passionate co-operator, Ian personified the relationship between Canadian co-operative academics and co-op practitioners. The MacPherson Talks are held annually by the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives.

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UPDATE FROM ST MARY'S INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT



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Greetings from the International Centre for Co-operative Management!

The Centre offers education, research, and knowledge about co-ops, by co-ops and for co-ops. Whether it is online part-time degrees, professional certificates, short courses, publications, symposia, international study tours or free webinars, we offer something for every co-operator! We hope you will take advantage of our current offerings.

The Centre Celebrates 20 Years

On September 21 & 22, 2023, we marked 20 years of co-operative management education and research excellence. ICCM staff, faculty, founders, graduates, students and partners gathered at Saint Mary's University in Halifax/Kjipuktuk to learn, network, vision and celebrate together. Thank you to our CASC colleagues who joined us. View the press release, a historical timeline (slides) and our most recent impact report here: <https://www.smu.ca/iccm/iccm-20-year-anniversary.html>



**Costa Rica Co-operative Study Tour
(Register by October 20)**

Join the [International Centre for Co-operative Management](#) for their first-ever co-op study tour to beautiful Costa Rica February 17-26, 2024 offered in partnership with the [Centre of Excellence in Accounting and Reporting for Co-](#)

[operatives](#) (CEARC) and the [Universidad Fundepos de Costa Rica](#). Immerse yourself in the Costa Rican social ecology and co-operative economy. Learn from Costa Rican co-ops on the leading edge of sustainable development. Not to miss! Register by October 20. [Learn more](#).



Co-operative Governance

Join the International Centre for Co-operative Management on October 28 in Mississauga, Ontario, and online for a conference workshop on co-operative governance at the Director's Forum themed "The Future of Co-operative Governance" (October 27-28).

This participatory short course will focus on co-operative governance practice as democratic, people-centred, and transformational. Explore co-operative

governance systems fit for co-operative values, member-ownership and democratic control. Consider ways to build alignment between your co-op's governance system and your co-op's complex purpose, vision, goals and member and community needs. New and seasoned co-operators from all types of co-ops and sectors are encouraged to register.

Learn more:

www.smu.ca/iccm/programsandcourses/shortcourses/co-operative-governance.html



CanadaDE Credit Union Leadership Program

Join us for our international full-immersion [credit union leadership program](#) in 2024. Canada Development Education (CanadaDE) is described as “transformative and life-changing.” Find out why.

CanadaDE is by and for credit union professionals who believe we can harness the *credit union enterprise model* to facilitate social, economic, and

environmental transformation for the betterment of our members and communities. Learn proven strategies that will expand your credit union’s value proposition and join an international network of pioneering credit union leaders. Complete CanadaDE and continue on the path to the esteemed [international DE designation \(I-CUDE\)](#) awarded through the [World Council of Credit Unions](#).

Registration is now open and seats are limited. [Click here](#) to learn more.



In Case You Missed It

Open access book - We are thrilled to share "[Humanistic Governance in Democratic Organizations: The Co-operative Difference](#)" edited by our very own Sonja Novkovic, Karen Miner and

Cian McMahon. From the publisher: [Read it here!](#)

Case study - The Centre’s [Working Paper and Case Study Series](#) publishes research papers and reports in the field of co-operative management, economics, and governance. Enjoy our latest case

study publication: [Fagor Ederlan Tafalla \(FET\)](#) is a success story of how a non-co-operative industrial firm can be transformed into a co-operative under the leadership of a long-established co-operative (Fagor Ederlan). Its analysis could both provide tentative guidelines as well as inspiration for particular groups or co-operative movements in other contexts. Since the case study was carried out, *FET has completed the transition from a mixed (multistakeholder) co-op structure to a fully-fledged worker co-operative*. [Read it here!](#)

2024 Applications now open for online, part-time programs for co-op and credit union professionals:

- [Master of Management, Co-operatives and Credit Unions](#) (3 years)
- [Graduate Diploma in Co-operative Management](#) (16 months)
- [Certificate in Co-operative Management](#) (10 months)

The Centre hosted international professionals for the first Co-operative Law Summer School in Croatia -

<https://www.smu.ca/iccm/programsandcourses/shortcourses/co-operative-law-summer-school.html>

Have a wonderful fall! We look forward to connecting.

