



2023 SSHRC Storytellers Challenge

On April 17, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) announced the Top 25 finalists for its 2023 Storytellers Challenge. Among the finalists are three Queen's students, Madison Robertson, Michalina Woznowski, and Geography and Planning's **Hannah Hunter!** Hannah's submission is a short audio essay about her SSHRC (Vanier) funded research on bird sound recordings and extinction. *Listening to Birds at the End of the World* can be heard [here](#).

The annual Storytellers competition, now in its 10th edition, challenges postsecondary students across the country to inspire audiences with a research story—in up to 300 words or three minutes—of how SSHRC-funded research is making a difference in the lives of Canadians. To view the submissions of all 25 finalists for this year, please visit the [**SSHRC Storytellers Gallery**](#).



The 25 finalists will be narrowed to the competition's prestigious Final Five at the Congress for the Humanities and Social Sciences on May 29, 2023, where Hannah and the other finalists will showcase their live storytelling skills. Best of luck, Hannah, and well done!

Read the full Queen's Gazette article, [**Telling their research stories**](#)

OP-ED: COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION CAN ADDRESS THE NORTHERN HOUSING CRISIS



On April 18, 2023, **Julia Christensen, Christina Goldhar**, Jeffrey Herskovits, Shelagh McCartney, Mylene Riva, and Rebecca Schiff published an op-ed piece in *Policy Options* discussing northern housing policy and the importance of rethinking current policy from perspectives of community wellness, sustainability, and self-governance. Please read the full article here: [**Community self-determination can address the Northern housing crisis**](#)

In the News

Warren Mabee (Arts and Science, Department of Geography and Planning, School of Policy Studies)

- **CBC Radio:**

Canada's big banks among the largest financiers of fossil fuel developments

Dr. Mabee comments on the role big banks play in enabling fossil fuel development in Canada.

Heritage Hour with Claudia Hirtenfelder

On April 20, 2023, PhD candidate **Claudia Hirtenfelder** participated as a featured speaker in the City of Kingston's **Heritage Hour** series of presentations at City Hall. Claudia's talk, *Transgressive, Risky, and Waste: How Cows were Historically Problematized in Kingston*, delved into her research about cows and how we think about them, their history in Kingston, and their eventual removal from urban spaces.

Recently, Claudia's research has also been featured on CBC Radio. Please check out the links below!

Fresh Air with Ismaila Alfa: *'The odour would have been quite different'; Why a local historian is tracing the history of Kingston from a cow's perspective*

Ontario Morning from CBC Radio with Ramraajh Sharvendiran: *Cows once roamed the street of Kingston*



QUMIN 'Eid Celebration for Muslim Staff and Faculty

On behalf of the Queen's University Muslim Inclusion Network:

Join us for an 'Eid celebration:

- **Wednesday, April 26 from 12 - 1 pm**
- Elias Andrews Room (Theological Hall Room 218)

For Muslim Staff, Faculty and Graduate Student Employees. Lunch will be provided, Insha Allah. RSVP to Dr. Mona Rahman at: rahmanm@queensu.ca



EDI IN RESEARCH

The Vice-Principal Portfolio still has several spots available at the EDI in Research Practice Action Plan Workshop for faculty members. The workshop will be held at the Donald Gordon Centre on May 2nd (8.30am – 3.30pm).

At this workshop, the participants will have an opportunity to learn:

- A logical approach to designing an action plan that addresses EDI in their research practice (team composition and recruitment, training and mentorship, inclusive work and research environment)
- Ways to communicate all elements of the plan clearly and succinctly, by drawing from SMART principles (i.e., specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-bound), and the theory of change.

A continental breakfast (starting at 8 am), buffet lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Please message Aleks Bergier at a.bergier@queensu.ca at your earliest convenience if you are interested in participating.

