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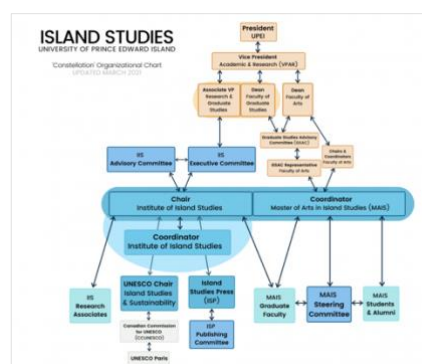
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1 | Highlights 2020–2021



2 | Island Studies at UPEI

For over 35 years, the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) has been at the forefront in research, education, and public policy in the interdisciplinary field of Island Studies. Over that time, the work has grown to become a constellation at UPEI, which includes a research and public policy institute (Institute of Island Studies [1985–present]), a publishing house (Island Studies Press [1985–present]), an academic program (the Master of Arts in Island Studies and Island Studies Minor [2003–present]), a Canada Research Chair in Island Studies (2003–2013), a top-ranked academic journal (*Island Studies Journal* [2006–2021]), and a prestigious UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability (2016–present).



Island Studies has grown from a relatively unknown discipline to become one at the forefront of global issues. Although islands were critical in early exploration and played a major role in colonizing the globe, islands themselves were not the focus of study until relatively recently. They have become bellwethers or canaries in the coal mine when it comes to understanding climate change, sea level rise, and sustainability. Islands play major roles in territorial disputes

and understanding the impacts of globalization and, in the midst of a global pandemic, we see now more than ever the role that they play in understanding disease control.

Traditionally, the Annual Report has captured the calendar year; however, we will now follow UPEI’s fiscal year from May 1 to April 30, which also aligns with the academic semesters.

2.1 | Institute of Island Studies

Highlights

1. **Communications Strategy:** Communications subcommittee led a comprehensive process to create a Communications Strategy, at the same time revamping the monthly newsletter, website, and social media platforms.
2. **Island Lecture Series:** Pivoted to online, with some lectures broadcast later on Eastlink Community TV.
3. **Research:** Contributed to a Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme-funded research program with CoDeL in Scotland.
4. **New Research Associate:** Dr. Tyler DesRoches (Arizona State University), one of the leading voices in environmental philosophy in Canada.
5. **Report:** *One year timeline of COVID-19 pandemic impacting islands worldwide* by Research Associate Graeme Robertson.

Island Lecture Series

1. ***Writing the Island with JoDee Samuelson*** | October 20, 2020
JoDee Samuelson, author of *The Cove Journal* (published by Island Studies Press) was joined by Bren Simmers, ISP Managing Editor, in a conversation about her inspiration for the book, her writing process, and the art of place-based writing.
– 30 attendees; 56 views on YouTube; aired on Eastlink Community TV in November 2020.
2. ***Music-making and the Experience of Community Life on an Irish Island with Rory McCabe*** | January 19, 2021
Ethnomusicologist Dr. Rory McCabe from Clare Island, Ireland, discussed music-making as a fundamental part of island community life and an important measure of island vitality.
– 100 attendees; 142 views on YouTube.
3. ***Learning from Financial Crisis: Towards Sustainable Island Futures for Iceland and Newfoundland & Labrador with Professor Mark Stoddart and Dr. Ásthildur Elva Bernharðsdóttir*** | March 30, 2021
Professor Mark Stoddart and Dr. Ásthildur Elva Bernharðsdóttir discussed the commonalities and lessons of financial crises of Iceland (2008–2009) and Newfoundland & Labrador (currently). Moderated by Dr. James Randall.
– 30 attendees; 42 views on YouTube; aired on Eastlink Community TV May 2021.

Harry Baglole Memorial Public Symposium in Island Studies

Due to COVID-19, its impacts on staffing, and the demands of hosting large virtual events, we opted not to host a symposium in 2020–2021. A full archive of past Symposia is available at islandstudies.com/events/public-symposia.

Research projects

1. **Economic Impacts and Future Pathways: COVID-19 in Atlantic Canada** | Marlene Chapman, Laurie Brinklow, and Alyssa Gillespie
IIS contribution to Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme’s “COVID-19 Response Call” looking at economic impacts and resilience to COVID-19, in collaboration with CoDeL in Scotland. CoDeL’s full report can be found [here](#).
2. **Quality of life/Well-being indicators for Prince Edward Island**
A four-year \$408,000 agreement was finalized in late 2020 between the government of Prince Edward Island and UPEI to undertake a longitudinal study that will develop indicators of well-being for the island province. This work begins in summer 2021, with a half-time coordinator, Dr. Phil Davison, hired to lead the project.