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More on Rosa and the whole Centre team, [here](#).

CO-OPERATIVES AND MUTUALS CANADA (CMC) UPDATE / DES NOUVELLES DE COOPÉRATIVES ET MUTUELLES CANADA



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Fall update - English

Fall is upon us and, with it, a multitude of changes are happening here at CMC. We have spent the summer recharging and resetting, gearing up for this wonderful new season. We are excited to share all the different projects we have been working on and the many events we have attended and are hosting.

To be up-to-date with the Canadian co-operative sector and CMC, we invite you to sign up to [our new monthly newsletter and free curated news service](#).

Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada's Events

Co-op Week 2023

CMC is proud to once again celebrate Co-op Week (October 15 to October 21, 2023). This year, our theme is “Co-operating on Climate Action”. Recent years have shown that it's vital for Canadian co-operatives and mutuals to be leaders in climate action.

Following our successful session on climate action during the 2023 Congress, we decided to continue this important discussion and highlight the importance of the fight against climate change through the Co-op Week. It is together, as a movement, that we can find and share reliable solutions to serve our communities and our planet.

CMC will highlight this very special week with some events and an online contest:

How Co-ops Can Overcome Barriers to Taking Climate Action? – Online Panel Discussion

It is no longer possible to put off confronting the realities of the climate crisis. How can the co-operative movement support a just and resilient transition to a decarbonized future for all? This online panel brings co-ops of various sizes from different sectors. Each faces unique challenges specific to their industry, but also holds similar

opportunities for leveraging larger networks of support for sharing knowledge and resources.

Facilitated by Carol Fraser, Senior Consultant and Analyst with Sustainability Solutions Group, this conversation will explore goals, strategies, and dilemmas that co-operatives face in operationalizing a commitment to emissions reduction and adapting to increasing climate hazards. Carol Fraser will oversee a discussion between:

- Alison Coates, Director, Climate Strategy and Performance at Vancity
- Tom Ewart, AVP, Sustainability at Co-operators
- Irfaan Hasham, Regional Energy Coach at CHF Canada
- Noémie Varin-Lachapelle, Environmental and Emergency Measures Director at Sollio Groupe Coopératif
- Joanna Hausen, Operation Analyst at Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada

This online discussion will be held on Wednesday, October 18th, at 1pm EST and will be available in simultaneous interpretation. Participants will be able to ask questions to the panelists at the end of the session.

https://canada-coop.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_syDDVmy3RRykXwQVqf876g#/registration

Navigating Government Support – Webinar with ISED (In French only)
Wondering how to navigate government programs and find support for your co-

op? Do you have questions about intellectual property and federal incorporation for co-ops? Please join us for a webinar with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada featuring presentations from Innovation Canada, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, and Corporations Canada. Speak with program advisors to ask questions directly!

This webinar was offered in English last April. This session is only available in French on Tuesday, October 17th, at 1pm EST.

https://canada-coop.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9V8axjrpRA6zbJd0cfGKWw

Online Contest “Your Co-operative At The Forefront of Climate Action”

Even the smallest actions by your co-operative can have a positive impact on the environment. To celebrate your small and large climate action initiatives and inspire other co-operatives to do the same, CMC has organized a social media contest. To enter, you must post a photo of their small or large climate action initiative as a comment on a pinned publication on either LinkedIn, Twitter or Facebook, or submit their photo to the following email address:

info@canada.coop.

One winning co-operative or mutual will be chosen for a chance to win a free one-hour consultation with Pascal Billard to help you evaluate your climate action plan. CMC will be accepting entries between October 3 and October 23, 2023. For more information, please read the contest rules.

Co-op Week 2023 Media Kit

Our Co-op Week 2023 Media kit is now available! Download it now to celebrate this very special week with us!

