



PROGRAM

CMS-SECTOR RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS DAY

9 AM - 4 PM

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UNCEDED COAST SALISH TERRITORIES

Creekside Community Centre - Olympic Village



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“Migratory Birds,” by Doug Savage (artist) and the Narratives of Belonging & Citizenship story group

Photography & Video

We will be capturing photos and recording some of the sessions during the event to use in our communications and promotional materials. If you do not want your image captured, please let us know at registration and we can give you a small signifier to let the photographer know not to take your photo.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns - admin.migration@ubc.ca

Research on Unceded Land

For members of the Vancouver Point Grey campus community, our work in migration studies and research is hosted on the unceded and ancestral lands of *xwməθkwə́yəm* (Musqueam). We attend and program events where we are welcomed by Musqueam Elders and leaders, and we hear that the ancestors of these territories fortified this area as stewards, and now protectors, of the land and all living creatures.

As guests to these lands, we strive to respect and practice the responsibilities we have to engage in meaningful dialogue with the first peoples of this territories and continue to build ethical relations grounded in mutual respect, trust, consent and reciprocity. For each of the events we host, we follow the protocols set out by the First Nations and extend direct invitations to *xwməθkwə́yəm*, making efforts to honour the teachings shared with us.

At the same time, we engage in reflective and exploratory processes that address the tensions and dissonances of engaging in reconciliation and decolonization initiatives while working within a colonial institution. We understand the historical and current impacts of the colonial research and educational processes we directly participate in, and that, despite our efforts, we cause harm every day. It is our intention to minimize such harm as we keep learning about our role, and how to act in relationship with humility and courage.

As we prepare to gather and discuss about immigration, settlement and research, we'd like to share two reflection questions that, as we have learnt, historically guests arriving at the shores of ʔəlq̓sən (the land known to most settlers as point grey) needed to be able to answer before stepping to shore:

DO YOU COME WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART?

WHAT WORK HAVE YOU COME HERE TO DO?

Each of us has a responsibility to reflect on and know our personal responses as we journey on unceded and stolen lands and we inquire about and engage in our role as settlers in the process of (de)colonization.



Indigenous shelters on the shores of what is now called Lost Lagoon (Stanley Park)

Welcome

Hello and welcome!

We're excited to be gathering with you!

This package provides you with all the information you need to attend. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions and if we can support your participation in any way.

An invitation to arrive with peace in your heart

“A good heart guarantees a good motive,
and good motives benefit everyone involved.”

Shawn Wilson, *Research is Ceremony* (2016, p. 60)

Part of our work to collectively build a foundation for research-related collaborations between CMS and the Settlement and Immigration Sector is to start enhancing the perspectives and shifting the narratives we create around research and institutional collaborations.

At the heart of everything are the relationships we have and will create as we build such a foundation. We hope that the talks and discussions, as well as the work we will do together, support you in and beyond your research-related work.

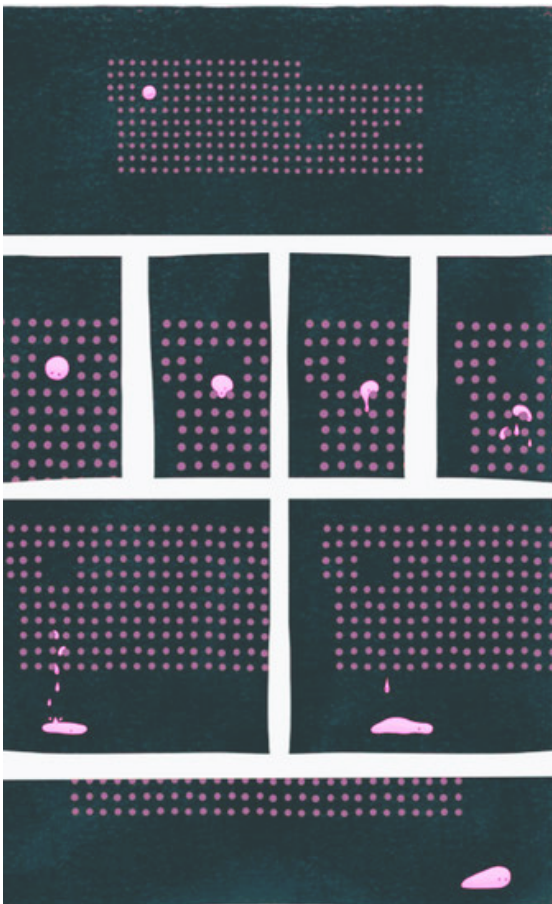
Research Collaborations Day Overview

In the big picture, this day is an opportunity to learn together about how to continue to adapt and (re)orient, to our current context, the amazing work that passionate and committed people do every day around community-based and applied research. Our reality is uncovering many questions rooted in unresolved issues emerging from colonialism, bringing uncertainty, and often discomfort, and inviting us to an exploration of our positionality based on humility.