Conferences and presentations

1. **Global Island Studies Webinar (GISW-1): Island responses to COVID-19: The right to be island** | June 24, 2020
Presentation by Dr. Laurie Brinklow at the inaugural Global Island Studies Webinar, a 31-hour nissological marathon hosted by the International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA).
– 220 attendees.
2. **Virtual Hub: Islands and COVID-19 Recovery Plans: Promoting Resilience and Sustainability** | September 1, 2020
Representatives from around the world shared lessons on how islands are demonstrating resilience as they respond to COVID-19 and discussed the challenges and opportunities that island communities are navigating, globally and right here on Prince Edward Island. Moderated by Dr. Laurie Brinklow.
Speakers:
 - Dr. James Randall (UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability, UPEI)
 - Dr. Francesco Sindico (Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law & Governance)
 - Dr. Giulia Sajeve (Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowship holder with Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law & Governance) – Egadi Islands, Italy.
 - Dr. John Telesford (School of Continuing Education, T. A. Marryshow Community

College) – Grenada.

- Dr. Andrew Jennings (Institute for Northern Studies, University of Highlands and Islands) – Shetland Islands.

- Jane Ledwell (Executive Director, PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women) – Prince Edward Island.

Hosted by Institute of Island Studies in collaboration with Island Innovation and the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law & Governance; Part of a series of virtual events which took place in the lead-up to the Virtual Island Summit 2020.

– 75 attendees; 80 views on YouTube.

3. **Plenary Panel: Rural & Island Resilience. Supporting Rural Recovery & Resilience** | October 1–2, 2020

Dr. Laurie Brinklow, panelist. Hosted by the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation.

4. **Researching Resilience in Islands: *From cultural cringe to cultural confidence: The role of islandness in creating resilience*** | November 16, 2020

Presentation by Dr. Laurie Brinklow at a virtual two-day conference hosted by Birbeck, University of London as part of the SUNRISE project.

– 120 attendees.

5. **TEDxNashville: *The Problem of Indifference and Perceptions of Whaling* – Dr. Russell Fielding** | December 16, 2020

Dr. Laurie Brinklow was invited to be a panelist and respond to Dr. Russell Fielding's research on whaling in the Caribbean. Dr. Fielding is an environmental geographer who studies the complex interactions between human societies and the natural environments.

– 200+ attendees.

6. **5th International St. Magnus Conference: *Island Histories and Herstories*** | April 14–16, 2021

Panel presentation: “Who’s Your Mother? Bringing Women’s Work to the Fore on an Atlantic Canadian Island”, with Dr. Laurie Brinklow (*Women making art on Prince Edward Island*) and MAIS student Marlene Chapman (*Raising the glass ceiling in the Prince Edward Island fisheries*). Hosted by the Institute for Northern Studies, University of the Highlands and Islands, Lerwick, Shetland.

Publications

1. Brinklow, L., & Whitten Henry, M. J. (2020). *Island responses to COVID-19* [CRRF Rural Insights Series: COVID-19, no. 1.12]. Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation.
2. Brinklow, L. (2021). *What can island studies show us about sustainable development and public policy today?* *The Parliamentarian*, 2021 Issue 1: Parliamentary democracy in the smallest Parliaments and Legislatures of the Commonwealth.
3. Brinklow, L. (2021). *Institute of Island Studies: Contributing to Public Policy on PEI*. Document summarizing the IIS's contributions to climate change and environmental education and public policy on PEI.
4. Brinklow, L., Marshall, R., & Whiteway, B. (2021). Exploring climate change through the language of art. In S. Brunn (Ed.), *The Changing World Language Map*. Springer.

Media

1. [P.E.I. lockdown brings out unkind behaviours.](#) (*The Guardian*, June 8, 2020) - Dr. James Randall.
2. [How the world's islands are coping with COVID-19.](#) (CBC Radio PEI, October 29, 2020) - Dr. James Randall and Dr. Laurie Brinklow.
3. [Atlantic Canada is the next land of opportunity \(even if the rest of Canada doesn't know it yet\).](#) (*Financial Post*, February 5, 2021) - Dr. Laurie Brinklow.
4. [Islandness: A COVID-19 Superpower?](#) (Op-ed, *The Guardian*, April 14, 2021) - Marlene Chapman.

Governance

1. Schedule of meetings
June 22, 2020 (Joint EC/AC meeting); October 5, 2020; December 10, 2020; February 22, 2021; April 20, 2021.
2. Changes in membership
With the retirement of Craig Mackie as ED of the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada, we need to find a community member to replace him on the Executive Committee.

Achievements or highlights for the year

1. Handling hiring uncertainty; working with UPEI administration.
2. We were able to have our communications channels refreshed and a Communications Strategy developed, first through the engagement of James Ellsmoor in June 2020 to conduct a communications audit, and then through the skills of Interim Coordinators

Maggie Henry and Marlene Chapman (both MAIS students) and EC Communications Subcommittee members Josh MacFadyen (ACLCLC, UPEI) and Ryan Gibson (Rural Planning and Development, University of Guelph).