2024 Congress

Each year, CMC hosts a Congress in a different province to bring together the Canadian co-operative and mutual movement to network, think about the future of the sector and have thought-provoking sessions with highly respected speakers.

This year, our theme is “Navigating Change Together.” In 2024, CMC will host, in close collaboration with the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council (NSCC), the Canadian co-operative movement at the Halifax Convention Centre from Tuesday June 11th until Thursday June 13th.

The 2023 Sustainable Finance Forum

The inaugural Sustainable Finance Forum on Parliament Hill was a two-day virtual and in-person event held on November 2–3, 2022, that included 8 sessions, 60 speakers and over 200 participants, including parliamentarians from across the political spectrum.

Building on this success, the Sustainable Finance Forum Advisory Committee is excited to announce the Sustainable Finance Forum 2023. This year, join CMC at the forum and welcome 400 participants to two full days of engaging keynote speakers and working sessions. Led by Ryan Turnbull, Chair of the Social Innovation and Sustainable Finance Caucus and MP for Whitby, the Forum mobilized an unprecedented

lineup of government and industry representatives recognizing the vital and powerful role finance can play to grow a sustainable and inclusive economy.

<https://www.sustainablefinanceforum.ca/>

CMC Host UK Co-op Delegation

During this past week, CMC was pleased to host a co-operative delegation from the United Kingdom. As they were in Canada to attend the Global Innovation Co-op Summit (GISC), Daniel P. Brunette took the opportunity to bring them to various co-operatives in Ottawa and Montreal as well as their surrounding areas. The delegation included Peter Westall, Chief Values Officer of Midcounties Co-operative and Co-operatives UK’s Co-operator of the year in 2021, Michaela Cryar, Head of Younity and Sam Webb, a young colleague of theirs who won a competition to attend GISC.

CMC attended the Treaty Learning Journey: Let’s Talk Truth

On September 12 and 13, CMC’s Senior Membership Engagement Advisor, Tara Molloy, had the honour of participating in the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association’s Treaty Learning Journey: Let’s Talk Truth event, which was facilitated by Elaine Sutherland, Director of Treaty Education at the Office of the Treaty Commissioner.

The two-day workshop began by establishing the cultural, spiritual, social, political, and economic frameworks of First Nations communities prior to European contact and moved swiftly into the processes and intents of treaty negotiations and the contradictory

process, intents, and effects of the Indian Act. Workshop participants learned how the Act and the failures of the Canadian government to uphold its treaty commitments have had lasting impacts on First Nations cultures, economies, politics, and communities. Time was dedicated to learning about the mandatory residential school system, the so-called “Sixties Scoop”, and the ongoing epidemic of violence against Indigenous women and girls. Event facilitators approached these difficult subjects with both honesty and compassion, and provided participants with a safe space to emotionally process what they were learning, and to consider the traumatic inter-generational impacts these have had on all indigenous communities throughout Canada.

The information and stories that were shared during the workshop strove to dispel the prevalent myths about indigenous rights and realities that have long frustrated indigenous and settler relations, and fueled systemic, judicial, and often violent anti-indigenous racism. These lessons will feed into CMC’s work and bolster its commitment to serving as an active ally in Canada’s journey towards true reconciliation.

Research and Studies

Co-operatives With Charitable Status Report

In collaboration with Blumbergs Canadian Charity Law, CMC is proud to announce the publication of the *Co-operatives with Charitable Status Report*. This report provides an overview of co-operatives with charitable status to the

sector as well as the government stakeholders, the impact investors, the funders, and the other interested parties. This report is part of the Investment Readiness Program landscape reports that were conducted throughout the year. We encourage you to download these reports and learn more about the Canadian co-operative landscape.

https://canada.coop/en/research/?wpv-categories-de-recherches=irp-landscape&wpv_aux_current_post_id=237737&wpv_aux_parent_post_id=237737&wpv_view_count=237741

Using the Power of Purchasing: A Simple Guide to Co-op Procurement

In partnership with Buy Social Canada, CMC is proud to launch the “Using the Power of Purchasing: A Simple Guide to Co-op Procurement.” This guide provides you with the concepts and process to support your journey to purchase from co-operatives and enhance your contribution to building a strong and inclusive local economy, all while achieving Principles 6 and 7.