‘Knowledge production & dissemination’ is one of the main purposes of research. The Western-based model of knowledge and methodology we have held as true and valid for centuries continues to reveal dissonances in our value-system as it operates in a colonial reality. Opportunities for us to re-orient our ways to include self-awareness and ethical relationality can open doors to more holistic collaborations that assist us in addressing some of those unresolved issues and dissonances through our research practices.

Day Overview (contd.)

In a more specific setting, this day is an opportunity to get clarity on the existing conditions and capacity of the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) to establish collaborations with the Immigration and Settlement Sector in BC (“The Sector”), and to learn about different areas and opportunities for research-related relationships that go beyond traditional collaborations through a specific research project.



“Belonging,” by Alyssa Hirose (artist)
and CMS Community Belonging story group

Within a framework of research-related collaborations, this event is designed as a hybrid between a conference and a workshop.

You will have the opportunity to both listen and voice your ideas, and to work together with peers and colleagues to build a CMS-Sector collaboration framework.

Plan for the Day - Conference

Reception - 9am

Light refreshments and coffee/tea will be served.
Registration closes at 9:20am

WELCOMING - 930am

Land Acknowledgement and Reflections
Mary Point

OPENING

Antje Ellermann & Katie Crocker

KEYNOTE

Indigenous Approaches to Science Research
within Western Academics

Shandin Pete

BREAK





Plan for the Day - Workshop

PANEL DISCUSSION - 1145pm(-ish)

Seeing Each Other

Norm Leech, Olga Stachova, Shan Hongxia, Sean Lauer

LUNCH

Video Projection - 2pm

Art (Graphic Narratives) as Research Methodology

PANEL DISCUSSION

Scope and Possibilities for CMS-Sector Collaborations

Antje Ellermann, Suzanne Huot, Hafsa Khan

ROUNTABLE ACTIVITY

Collective Ideas for CMS-Sector Research-Related Collaborations

All

CLOSING REMARKS

Katie Crocker & Sean Lauer

KEYNOTE ABSTRACT

Indigenous Approaches to Science Research within Western Academics: Subcritical* pursuits constraining knowledge production

Dr Shandin Pete, Assistant Professor of Teaching; University of British Columbia Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science Department

This presentation aims to explore the ancient and modern knowledge production pursuits from an Indigenous philosophical lens.

Of interest are how the human pursuits of knowledge are found in deeply contextualized traditions. For modern science, historic Western academic structures offer constraints that may not always be apparent in the practice and pursuit of knowledge outside its own context.

Additionally, Indigenous science can be perceived as an enigma where its philosophical aims toward the practices and pursuit of knowledge do not overlap with modern science traditions.

However, at the heart of Indigenous and Western academic science tradition are similar and practical philosophical pursuits that serve the need to explain and reduce uncertainty. Resistance to mutual understanding is expressed in a form of injustice that subjugates others' interpretations.

This can cause a mismatch between what counts as sources of higher order, uncertainty and evidence. Explored are these components that contribute to resistance and limit progressive collaboration.

**Subcritical*: Being of less of critical importance. Not being able to produce self-sustained impacts

PANELS DESCRIPTION

SEEING EACH OTHER

To establish collaborations between CMS and the Sector in a good way requires everyone involved to be intentional about creating honest and transparent relationships. It is important to acknowledge that this is easier said than done as long as we inherently accept Western-based metrics of progress and success as exclusive, as those will keep determining the emotional compass that dictates our behaviour.

We believe that a fundamental step to both disrupt certain dynamics and enhance our “Academy-Sector-Community” relationships would be to bring to the forefront the intricacies that shape the commonalities and opportunities, as well as the differences and tensions, in our relationships, trying to look at it through a (de)colonial lens.

This panel will focus on aspects of the realities and experiences that might be unfamiliar to each other, and on bringing clarity to key concepts that might be contributing to those intricacies. The discussion will lay the foundation for the afternoon dialogue and roundtable activity.

SCOPE AND POSSIBILITIES FOR CMS-SECTOR COLLABORATIONS

Encompassing the insights of the morning presentations and discussions, a CMS/AMSSA partnership representation will introduce elements to define the scope and potential areas for research-related collaborations between CMS and the Sector.

This panel will focus on bringing initial ideas for further exploration in the collective roundtable activity. It will also provide examples and potential opportunities that might arise as relationships grow.