Key challenges or opportunities

1. The Chair of the Executive Committee for the Institute of Island studies began sabbatical July 1, 2020, and retires July 1, 2021. The replacement process remains greatly impacted by COVID-19 and creates uncertainty for the organization. In the meantime, Dr. Laurie Brinklow was hired on a 10-month contract (July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021) to serve as Interim Chair of the Executive Committee and Interim Coordinator of the MAIS program.
2. Due to COVID-19, we did not offer our traditional Island Lecture Series in the spring of 2020; however, since the hiring of an Interim Coordinator for the IIS and investing in specialized training, we have been able to take advantage of the opportunity to offer virtual events and expand our audiences for the Island Lecture Series.
3. A number of planned conferences were postponed to 2021.
4. Maintaining the level of communications achieved this past year with limited staff.
5. *Island Studies Journal*, under the editorship of IIS Research Associate Dr. Adam Grydehøj, transitioned in January 2021 to a new institutional home: The University of the Faroe Islands. The website, islandstudies.ca, remains in place for now. Laurie Brinklow continues to serve on the Editorial Board, and MAIS student Maggie Henry continues to offer her copy-editing services to *ISJ*.

Future plans

1. Conferences and events
 - **COVID-19 Island Insights Series**
In May 2021, the Island Insights project team will host online workshops where policy makers and researchers will come together to identify key lessons. The findings will be shared at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), taking place November 1–12 in Glasgow, Scotland.
 - **17th Annual International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA) 'World of Islands' Conference – *Sharing Lessons, Sharing Stories* | June 14–18, 2021**
Dr. Laurie Brinklow: Member of conference planning committee.

- **CEDEC/CRRF 2021 Conference – *Creating Inclusive Economies: Building Bridges between Public, Private, and Civil Society Sectors*** | September 28–29, 2021
Dr. Laurie Brinklow: Panel presenter for *State of Rural Canada 4.0*.

2. Publications

- **Economic Impacts and Future Pathways: COVID-19 in Atlantic Canada** | Marlene Chapman, Laurie Brinklow, and Alyssa Gillespie.
- **State of Rural Canada 4.0** | Dr. Laurie Brinklow, Patrick Lévêque (MAIS student), and Charlie Greg Sark (Associate Professor, School of Climate Change and Adaptation) have been invited to submit a chapter on PEI to *State of Rural Canada 4.0* (Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation; forthcoming September 2021).

3. Research

- **Analysis of Factors Influencing Population Retention and Out-Migration on PEI**
A one-year \$30,000 agreement to be finalized in July 2021 between the government of Prince Edward Island and UPEI to examine the specific causes of retention challenges in order to assist in developing more effective population retention strategies.
- **SSHRC Exchange Award**
Dr. Laurie Brinklow was awarded a SSHRC Exchange Award for research on crossing tolls on islands. This work begins in July 2021 and will result in a chapter contribution to *The Bridge Effect: Critical Reflections in the Age of Technological Solutionism* (Brinklow & Jennings, Eds.), being compiled for publication in 2022.
- **University of the Arctic**
As a new member of the University of the Arctic (June 2021), UPEI and Island Studies will now be able to tap into student exchanges and thematic networks, including an Islands Thematic Network proposed by University of the Highlands and Islands.

IIS Executive Committee members

Name	Affiliation
Laurie Brinklow	<i>Interim Chair, Institute of Island Studies</i>
James Randall	<i>UNESCO Chair - Island Studies & Sustainability</i>
Kathleen Brennan	<i>Special Projects Advisor - PEI Climate Change Secretariat</i>
Sarah Davison	<i>MAIS Student</i>
Ryan Gibson	<i>Libro Professor in Regional Economic Development, U. Guelph</i>
Ed MacDonald	<i>Professor, History and Classics, UPEI</i>
Josh MacFadyen	<i>Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair, ACLC, UPEI</i>
Craig Mackie	<i>Executive Director, PEI Association for Newcomers</i>
Jean Mitchell	<i>Chair, Sociology and Anthropology, UPEI</i>
Carolyn Peach Brown	<i>Director, Environmental Studies, UPEI</i>
Mike van den Heuvel	<i>Professor, Biology, UPEI</i>

IIS Advisory Committee members

Name	Affiliation
Laurie Brinklow	<i>Interim Chair, Institute of Island Studies</i>
Jean-Paul Arsenault	<i>Community member; Government of PEI (Retired)</i>
Sheila Downer	<i>Managing director, Smart Labrador Inc.</i>
Hon. Diane Griffin	<i>Senate of Canada</i>
Guðrun Þora Gunnarsdóttir	<i>Director, Icelandic Tourism Research Centre</i>
Andrew Jennings	<i>Lecturer, University of the Highlands and Islands; IIS Research Associate</i>
Andrew Lush	<i>Manager, Hunter-Clyde Watershed Group</i>

