



## ESRC 2019 Year-in-Review

Dear Colleagues, Staff, Students, and members of the wider Brock Community,

As Acting Director of the Environmental Sustainability Research Centre (ESRC) at Brock University, I am writing to share exciting news about our major accomplishments this year! We hope you enjoy the year-in-review below as some of you are featured in our stories and pictures. We are appreciative of the support we have received from faculty, staff, and students at Brock as well as members of the wider Brock community. Without your support, this work would not have been possible. We are also thankful to our community partners, many of whom played significant roles in helping us achieve our goals in 2019. We look forward to another productive year ahead!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season,  
Marilyne

## Innovative Partnership 2019 Highlights

### Brock-Lincoln Living Lab

Members of the Brock-Lincoln Living Lab recently gathered at Theal House for a year-in-review session of their own! Here, they discussed all of the work done through the lab this year, including opportunities for Brock students and knowledge mobilization opportunities.

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[Read the Brock-Lincoln Living Lab Year-in-Review](#)

### Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Initiative

Several ESRC researchers partnered with the Niagara Parks Commission to investigate environmental stewardship and how it is evaluated. This partnership also investigates how alternative methods of evaluation compare with expert methods.

[Full Story](#)



[Read the Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Initiative Year-in-Review](#)

### Niagara Adapts

After months of preliminary meetings and summer workshops, the Niagara Adapts partnership officially launched to the public in November of 2019. The event was well attended by members of the Brock community, as well as the greater Niagara Region.

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[Read the Niagara Adapts Year-in-Review](#)

### Brock University Charter Agreement

The ESRC partnered with Sustainability at Brock and the Brock Mock U.N. to host a Sustainable Development Goals Training Day. Students learned all about the U.N. SDG's, including what they are and how we can achieve them.

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[Read the Sustainability at Brock Year-in-Review](#)

## Teaching & Experiential Education Opportunities

### SSAS Experiential Education

Our newest cohort of Master of Sustainability candidates took a trip across the Niagara Region to visit some of our innovative partnership sites and get a glimpse of the sustainability research that's happening in the region.

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### Co-op Catch Up

Several of our Master of Sustainability candidates spent their summer working in the field on co-op placements. We caught up with them to see how their placements were going and they told us all about the work they were doing and the opportunities they were given!

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## Research



Drs. Julia Baird, Marilyne Jollineau, and Ryan Plummer were awarded an Insight Development Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for their project, "A comparative analysis of approaches to evaluating ecological outcomes from environmental stewardship".

[Read more about this project](#)



Dr. Jessica Blythe was awarded an Insight Development Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for her project, "The role of virtual scenarios in realizing ocean transformations".

[Read an interview with Dr. Blythe about this project](#)



Dr. Julia Baird was named a co-lead on the project *NSERC ResNet: A network for monitoring, modelling, and managing Canada's ecosystems services for sustainability and resilience*. This funding will support a post-doctoral fellow at Brock for four years, and several Master of Sustainability candidates will engage with this pan-Canadian research project.

[Read more about this project](#)



Drs. Julia Baird, Jessica Blythe, Darby McGrath, and Ryan Plummer co-authored an article that was published in *The Conversation*. Their article is titled "3 ways cities can prepare for climate emergencies"

[Read the article](#)

## Spotlight on Students



## Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

This year, the ESRC saw the largest class of Master of Sustainability graduates so far! We are very proud of our graduates and their accomplishments, and look forward to seeing what they do next!

Left photo (L-R): Dr. Julia Baird, Yuka Kataoka, Ben House, Leaya Amey, Zach MacMillan, Sylvia Hussein, Dr. Ryan Plummer, Alison Feist, Emilie Jobin Poirier, Tasnuva Afreen, Dr. Marilyne Jollineau (Absent: Salima Medouar, Jessica Williams)

Right photo (L-R): Dr. Marilyne Jollineau, Angela Mallette (Absent: Lyn Brown)



## Fridays For Future

Our newest cohort of Master of Sustainability candidates attended the climate strike event in St. Catharines. Erica Harper, one of the students in attendance, wrote a blog post about her experience at the event.

[Read Erica Harper's blog post](#)

## Conference Thoughtfulness

Current Master of Sustainability candidate Meredith DeCock wrote a piece about attending conferences and the thought process behind choosing which conferences to attend.

[Read Meredith DeCock's blog post](#)



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