<https://canada.coop/wp-content/uploads/Procurement-Guideline-ENG-v3.pdf>

Fall update - French

L'automne est à nos portes et avec lui, une multitude de changements se produisent ici au CMC. Nous avons passé l'été à nous ressourcer, nous préparant à cette merveilleuse nouvelle saison. Nous sommes ravis de partager tous les différents projets sur lesquels nous avons

travaillé et les nombreux événements auxquels nous avons participé et que nous organisons.

Pour être au courant des dernières nouvelles concernant le secteur coopératif canadien et CMC, nous vous invitons à vous inscrire à [notre infolettre mensuelle](#) et à [notre service coupures de presse gratuit](#), pour vous tenir au courant des nouvelles et des activités de CMC et du mouvement coopératif canadien.

Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada's Events

Semaine de la coopération 2023

CMC est fière et heureuse de célébrer une fois de plus la Semaine de la coopération (du 15 octobre au 21 octobre 2023).

Cette année, notre thème est « Coopérer sur l'action climatique ». Les dernières années ont démontré qu'il est primordial que les coopératives et les mutuelles canadiennes soient des leaders de l'action climatique.

Suite au succès de notre session sur l'action climatique lors du Congrès 2023, nous avons décidé de poursuivre cette importante discussion et de souligner l'importance de la lutte contre le changement climatique dans le cadre de la Semaine de la coopération. C'est ensemble, en tant que mouvement, que nous pouvons trouver et partager des solutions fiables pour servir nos communautés et notre planète. Au cours de cette semaine, CMC organisera des événements spéciaux et un concours en ligne :

Comment les coopératives peuvent-elles surmonter les obstacles à l'action climatique? — Un panel de discussion en ligne

Ce panel en ligne réunit des coopératives de différentes tailles et de différents secteurs. Chacune d'entre elles est confrontée à des défis uniques propres à son secteur d'activité, mais présente également des opportunités similaires pour tirer parti de réseaux de soutien plus vastes afin de partager les connaissances et les ressources.

Animée par Carol Fraser, consultante et analyste principale au Sustainability Solutions Group, cette conversation explorera les objectifs, les stratégies et les dilemmes auxquels les coopératives sont confrontées lorsqu'elles s'engagent à réduire leurs émissions et à s'adapter aux risques climatiques croissants.

Cette discussion en ligne sera disponible en interprétation simultanée le mercredi 18 octobre à 13 h HNE. Les participants pourront poser des questions aux panélistes à la fin de la session.

https://canada-coop.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_syDDVmy3RRykXwQVqf876g#/registration

Explorer l'espace gouvernemental du soutien — Webinaire avec l'ISDE

Vous vous demandez comment naviguer dans les programmes gouvernementaux et trouver du soutien pour votre coopérative? Avez-vous des questions sur la propriété intellectuelle et sur la constitution en société fédérale pour les coopératives? Joignez-vous à nous pour un webinaire avec Innovation, Sciences et

Développement économique Canada qui comprendra des présentations d'Innovation Canada, de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada et de Corporations Canada. Parlez aux conseillers de programmes pour poser des questions directement!

Cette session d'information aura lieu en ligne le mardi 17 octobre à 13 h HNE en français seulement.

https://canada-coop.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9V8axjrpRA6zbJd0cfGKWw

Concours en ligne « Votre coopérative au-devant de l'action climatique »

Même les plus petites actions de votre coopératives peuvent avoir un impact positive sur l'environnement. Pour célébrer vos petites et grandes initiatives d'action climatique et inspiré d'autres coopératives à faire de même, CMC a organisé un concours sur les médias sociaux. Pour participer, les gens doivent publier une photo de leur petite ou grande initiative d'action climatique en commentaire d'une publication épinglée sur LinkedIn, Twitter ou Facebook ou soumettre leur photo via le courriel suivante : info@canada.coop.