Research Associates

Name	Research interests
Dr. Nand C. Bardouille Trinidad and Tobago	<i>Diplomatic and international studies.</i>
Dr. Claire Campbell Lewisburg, Pennsylvania	<i>Environmental history of North America and the North Atlantic world, its coastlines, and coastal cities.</i>
John Cousins O'Leary, PEI	<i>Prince Edward Island folklore and ethnology.</i>
Dr. Tyler DesRoches Tempe, Arizona	<i>History and philosophy of economics, environmental philosophy, sustainability, human well-being.</i>
Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones Kingston, Jamaica	<i>Geographies of the border, managed migration, and intra-regional migration in the Caribbean.</i>
Dr. Tiber F. M. Falzett Dublin, Ireland	<i>Language, music, community, and local knowledge of Gaels on both sides of the Atlantic.</i>
Dr. Adam Grydehøj Copenhagen, Denmark	<i>Intersection of culture, economy, politics, and space in island and coastal regions.</i>
Dr. Lynda Harling Stalker Antigonish, Nova Scotia	<i>Culture, island studies, narrative research, Atlantic Canada, work, crafts, creative and cultural industries, traditions.</i>
Prof. Matthew Hatvany Québec City, Canada	<i>Historical geography; nature-culture relations and environmental change in the Anthropocene.</i>
Dr. Pete Hay Hobart, Tasmania	<i>Place theory, especially in the context of its island applications.</i>
Dr. Andrew Jennings Lerwick, Shetland	<i>Governance, tourism, island cultures, and the nature of islandness itself.</i>
Dr. Mark Lapping Portland, Maine	<i>Land use and land tenure issues on island; food island systems and sustainability issues.</i>
Dr. Dacia Latoya Leslie Kingston, Jamaica	<i>Lived experiences of inmates, ex-prisoners, involuntary removed migrants and their child dependents; Development studies.</i>
Dr. Irené Novaczek Breadalbane, PEI	<i>Community development on small islands; Coastal resources management, often focusing on seaweed.</i>
Dr. Deborah Paci Venice, Italy	<i>Island studies, Mediterranean and Baltic studies, digital and public history, cultural studies, identity politics.</i>
Dr. Gerard Prinsen Aotearoa New Zealand	<i>Local identity evolution, global power projection, natural resource extraction, public policy negotiation, emerging "Islandian sovereignty."</i>
Graeme Robertson Western Isles, Scotland	<i>Climate change, island biodiversity, blue-green economy, guano islands, seaweed resources, niche marketing of small island products.</i>
Dr. Doug Sobey Belfast, Northern Ireland & Bedeque, PEI	<i>Natural and human heritage; Present forests of Prince Edward Island and their history.</i>
Dr. John N. Telesford St. George, Grenada	<i>Policy and resource use (energy); sustainable island futures; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); industrial ecology.</i>

2.2 | UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability

The UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability was renewed in July 2020, with James Randall serving as the sole Chair until his retirement in June 2021. After consultation with the VPAR and Interim Associate Vice-President, Research & Dean Faculty of Graduate Studies, a call for applications was circulated to UPEI faculty in May–June 2021, subject to confirmation by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and UNESCO in Paris. At the time of writing, the search is ongoing.

Highlights

1. **Sustainable Island Futures:** Now in its third year, the research phase is winding down and Knowledge Mobilization activities are under way. The [Virtual Island Summit panel on the Sustainable Island Futures project](#) had over 500 people in attendance.
2. Publication of **Insular knowledge: Building a community of islands through knowledge mobilization** by James Randall, Laurie Brinklow, and Marlene Chapman.
3. **COVID-19 Island Insights Series:** Published 23 Insights ‘primers’ from islands from around the world; engagement with policymakers now under way with an event planned for COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021.
4. Publication of **Annual Report on Global Islands 2020** edited by James Randall.
5. Publication of **An Introduction to Island Studies** by James Randall.

Research projects

1. **Sustainable Island Futures**

The goal of this three-year SSHRC-funded project, led by Principal Investigator James Randall, is to bring together the knowledge and expertise of multiple researchers and partners from 12 islands to develop a better understanding of the sustainable development practices and potential of small islands, and especially the role that sovereignty and international relationships play in achieving a more sustainable future. A parallel goal that extends beyond the life of this project is to contribute to changing the rhetoric surrounding the sustainability of small islands from one of vulnerability to one of resilience. The comparative approach represented by this research builds upon those relationships and networks of island studies scholars and practitioners across all regions of the world. It is expected to conclude in 2021.

