



# NEWSLETTER

Social Justice Research Institute (SJRI)

December 2018

## NI Congratulations to this year's SJRI Masters Fellows!

Each year, the SJRI has encouraged graduate student involvement in SJRI activities and financially supported graduate research that is social justice oriented through the SJRI Masters Fellowship Program. We are pleased to announce that this year's awardees are Mo Constantine and Kali Guise.

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

## Congratulations to Fall 2018 SJRI Grants recipients!

Each year, the SJRI has run two grants competitions to support affiliated faculty members' transdisciplinary social justice research. We are pleased to announce these most recent recipients:

### ***SJRI Seed Grant***

<i>Recipient(s)</i>	<i>Project Title</i>
Gregory Betts	Decolonizing the Grade: Canadian and Indigenous Contact Literature \$6995.60
Katerina Deliovsky	Exploring the Experiences of White Canadian Women in Relationships with Black Caribbean Men \$7000
Spy Dénomme-Welch	Performance Presentation of RADAR: A Song Cycle \$6979.56
Shannon A. Moore	University-Community Partnerships: Critical Ethnographic Investigation Through the Lens of Transdisciplinary Social Justice & Quantum Feminisms \$7000

### ***SJRI Local Engagement Grant***

<i>Recipient(s)</i>	<i>Project Title</i>
Rebecca Raby & Christine Tardif-Williams	Niagara Student Parent Mentorship Program: Evaluation and Reflection (Mentor Consultation) \$976.97

Click [here](#) for more about SJRI Research Grants and [here](#) for a list of SJRI affiliates.

### **Congratulations to Andrea Doucet, Eva Jewell and FENFC/Brock University team!**

Funded by a \$50,000 research grant from the Ontario Human Capital Research and Innovation Fund, this project - which developed from a series of meetings between the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC), the SJRI, and the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Education and Research - explored barriers to employment engagement for Indigenous residents of Fort Erie as well as programs, supports, or resources that assist Indigenous individuals to apply for, obtain, and remain in employment.

A report and journal article (under review) were led by SJRI post-doctoral fellow Eva Jewell, and co-authored with Andrea, Jessica Falk (Brock Sociology/WGST undergraduate student) and Sye Fyke (FENFC Indigenous Addiction Coordinator). Key findings are that when Indigenous peoples have access to cultural knowing, critical Indigenous education opportunities, and strong support networks, they are better able to advocate for employment opportunities, well-being, and prosperity. This research and report assisted the FENFC to secure long-term funding for its Apatisiwin Employment Unit.

Funding for the project was also provided by the SJRI, the President's Office (Brock University), and the Canada Research Chairs Program (funded by SSHRC).

Click [here](#) to learn more about this and other recent and current SJRI Community Partnerships and [here](#) to learn more about Eva's research.

### **Opportunities to get more involved with SJRI**

SJRI Workshops are an opportunity for affiliates and other interested individuals (i.e., graduate students, post-doctoral students and/or faculty) to share knowledge and/or learn about various topics related to transdisciplinary social justice research.

Click [here](#) to learn more about SJRI Workshops.



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This photo was taken at the FENFC Community Celebration on October 20, 2018.  
LEFT: Andrea Doucet; MIDDLE: Sue Fyke (FENFC Indigenous Addiction Program Coordinator); RIGHT: Jessica Falk (Brock Sociology/WGST undergraduate student and project RA).

Following the event SJRI hosted on November 8, there are multiple opportunities for Brock researchers to get involved in partnerships with local community groups. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to learn more about this event.



Rebecca Raby, Director of Brock's Social Justice Research Institute (far right) welcomed representatives from four community organizations: Nyarayi Kapisavanhu from TOES Niagara, Melenie Neamtz from Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre, Susan Venditti from Start Me Up Niagara, and Jeff Sinclair from Niagara Region Homelessness Services at the Making a Difference in Niagara event Nov. 8.

### Upcoming Funding Opportunities

#### **Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) - John R. Evans Leaders Fund**

The 2018 Federal Budget dedicated significant and on-going research infrastructure funding to the CFI. Over the past number of weeks, the offices of the Vice President – Research and Research Services have been in discussions with officials at the CFI on what this new commitment will mean for Brock University. In anticipation of a new contribution agreement to be signed between the CFI and the Federal Government in early 2019, we have been advised to make use of our remaining allocation (\$550,000) in the John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF) through CFI's February 2019 Call for Proposals. Accordingly, we are pleased to announce an internal call proposals in preparation for CFI's February deadline. The purpose of this internal call will be to identify proposal(s) which will have the greatest likelihood of succeeding in CFI's review, while meeting Brock's strategic priorities. More information, including the application form can be downloaded from [here](#). **Key dates: internal deadline - January 11**

#### **The New Frontiers in Research Fund - Exploration**

The objective of this inaugural competition is to inspire highly innovative projects that defy current research paradigms, propose a unique scientific direction, bring disciplines together beyond the traditional disciplinary approaches, and/or use different perspectives to solve existing problems. **Key deadlines: Notice of intent to apply - January 11; Application - February 7.** Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to access ORS's *Funding and Other Research Opportunities* webpage.

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