Kit médiatique de la semaine de la coopération

Notre kit média pour la Semaine de la coopération 2023 est maintenant disponible! Téléchargez-le dès maintenant pour célébrer cette semaine très spéciale avec nous!

Congrès 2024 de CMC

Chaque année, CMC organise un congrès dans une province différente afin de rassembler le mouvement coopératif et mutualiste canadien. C'est une occasion spéciale pour le secteur de se regrouper pour réseauter, penser au futur du secteur et d'avoir des sessions pertinentes avec des conférenciers et des conférencières respectés.

Cette année, notre thème est Naviguer dans le changement ensemble! Pour 2024, CMC accueillera, en collaboration étroite avec le Nova Scotia Co-operative Council (NSCC), le mouvement coopératif canadien au Halifax Convention Centre du mardi 11 juin au jeudi 13 juin.

Le Forum de la finance durable 2023

Le premier Forum de la finance durable sur la Colline du Parlement a été un événement virtuel et en personne de deux jours qui s'est tenu les 2 et 3 novembre 2022 et qui comprenait 8 sessions, 60 intervenants et plus de 200 participants, y compris des parlementaires de l'ensemble du spectre politique.

Après ce succès, le Comité consultatif du Forum sur le financement durable est heureux d'annoncer le Forum sur le financement durable 2023. Cette année, rejoignez CMC au forum et accueillez 400 participants pour deux journées entières d'orateurs principaux et de sessions de travail engageantes. Dirigé par Ryan Turnbull, président du caucus de l'innovation sociale et de la finance durable et député de Whitby, le Forum a mobilisé une liste sans précédent de représentants du gouvernement et de l'industrie reconnaissant le rôle vital et

puissant que la finance peut jouer pour faire croître une économie durable et inclusive.

<https://www.forumfinancedurable.ca/>

CMC accueille une délégation de coopératives britanniques

Au cours de la semaine dernière, CMC a eu le plaisir d'accueillir une délégation de coopératives du Royaume-Uni. Comme ils étaient au Canada pour assister au Global Innovation Co-op Summit (GISC), Daniel P. Brunette a profité de l'occasion pour leur faire visiter diverses coopératives à Ottawa et à Montréal, ainsi que dans les régions avoisinantes. La délégation comprenait Peter Westall, Chief Values Officer de la Midcounties Co-operative et coopérateur de l'année 2021 de Co-operatives UK, Michaela Cryar, directrice de Younity et Sam Webb, un de leurs jeunes collègues qui a gagné un concours pour participer au GISC.

CMC a participé à l'événement Treaty Learning Journey: Let's Talk Truth

Les 12 et 13 septembre, Tara Molloy, conseillère principale en engagement des membres de CMC, a eu l'honneur de participer à l'événement Treaty Learning Journey: Let's Talk Truth présenté par la Saskatchewan Co-operative Association. Cet événement était animé par Elaine Sutherland, directrice de l'éducation aux traités au Bureau du commissaire aux traités.

L'atelier de deux jours a commencé par établir les cadres culturels, spirituels, sociaux, politiques et économiques des

communautés des Premières Nations avant le contact avec les Européens. Par la suite, les processus et les intentions des négociations de traités ainsi que les processus contradictoires, les intentions et les effets de la Loi sur les Indiens ont été abordés. Les participants à l'atelier ont appris comment la Loi et l'incapacité du gouvernement canadien à respecter ses engagements en matière de traités ont entraîné des répercussions durables sur les cultures, les économies, les politiques et les communautés des Premières Nations. Un moment a été consacré à l'étude du système des pensionnats obligatoires, du « Sixties Scoop » et de l'épidémie actuelle de violence contre les femmes et les jeunes filles autochtones. Les animateurs ont abordé ces sujets difficiles avec honnêteté et compassion. Ils ont aussi offert aux participants un espace sûr pour traiter émotionnellement ce qu'ils apprenaient et pour considérer les impacts traumatiques intergénérationnels que ces sujets ont eus sur toutes les communautés indigènes à travers le Canada.