Dr. Laurie Brinklow, lead researcher for PEI, with assistance from Interim Coordinator Marlene Chapman, carried out three focus groups with Prince Edward Island residents.

2. **COVID-19 Island Insights Series**

An initiative led by the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law & Governance (SCELG) and the Institute of Island Studies in collaboration with Island Innovation. The Series aims to bring together critical assessments of how specific islands around the world have performed during the COVID-19 pandemic and the extent to which their recovery plans are able to promote long term resilience and sustainability. Between November 2020 and April 2021, twenty-one island vignettes were published with 4 more to come in May and June. James Randall is the lead co-editor for UPEI on this project and has been analysing the reports and identifying global themes which will be further developed for use by policy makers.

Publications

1. **Insular knowledge: Building a community of islands through knowledge mobilization**

| James Randall, Laurie Brinklow, and Marlene Chapman

This is a thought paper in response to a call for submission from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CC UNESCO). We carried out focus groups in the Atlantic region, the central Great Lakes region, and Canada's west coast asking questions about the ways and means island groups and organizations get research results and other information out to the general public. We wanted to find out if knowledge mobilization is different on islands and we found that, yes, it is, and came up with some recommendations to address the gaps.

In *Imagining the future of Knowledge Mobilization: Perspectives from UNESCO Chairs* (pp. 79–94). Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

2. **The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Islands Economic Cooperation Forum: *Annual Report on Global Islands 2020*** | Executive Editor-in-Chief: James Randall

The theme for the 2020 edition of the *Annual Report* is public health on small islands, the vulnerabilities and resilience associated with the public health systems, and the links to the rest of the world that both aggravate challenges and offer creative solutions.

UNESCO Chair James Randall was Executive Editor-in-Chief for the volume and contributed three chapters. *Published April 2021*.

3. ***An Introduction to Island Studies*** | James Randall

This new book authored by James Randall is an approachable look at the interdisciplinary field of Island Studies. Featuring geopolitical, social, and economic frameworks, Dr. Randall gives a bottom-up guide to this most modern area of study. From the struggles and concerns of the Anthropocene – climate change, vulnerability, and resilience, sustainable development, through to policy making and local

environments – island studies has the potential to change the debate.

Published by Rowman & Littlefield and Island Studies Press (2020).

4. **COVID Island Insights Series - Prince Edward Island** | James Randall, Laurie Brinklow, and Marlene Chapman. [COVID-19 Island Insights Series, no. 16]. University of Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, Institute of Island Studies, and Island Innovation.
5. **Island studies inside (and outside) of the academy: The state of this interdisciplinary field** | James Randall. In Ayano Ginoza (Ed.) *The Challenges of Island Studies* (pp. 45-56). Springer (2020).
6. **Prospects for critical island studies: A panel discussion** | James Randall, with Ginoza, A., Alexander, R., DeLoughrey, E., Hatano, S., & Karimata, S. In Ayano Ginoza (Ed.) *The Challenges of Island Studies* (pp. 95-116). Springer (2020).

Conferences and presentations

1. **Virtual Island Summit 2020: Towards Sustainable Island Futures: Comparing Small Island States and Subnational Island Jurisdictions – A Report** | September 8, 2020
Progress report from the Sustainable Island Futures research team.
Moderated by Dr. Laurie Brinklow.
Speakers:
 - Dr. James Randall, UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability
 - Dr. John Telesford, lead researcher for Grenada, T. A. Marryshow Community College
 - Dr. Preeya Mohan, lead researcher for Tobago, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus
 - Prof. Mark Stoddart, lead researcher for Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial University of Newfoundland
 - Dr. Gerard Prinsen, Project Methodology Researcher, Massey University, New Zealand– 500 attendees; 141 views on YouTube.
2. **Hainan Centre for Island Studies: Online workshop** | March 2021
James Randall invited four island studies experts to provide advice to the Hainan government on establishing their own Centre for Island Studies.
Organized on behalf of the Foreign Affairs Dept. of Hainan Province, China.
3. **Island Lecture Series: Learning from Financial Crisis: Towards Sustainable Island Futures for Iceland and Newfoundland & Labrador with Professor Mark Stoddart and Dr. Ásthildur Elva Bernharðsdóttir** | March 30, 2021
Moderator Dr. James Randall and presenters Professor Mark Stoddart and Dr. Ásthildur

Elva Bernharðsdóttir discussed the commonalities and lessons of financial crises of Iceland (2008–2009) and Newfoundland & Labrador (currently) .

– 30 attendees; 42 views on YouTube; aired on Eastlink Community TV May 2021.

4. **Public Forum: *Successfully Managing the COVID-19 Pandemic in Prison: The Experiences of Caribbean SIDS*** | March 31, 2021.

