



NEWSLETTER

Social Justice Research Institute (SJRI)

April 2019

The Social Justice Research Institute (SJRI) is a vibrant collective of people who come together in various ways to construct and mobilize knowledge that addresses contemporary social problems in and beyond the Niagara Region.

This month's newsletter is dedicated to thanking Kathleen, congratulating the latest SJRI Grants recipients, and informing you about SJRI events, community-engaged research opportunities, and publication of the latest issue of *Studies in Social Justice*.

Thanks for your support Kathleen!



On April 30, SJRI loses funding for its Administrative Coordinator position, which means we have to say good-bye to [Kathleen](#). In the short time she has been with us, Kathleen has made a big difference - especially helping Rebecca and Julie keep their files and finances organized and supporting them with Workday. Please join us at our AGM on May 15 to thank Kathleen for her support and hard work

Congratulations Winter 2019 SJRI Grants recipients!

Each March and November, the SJRI runs a grants competition to support affiliated members with their transdisciplinary social justice research. We are pleased to announce these most recent recipients:

SJRI Local Engagement Grant

<i>Recipient(s)</i>	<i>Project Title</i>
Joanne Crawford	Social Isolation Among Immigrant Women in Niagara Region (\$4000.00)
Yasmine Kandil	Scenario Training to Improve Interactions Between Police and Individuals in Mental Crisis: Impacts and Efficacy (\$4000.00)

Congratulations to both Joanne and Yasmine for these research initiatives and

Click [here](#) to learn more about the SJRI Grants Program.

Save the Date!

SJRI's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 15 in TH253. Please mark this in your calendars and plan to join us.

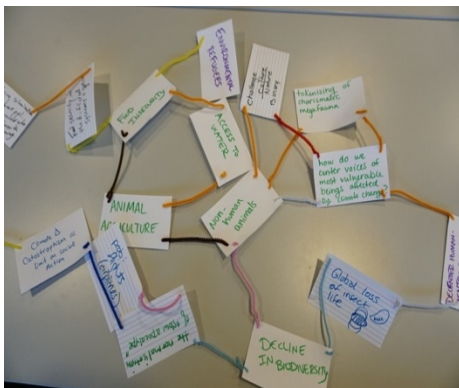
During this meeting, current affiliates will vote on new affiliates, as well as new Faculty Steering Committee (FSC) members. Therefore, if you are a currently an SJRI affiliate, please take the time to invite your colleagues to apply for SJRI affiliation; if you are not already an SJRI affiliate, please consider applying to become one; if you are a current or prospective SJRI affiliate, please consider applying to join the FSC. In all cases, applications are due by no later than Tuesday April 30.

For more information about SJRI membership categories click [here](#).

For more information about affiliate and FSC member applications click [here](#) and [here](#).

Stay tuned to your email and the SJRI website for more details about this year's AGM.

Recent Events



On March 26, this year's SJRI [MA Fellows](#) hosted Climate Change as a Social Justice Issue. The event involved viewing short clips from a variety of related films, followed by a presentation by SJRI affiliate David Butz (Geography & Tourism Studies) on theoretical considerations related to understanding climate change as a social justice issue. Next, Kali and Mo facilitated a discussion that culminated in attendees visually mapping the interconnectedness of social justice issues impacted or caused by climate change.



On February 26, SJRI hosted its [5th annual Arts, Archives, and Affinities event](#). This year's event featured the various work of Brock researchers - notably: an art installation (see left) and talk by Candace Couse (PhD candidate, Faculty of Humanities); reflective poetry readings by Adam Dickinson (Associate Professor, English Language & Literature); a talk and accompanying student performance led by Yasmine Kandil (Assistant Professor, Drama in Education and Applied Theatre).

Thank you to everyone who organized, promoted, and attended these exciting events!

For those of you who missed them, please click [here](#) for more information about these recent events.

Current SJRI Community-Engaged Research Opportunity

SJRI continues to be contacted by various local groups with an interest in research that is transdisciplinary and social justice-oriented. This is great news, as it suggests that the SJRI is gaining community knowledge and trust.

Of course, SJRI can only pursue such partnerships if we have affiliates with shared interest, time, and commitment. Therefore, please [contact us](#) if you are an SJRI [Affiliated Faculty Member](#) and want to learn more the following research opportunity:

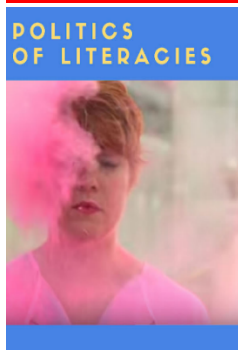
Service Club Membership Research

Service clubs like Rotary and Kiwanis provide a number of social services to the community, yet memberships are declining. Why is this? What are the effects on the community? What successful tactics are being used by some service organizations to maintain membership? David Alexander (President of the Rotary Club of Welland and Niagara Community Observatory (NCO) Advisory Committee member) has met with the SJRI to propose a research project to address these questions. We are envisioning a multi-stage, transdisciplinary project, with many possibilities. For example, it could involve addressing how service clubs are changing based on organizational reports and related literature. Or, it could be a comparative study examining differences in growing and declining membership across types of service clubs and their locations. It might be a study that draws on surveys and/or interviews with various local stakeholders (e.g. service club leaders; the more general Niagara community). In summary, beyond exploring shifts in service club membership, the parameters of this study are flexible to allow for the interests of SJRI faculty to shape the research.

Stay tuned to future SJRI newsletters for more community-engaged research opportunities.

Keep up-to-date about recent and current SJRI Community Partnerships [here](#).

Latest Issue of *Studies in Social Justice* Published!



Congratulations to SJRI affiliate David Butz (Geography & Tourism Studies) and the rest of the editorial team on the publication of the most recent issue of *Studies in Social Justice*. Much of this issue is devoted to a special section titled “Politics of Literacies” that is guest edited by Chelsey Hauge Jennifer Rowsell and which resulted from a symposium hosted at Brock in Fall 2017.

Click [here](#) to learn more about this event.

Click [here](#) to access this current issue of *SSJ*.

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