Les informations et les récits échangés au cours de l'atelier avaient pour but de dissiper les mythes prévalents sur les droits et les réalités autochtones qui ont longtemps contrarié les relations entre autochtones et colons, et alimenté le racisme systémique, judiciaire et souvent violent à l'encontre des autochtones. Ces enseignements guideront le travail de CMC et renforceront son engagement à servir d'allié actif dans le cheminement du Canada vers une réconciliation authentique.

Recherche et études

Rapport sur les coopératives avec un statut d'organisme de bienfaisance

En collaboration avec Blumbergs Canadian Charity Law, CMC est fière d'annoncer la publication du rapport sur les coopératives à statut de bienfaisance. Ce rapport donne un aperçu des coopératives ayant le statut d'organisme de bienfaisance au secteur ainsi qu'aux parties prenantes gouvernementales, aux investisseurs d'impact, aux bailleurs de fonds et aux autres parties intéressées. Ce rapport fait partie des rapports sur le paysage coopératif du Programme de préparation à l'investissement qui a été réalisé tout au long de l'année. Nous vous encourageons à télécharger ces rapports et à en apprendre davantage sur le paysage coopératif canadien.

<https://canada.coop/recherches/?wpv-categories-de-recherches=rapport-sur-le->

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Utiliser le pouvoir d'achat : Un guide simple pour l'approvisionnement coopératif.

En partenariat avec Buy Social Canada, CMC est fière de lancer le guide « Utiliser le pouvoir d'achat : un guide simple pour l'approvisionnement coopératif ». Ce guide vous fournit les concepts et le processus nécessaires pour vous aider à acheter auprès des coopératives et à améliorer votre contribution à la construction d'une économie locale forte et inclusive, tout en respectant les principes 6 et 7.

<http://canada.coop/wp-content/uploads/Procurement-Guideline-FRA-v5.pdf>

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

EMNet Publication possibilities

(I) The special issue will be published in MANAGERIAL AND DECISION ECONOMICS with the topic "(Re-)Configurations in Digitally Transformed Dynamic Networks". The call for papers has been published [here](#).

(II) In addition, we will publish an edited BOOK "Managing Networks in the Digital Economy: Alliances, Cooperatives, Franchise Chains, and Platforms" (eds. J. Windsperger, G. Cliquet, O. Galak, & G. Hendrikse) in Springer Verlag.

The deadline for submitting the paper is January 31!

Please send the paper to josef.windsperger@univie.ac.at.

Review Process for the edited book:

- a. In the first round of the review process the editors select a preliminary number of papers. The decision will be sent out within one week after submission.
- b. The selected papers are subjected to a second round double-blind review process. Only the papers that survive the second round of the review process will be accepted for final publication.

International Journal of Co-operative Accounting and Management (IJCAM): Call for Papers

IJCAM publishes case studies and research monographs with a focus related to co-operative accounting and reporting, co-operative management, the social economy, and sustainable development, or with outside perspectives that could be of strategic value to both co-operatives and the social economy. Please submit your papers accordingly based on the topic, as follows:

--*Accounting and reporting*: Editor-in-Chief, Daphne Rixon, PhD, FCPA, FCMA: daphne.rixon@smu.ca

--*Co-operative management*: Senior Associate Editor, Peter Davis, PhD: pd8@leicester.ac.uk

Call for Papers - Special Issue: Co-operatives in Costa Rica

Together with guest editors, Professor Jorge Campos, Fundepos - Alma Mater University, Costa Rica and Dr. Miguel Rojas, Université de Moncton, Canada, we are issuing a call for papers that focus on co-operatives and credit unions in Costa Rica.

Costa Rica's co-operatives operate in a vast array of industries providing goods, services, employment, and contributions to all regions and the nation's economy. While we welcome papers that focus on any aspect of co-operative governance, management, or operations in Costa Rica, we are particularly interested in receiving papers that explore Costa Rican co-operatives' contribution to sustainability,

the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), measurement or reporting on sustainability, and/or accounting practices for sustainability.