With Dr. James Randall and Dr. Dacia Leslie, IIS Research Associate. Hosted by the Crime Prevention and Offender Management (CPOM) Research Cluster at Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), University of the West Indies, in collaboration with the Institute of Island Studies at University of Prince Edward Island.

– 75 views on YouTube.

Media Interviews

1. How the world's islands are coping with COVID-19. (CBC Radio PEI, October 29, 2020) - Dr. James Randall.

Key challenges or opportunities

1. Dr. James Randall is retiring from UPEI June 30, 2021. If a suitable Chair cannot be found, the University runs the risk of losing this prestigious and productive Chair position, which could have consequences for the continuation of existing funded projects.

Future plans

1. **COVID-19 Island Insights Series**

In May 2021, the Island Insights project team will be hosting online workshops where policy makers and researchers will come together to identify key lessons. The findings will be shared at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), taking place November 1–12 in Glasgow, Scotland.

2. **Establishment of a *Canadian Islands Network***

Initial steps have been taken to create this network, with the idea of putting together a proposal for a project entitled “Canada as an Island Nation,” which addresses the culture and environments of Canada’s coastal and freshwater islands, as well as opportunities and threats – the latter which come particularly as a result of climate change.

3. **Island identities? Comparing the perceptions of islanders towards governing institutions and quality of life** | James Randall and Laurie Brinklow with Russell, S., Kizos, T., Sentas, S. In *Small States and Territories Journal* (forthcoming, 2021).

2.3 | Island Studies Press

Publications

CURRENT YEAR

1. *Home is where the water is* by Hung-Min Chiang (April 2020)
2. *Tick-borne diseases in dogs* by Michele Evason (September 2020)
3. *An Introduction to Island Studies* by James Randall (October 2020) [Co-published with Rowman & Littlefield]
4. *My island's the house I sleep in at night* by Laurie Brinklow (April 2021)

Book awards

1. *Listening for the Dead Bells* by Marian Bruce was awarded the 2020 **PEI Museum and Heritage Publication of the Year Award** and was shortlisted for the **Democracy 250 Atlantic Book Award for Historical Writing**.
2. *Mammals of Prince Edward Island* by Rosemary Curley, Pierre-Yves Daoust, Donald McAlpine, Kimberly Riehl, and J. Dan McAskill was a Chapters/Indigo bestseller on PEI, and the authors received a **Natural Heritage Activity Award** from the City of Summerside.

Publications

NEXT YEAR

1. *The Chemistry of Innovation: Regis Duffy and the Story of DCL* by Mo Duffy Cobb and Lori Mayne (May 2021)
2. *We'll Meet Again: PEI Women of World War Two* by Katherine Dewar (October 2021)
3. *Black Islanders: PEI's Historical Black Community, 2nd edition* by Jim Hornby (February 2022)

Achievements or highlights for the year

1. Two SSHRC Exchange Publication Awards

Laurie Brinklow's manuscript is a collection of poetry titled *My island's the house I sleep in at night*. Drawing from interviews with writers, artists, and musicians from Newfoundland and Tasmania, she weaves their words with her own poetic imaginings and explores the theme of islandness.

Lori Mayne is co-author of *The Chemistry of Innovation: Regis Duffy and the Story of DCL*. It shares the story behind one of Prince Edward Island's most successful companies and brilliant entrepreneurs.

2. Two ISP titles were featured in the Bookmark holiday flyer (25,000 circulation) and two titles were featured in the APMA Gift Guide (400,000 circulation), November/December 2020. Excerpts from both Brinklow and Mayne's books were featured in Atlantic Books Today (100,000 circulation).

Key challenges or opportunities

1. ISP's sales were directly impacted by COVID-19. We were unable to hold launches, and marketing outlets were reduced as the publishing industry was forced to pivot. We took advantage of the switch to virtual events to host two online author events: a Q&A and reading with JoDee Samuelson in fall 2020, and a book launch in April 2020 with Laurie Brinklow.
2. Our key challenge is finding revenue sources to support the operation of the Press. As this position is only partially funded, we rely on sales and private donations to pay for production costs and for the salary of our part-time position. In 2020, we acquired \$6,500 in donations from the PEI BioAlliance and Sekisui towards the costs of the Regis Duffy book. The Office of the President also donated \$3,200 to offset the cost of colour printing. Presales of \$4,000 in 2021 helped pay for salary and production costs.