Speakers and panelists



Mary Point

Mary Point is a member of the Musqueam Indian Band - former Musqueam Community Planner and Facilities Manager, she is currently the Director of Indigenous Relations at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and the Relationship Manager for the Musqueam Indian Band - YVR Airport Sustainability Friendship Agreement. Mary helps to further develop the relationship between Musqueam and YVR, facilitating the elements of this agreement, exploring new opportunities to learn from one another, and developing a global Indigenous peoples strategy with a focus on reconciliation. Mary is an accomplished Indigenous professional that weaves culture, protocol, and best practices into strategic planning for those seeking to do business with First Nations individuals and organizations. She has worked throughout British Columbia for two decades, developing strategic partnerships with a range of First Nations communities and local businesses and has received awards for writing, community action and, was a recent nominee for YWCA's Women of Distinction Award for Reconciliation in Action.



Shandin Pete

Dr. Shandin Pete (Salish/Diné) is from the Flathead Indian Reservation in Arlee, Montana. He is an Assistant Professor of Teaching at the University of British Columbia in the Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences department where he applies geoscientific ethnographic principles to advance understandings of Indigenous research methodologies from Salish philosophical commitments. His work includes collaboration with tribal knowledge holders across Indigenous communities and academic scholars to examine traditions, customs, oral histories and knowledge systems and their intersection with geoscience. He is also co-founder of Tribal Research Specialist, LLC, providing ethnographic and educational research and consultation.

Speakers and panelists (contd.)



Norm Leech

Norm speaks widely on inter-generational trauma due to colonization. He grew up in East Vancouver, with ancestry in the T'it'q'et community of the St'at'imc nation where he has served as Chief and also Administrator. He draws on his experiences as a recovering alcoholic/ addict, inter-generational survivor, and spiritual explorer to inform his current work. Norm currently serves as the ED of Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House. FHNH serves the Renfrew Rupert Area in east Vancouver with a variety of programs including childcare, settlement, training, youth, families, seniors, and women's services.

Other roles include; Aboriginal Front Door Society President, Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council Co-Chair, Co-Chair VPD Indigenous Advisory Committee, Downtown Community Court Advisory Committee, Chair DTES Community Land Trust, among others.



Hafsa Khan

Hafsa Khan is a graduate of the Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs Program at the UBC. She has been working in the settlement and integration sector for nearly 8 years in a variety of positions including as a program developer, volunteer coordinator and grant writer. In her most recent position, Hafsa works as a Policy and Research Analyst at AMSSA. She is passionate about social development, especially as it relates to refugee & immigrant rights, women's rights, and increasing global access to education. Having immigrated to Canada in 2001, Hafsa often grapples with her identity as someone with ethnic ties to a land that was previously colonized while simultaneously being a settler to Canada.

Speakers and panelists (contd.)



Shan Hongxia

Dr. Shan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Studies, at the University of British Columbia. Her research focuses on the changing work and learning practices in the context of immigration, globalization, and transnationalism. She has conducted various research projects on immigration and integration including community-based partnership research projects with immigrant services organizations. She has published in the areas of work and learning, knowledge “transfer” and translation, lifelong learning, organizational learning, diversity work, and migration, integration, and transnationalism.



Olga Stachova

Olga Stachova is the CEO of MOSAIC: a registered charity serving immigrant, refugee, migrant and mainstream communities in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, as well as throughout the province of BC. Olga joined MOSAIC after a long career as Chief Operating Officer at Mitacs, a national non-profit organization delivering research and training programs to graduate and postgraduate students in Canada through partnerships with the private sector and the federal and provincial governments. Olga is the recipient of the 2009 Business in Vancouver Top Forty Under 40 Award, as well as the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. She currently serves on the Invest Vancouver Management Board as well as a Co-Chair of the IRCC National Settlement and Integration Service Delivery Committee.



Suzanne Huot

My research explores humans in daily occupation and activities, that is, occupations beyond paid employments and all activities that occupy an individual’s time. Using approaches informed by occupational science, qualitative methodologies, and critical social theory, my research focuses on the occupational implications of international migration to Canada and the experiences of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. My research examines individuals at the local scale in relation to social inclusion and I have also analyzed the integration of French-speaking immigrants in Francophone minority communities in Canada.

Speakers and panelists (contd.)



Katie Crocker

Katie Crocker is the Chief Executive Officer of AMSSA, a British Columbia provincial umbrella association that strengthens over 80 member agencies as well as hundreds of community stakeholder agencies who serve immigrants and newcomers. Katie represents the BC Settlement Sector on the National Settlement and Integration Council and is a Board Director for the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA-ACSEI), the national body for settlement umbrella associations. Katie is also on the Executive Committee of the UBC Centre for Migration Studies and is the Co-Chair of Pathways to Prosperity, Katie brings an expertise in supporting neurodiverse children and their families as a mother of a child with Autism and a Board Director of UNITI. She has a deep interest in the settlement and integration journey of newcomers and strives to learn about and take accountability for the inherent privilege she has to live, work and raise her children in these unceded territories that have been stewarded by First Nations since time immemorial.