The papers may be submitted in Spanish or English and will be published in that language.

Submission deadline: **October 31, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Spanish: Professor Jorge Campos, jcampos@fundepos.ac.cr

English: Dr. Daphne Rixon, daphne.rixon@smu.ca

[Find more information on the journal here.](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

ACE Institute 2024

As we bid adieu to this year's Institute, we are thrilled to announce some exciting news for next year.

#ACEInstitute2024 is on the horizon and will take place June 24-27, 2024 in Bismarck, North Dakota!

This stunning location was chosen not only for its beautiful setting but also because of the rich history of cooperatives in the state. It offers a unique opportunity to explore new dimensions of cooperative excellence, drawing inspiration from the values and successes that have shaped this region for generations.

Mark your calendars, gather your ideas, and prepare for another transformative experience at **#ACEInstitute2024** in Bismarck, North Dakota.

More details and updates will be available on our [website](#) as we embark on this exciting journey together.

Until we meet again in Bismarck, may the knowledge gained and the connections made continue to light your path toward cooperative success.

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The CQM and Coop Carbone will launch a coop community of action on November 15

This hybrid event (registration below) is supported by the [Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins International Institute for Cooperatives](#) (Director Rafael Ziegler) that will contribute an online coop carbon collection for this launch (on portail coop).

Launch of the COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE OF COOPERATIVES AND MUTUALS IN CLIMATE ACTION

 Wednesday, November 15 | 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

📍 In a hybrid format (face-to-face and virtual) at the Café-traiteur de Petites Mains in Montreal

The Conseil québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité (CQCM) and the Coop Carbone are proud to officially launch the **Community of Practice of Cooperatives and Mutuals in Climate Action** with an event to which you are invited!

Programming

- A featured speaker will be announced in the coming weeks;
- We will reveal the name of the community of practice live;
- More details will be shared on the activities of the Community of Practice;
- The speakers will be able to answer your questions;
- You will be invited to interact, discuss the topic, and express your interest in participating in the community of practice.

Book now: In-person places are limited to 75!

"This launch is a first step in mobilizing cooperatives and mutuals that want to contribute to the fight against climate change by integrating concrete and measurable actions into their practices. The community is meant to be a springboard to propel

their desire to make a difference. It will be user-friendly and as simple as possible so as not to increase the workload of the participants. The CQCM responds to the needs of its members to be equipped and to be accompanied by experts so that together we can accelerate the transition to action! »

- **Marie-Josée Paquette**, Executive Director of the CQCM

"Coop Carbone is extremely enthusiastic about the idea that the cooperative and mutual movement is committed to a real climate approach. We invite all co-operatives and mutuals interested in improving their sustainable practices to participate in this launch. »