Future plans

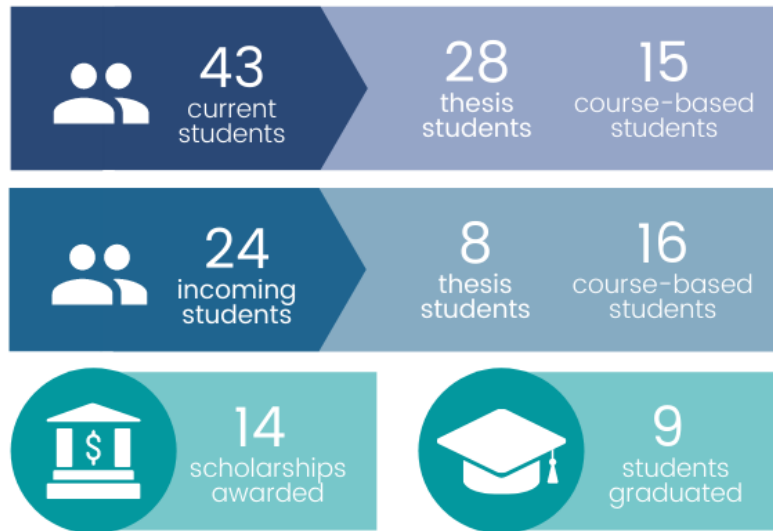
1. *Black Islanders: PEI's Historical Black Community, 2nd edition* by Jim Hornby (February 2022)
2. A contract has been signed with the Saint Dunstan's University outreach board to publish the second volume of Saint Dunstan's history authored by Leonard Cusack (May 2022)

ISP Publications Advisory Committee members

Name	Affiliation
Bren Simmers (Chair)	<i>Managing Editor, Island Studies Press</i>
Laurie Brinklow	<i>Institute of Island Studies, UPEI</i>
Ed MacDonald	<i>Professor, History and Classics, UPEI</i>
Simon Lloyd	<i>University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, UPEI</i>
John Flood	<i>Penumbra Press</i>
Irené Novaczek	<i>Marine botanist, Department of Fisheries and Oceans</i>
Lori Cheverie	<i>Manager, Bookmark Charlottetown</i>
Peter Rukavina	<i>Writer, printer, developer</i>

2.4 | Master of Arts in Island Studies (MAIS) Program

Highlights 2020–2021



Student Achievements

1. MAIS awarded 4 donor-based scholarships (David Phillips, Galina Liou, Christina Fontaine, Michael Adebayo, and Orsa Beck); 3 SSHRC scholarships (Sarah Davison: tourism communication; Joyce Ferguson: energy in Eastern PEI; Megan Lane MacDonald: gender and island literature); and 3 Future Prosperity scholarships (Greg Ellison, Eliza MacLauchlan, Alyssa Gillespie).
2. Joyce Ferguson was awarded the UPEI Faculty Association Master's Medal.
3. Eight MAIS students and three undergraduate Island Studies students participated in the PEI Government's Policy Hackathon in November 2020.
4. Maggie J. Whitten Henry was invited to speak at the *Rural Talks to Rural* virtual conference in November 2020 as part of the *Passport to Research* panel.
5. Patrick Lévêque published "Personalistic politics on Prince Edward Island: Towards a subnational approach to personalism and democracy" in *Small States and Territories*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (2020).
6. Maggie J. Whitten Henry published "Tasting Place: Themes in Food and Beverage Product Logos from Three North Atlantic Island Regions" in *Journal of Gastronomy & Tourism*, Vol. 4, No. 3 (2020), and co-wrote 'Letterkenny' and 'Schitt's Creek' are Love Letters to Rural Canada with S. Ashleigh Weeden and Laurie Brinklow, published in *The Conversation*, August 2020.

Program Achievements

1. MAIS currently has 50 graduates: 45 thesis and 5 course/work-study.
2. 100+ students were enrolled in the *Island Tourism* course taught online by Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino in Summer 2020.
3. *International Relations and Island Public Policy* specialization offered for the first time in September 2020.
4. Record-high participation (12 attendees) in provincial government MAIS recruitment event.

MAIS Theses

- Kumar, P. (2020). *Evolving perspectives on urban wildlife and their implications for policy-making in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island* [MA Island Studies thesis, University of Prince Edward Island]. Supervisor: Marina Silva.
- Brimacombe, A. (2020). *Climate change and human security in Small Island Developing States: The case of Papua New Guinea and its UN-REDD/REDD+ program* [MA Island Studies thesis, University of Prince Edward Island]. Supervisor: James Randall.
- McIsaac, I. (2021). *Factors influencing change in the Prince Edward Island Lobster Fishery* [MA Island Studies thesis, University of Prince Edward Island]. Supervisor: Tim Carroll.