Sean Lauer

My current research explores social infrastructure and integration with projects examining interethnic relationships and friendship formation through participation in community organizations. I use institutional and network approaches to study marriage, friendship, immigration, and community organizations. As a scholar, I embrace engaged and collaborative research, including the research in Neighbourhood Houses: Building Community in Vancouver.



Antje Ellerman

I am an immigrant settler of German origin and live as an uninvited guest on the beautiful, shared territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwu7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh), together with my spouse and our teenage daughter. I am Professor (she/they) of Political Science and Founding Director of the Centre for Migration Studies at UBC. My research focuses on the politics of migration and citizenship in liberal democracies. I currently work on projects examining the intersection of migration and citizenship, settler colonialism, and Indigeneity, as well as the comparative work of immigration bureaucracies.

Useful information

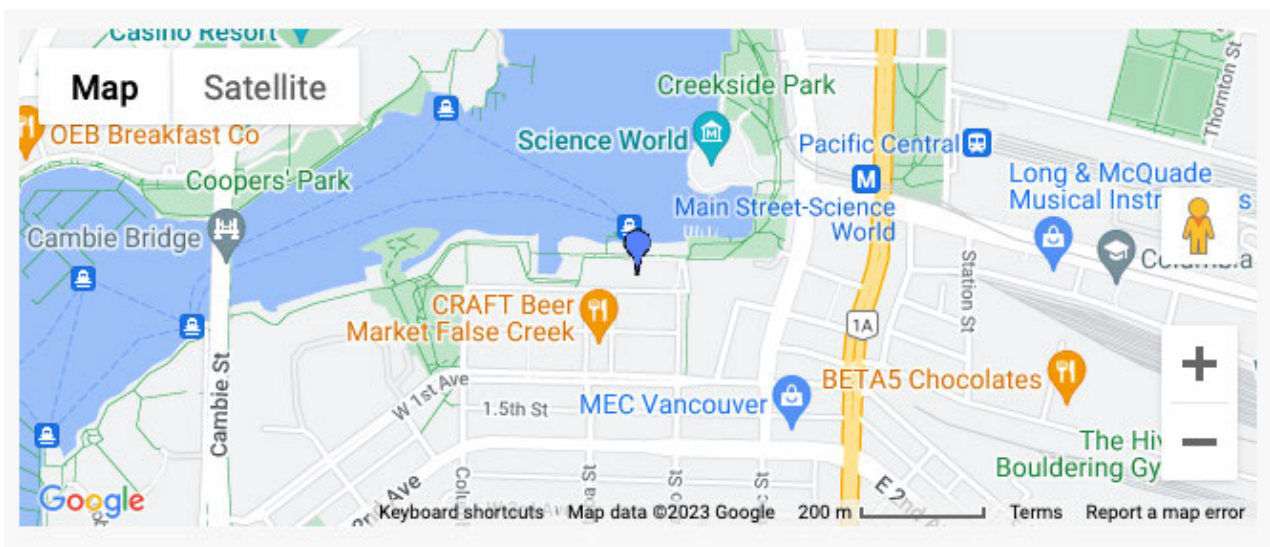
Location

Creekside Community Centre

1 Athletes Way

Vancouver BC V5Y 0B1


Tel: (604) 257-3050



Directions to Creekside Community Recreation Centre (Vancouver) with public transportation

The following transit lines have routes that pass near Creekside Community Recreation Centre

 Bus: [19](#) [84](#)

 SkyTrain: [EXPO LINE](#)

There is paid parking in the street, and you can check parkades [here](#)

Useful information (contd.)

Room access

We will gather at Creekside Community Centre **Multipurpose Room 4**, located upstairs. There is an elevator and stairs to access the room. Please check with the front desk at your arrival if you are not sure where to go.

CAB Members

CMS Community Advisory Board (CAB) members will be attending the event as part of our bi-annual gathering. Feel free to connect with them to learn more about this group. They will be part of the panels and support with the facilitation of the roundtables. You'll identify them by their name tags.

Staff and Volunteers

CMS and AMSSA staff and volunteers will be supporting participants during the day.

Collecting Ideas and Comments: “Voicing Walls”

Apart from the information collected through the roundtable activity, pad paper will be made available for all participants to notate ideas, comments and suggestion throughout the day. Please feel free to write down and share your thoughts at any point!



“For me, a border”, by Lucy Hunt (Oxford University) with Parwana Amiri.
First prize (Migration Category) of the 2021 CMS Migration and Mobility International Art Competition.