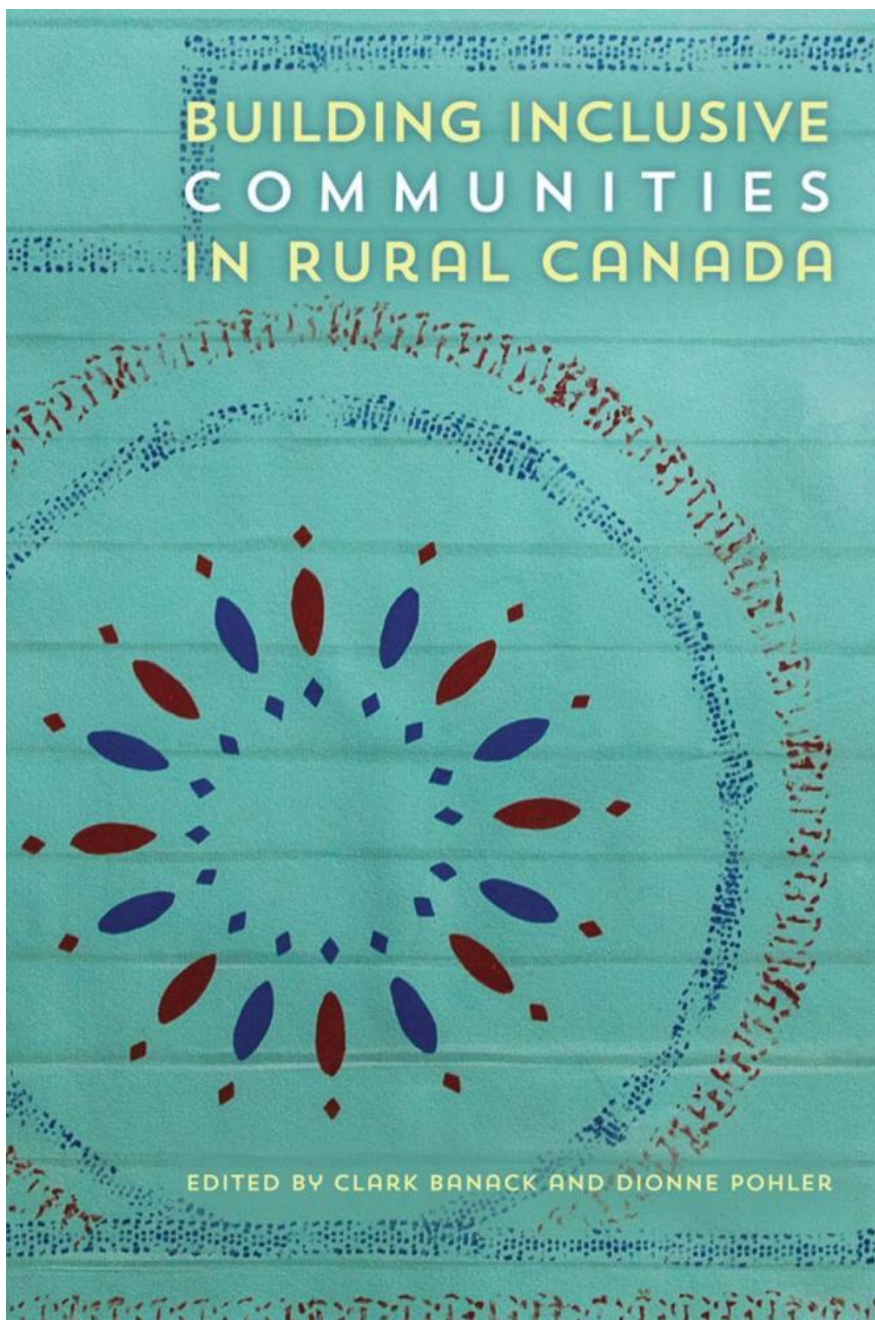
- **Jean Nolet**, General Manager of Coop Carbone

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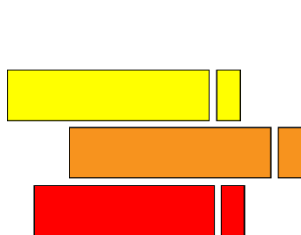
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- Growth of Credit Unions in Costa Rica: What are the Determinants? (Rojas)
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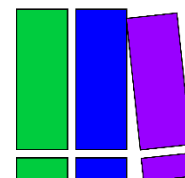
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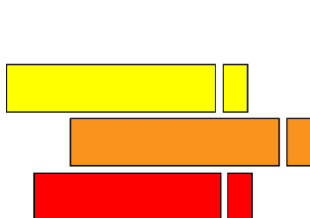
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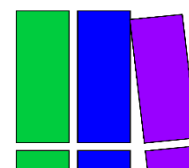
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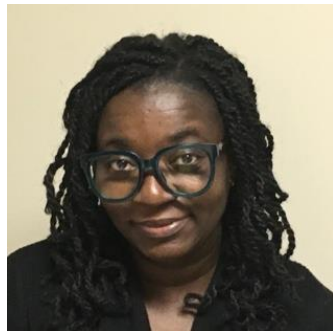
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