Sessional instructors engaged

- Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino, University of Malta
- Dr. Jeff Collins, Trade & Economic Policy Advisor, Government of Prince Edward Island
- Dr. Phil Davison, former Director, Coady Institute, St Francis Xavier University
- Dr. Carla Digiorgio, Adjunct Professor, Acadia University
- Dr. Sonya Graci, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Ryerson University
- Andrew Halliday, Senior Policy Advisory, Government of Prince Edward Island
- Dr. Pat Maher, Dean of Teaching, Nipissing University
- Dr. Palanisamy Nagarajan, Professor Emeritus, Economics, UPEI
- Janice Pettit, Public Service Commission, Government of Prince Edward Island
- Mary Walsh, Environmental Studies, UPEI

Key challenges or opportunities

1. The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) requires that the MAIS program have two full-time faculty members and a half-time student placement coordinator. Currently none of these positions are in play.
2. If all of our students had received travel visas, we would have had 33 students in the cohort starting September 2020.

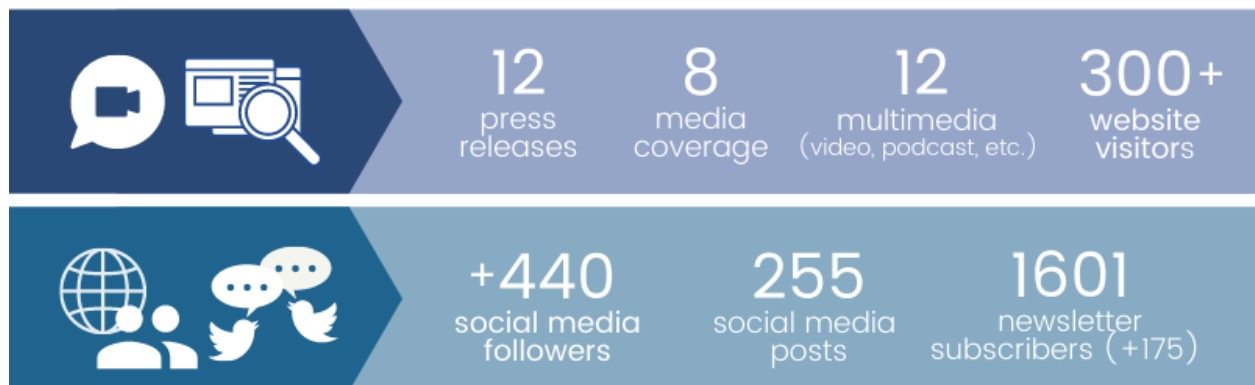
Future plans

1. Shorten the time needed for the course/work-study program to one year plus one semester.
2. Continue to advocate for full-time permanent faculty positions so that this program and its peripheral research work can fulfil its potential locally and internationally. If this is not forthcoming, serious consideration should be given to limiting the number of students admitted to the program.

MAIS Advisory Committee members	
Name	Affiliation
Laurie Brinklow (Chair)	<i>Interim Coordinator, MAIS program</i>
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Michael Olubiyi	<i>MAIS student</i>
Clay Appell	<i>MAIS student</i>

3 | Communications

Highlights 2020–2021



Achievements and highlights for the year

1. **Communications Strategy**

Communications subcommittee led a comprehensive process to create a Communications Strategy.

2. **Website update**

Guided by the new Communications Strategy, islandstudies.com underwent a major overhaul in March 2021. The result is a website that is easier for our visitors to navigate, easier for staff to manage, and features a structure that reflects the organization and its key priorities – with room to grow.

3. **Newsletter refresh**

The Island Studies monthly newsletter was refreshed and streamlined, based in part on reader feedback, and a self-subscribe feature added.

4. **Social media**

The Island Studies Facebook page and Twitter account were energized, and an Instagram account and YouTube channel were created.

4 | Finance and Fundraising (IIS / UNESCO Chair / ISP)

External Funds: Current Year (2020–2021)

	Project	Amount	Source of Funding
Grants	Sustainable Island Futures, Yr. 3	66,666	SSHRC Partnership - Development Program
	To toll or not to toll (LB)	4,938	SSHRC Engage (UPEI)
	Internal Publication Awards	10,000	SSHRC Engage (UPEI)
Contracts	Annual Report on Global Islands	35,000	Hainan Island Foreign Affairs Office
	Insular Knowledge	10,000	SSHRC
Other Funding Sources	UNESCO Chair Stipend	6,000	University of Prince Edward Island
	Coordinator position (prorated May–June 2020)	6,000	Duffy Family Foundation
	Future Prosperity Scholarships (3)	37,500	Duffy Family Foundation & Government of Prince Edward Island

External Funds: Next Year (2021–2022)

	Project	Amount	Source of Funding
Grants	Internal Publication Awards	10,000	SSHRC Engage (UPEI)
Contracts	QOL Project	102,000	Government of PEI
	Retention project	20,000	Government of PEI
	Annual Report on Global Islands	35,000	Hainan Island Foreign Affairs Office
Other Funding Sources	Future Prosperity Scholarships (3)	37,500	Duffy Family Foundation & PEI Government
	Saint Dunstan's University History	32,750	Saint Dunstan's University Board