

# Annual Report: Island Studies at UPEI

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# Highlights 2021-2022

## Summary

1. Dr. James Randall retires
2. Dr. Laurie Brinklow hired as Island Studies Chair/MAIS Coordinator
3. Dr. Jean Mitchell named UNESCO Chair in Islands and Sustainability
4. Project Well-being under way
5. PEI Retention Survey under way
6. Global Islands Report 2021 published
7. Island Studies Press and its award-winning books
8. MAIS program graduates record number of students

## Island Studies at UPEI

The University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) has been at the forefront in research, education, and public policy in the field of Island Studies. Over the years, the work has grown to become a constellation at UPEI, which includes a research and policy institute (Institute of Island Studies [1985-present]), a publishing house (Island Studies Press [1985-present]), an academic program (the world's only Master of Arts in Island Studies [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).

Over the last nearly four decades, Island Studies has grown from a relatively unknown discipline to become one of those in the front seat driving global issues. Although islands were critical in early exploration and played a major role in colonizing the globe, islands themselves were not the focus until recently. They have become bellwethers or canaries in the coal mine when it comes to understanding climate change, sea level rise, and sustainability. They play major roles in territorial disputes and understanding the impacts of globalisation. And, in the midst of a global pandemic, we see now more than ever the role that islands play in understanding disease control.

# Institute of Island Studies

## Research projects

### 1. COVID-19 Island Insights Series

The COVID-19 Island Insights Series is 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. Every two weeks from November 2020 to October 2021, Island Innovation released COVID-19 Island Insights Series from two different islands. Jim Randall and Laurie Brinklow presented the Series virtually at a hybrid session at COP-26: "Climate Change and Islands" hosted by SCELG.

### 2. Project Well-being

An IIS research project comprising a survey and four-year study to better understand and assess the well-being and quality of life of Prince Edward Islanders, coordinated by Dr. Phil Davison. The first year of the survey was completed, and focus groups held. Findings were distilled into a 36-page report that is now with our funders. Year Two will commence in due course.

### 3. PEI Retention Survey

An IIS research project in collaboration with the Department of Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture to better understand population mobility and retention on Prince Edward Island beginning with a survey assessing current and former PEI residents' thoughts on the subjects. Coordinated by Laurie Brinklow and Jim Randall. Next step: focus groups with residents, those who have left, and stakeholders.

## Publications

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

- a. "St. Helena" (Kamar Tanyan & Nicole Shamier | 4 May 2021)
- b. "Fernando de Noronha" (Daniel Hauer Queiroz Telles & Marcio Sommer Bittencourt | 4 May 2021)
- c. "Canary Islands" (Carmen Rubio Armendáriz | 11 May 2021)
- d. "Azores" (Carlos Eduardo Pacheco Amaral | 11 May 2021)

- e. "Tierra del Fuego – Argentina" [English | en Español] (Peter van Aert | 24 October 2021)
  - f. "Tierra del Fuego – Chile" [en Español] (Alejandro Nuñez Guerrero | 24 October 2021)
  - g. "COVID 19 Island Insights Series Final Report" (Editors: Laurie Brinklow, James Ellsmoor, James Randall, Manon Rouby, Giulia Sajeve, Aditi Shetye, Francesco Sindico | 30 November 2021)
2. Robertson, G. (January 11, 2022) "Two-year Timeline of COVID-19 Pandemic Impacting Islands Worldwide." Institute of Island Studies.
  3. Randall, J. E. (2021). Guest editorial : sustainable development across small island states and subnational island jurisdictions : the role of public perception. *Small States & Territories*, 4(2), 279-284.
  4. Russell, S., Brinklow, L., Kizos, T., Sentas, S., & Randall, J. E. (2021). Island identities? Comparing the perceptions of islanders towards governing institutions and quality of life. *Small States & Territories*, 4(2), 325-348.
  5. Chapman, M., Brinklow, L., Gillespie, A. (2021). Economic Impacts and Future Pathways: COVID-19 in Atlantic Canada. Institute of Island Studies.
  6. Randall, J., Brinklow, L., & Chapman, M. (2021). Prince Edward Island, COVID-19 Island Insight Series, no 16, March 2021, University of Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, University of Prince Edward Island Institute of Island Studies and Island Innovation.
  7. Brinklow, L., Lévêque, P., & Sark, C.G. (2021). Prince Edward Island/Epekwitk. In *State of Rural Canada 4.0*. Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation.
  8. Brinklow, L., Marshall, R., & Whiteway, B. (2021). Exploring climate change through the language of art. In S. Brunn (Ed.). *The handbook of the changing world language map*. New York: Springer.
  9. Randall, J., Brinklow, L., & Chapman, M. (2021). Insular knowledge: Building a community of islands through knowledge mobilization. In *Imagining the future of Knowledge Mobilization: Perspectives from UNESCO Chairs* (Ottawa: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council), pp. 79-94.
  10. Brinklow, L., (2022). Studying islandness through the language of art. *Geographical Research*, special section edited by E. Stratford, G. Baldacchino, & E. McMahon.
  11. Brinklow, L. (2021). *My island's the house I sleep in at night*. Charlottetown: Island Studies Press.
  12. Brinklow, L. (2021). *My island's the house I sleep in at night*. Hobart, Tasmania: Walleah Press.

## Conferences and presentations

1. "Delivering research and tertiary education in island contexts," Islands Webinar Series, Scotland's Rural College | May 18, 2021
2. "Institute of Island Studies: Contributions to public policy," Seizing the moment: Exploring just and sustainable pandemic recovery through community-campus partnerships, Acadia University (virtual) | May 25-26, 2021
3. ISISA 2021 | June 23, 2021  
The following Island Studies professors presented their research at ISISA 2021:
  - Godfrey Baldacchino 'Isolation: Blessing or Curse? An Islands Perspective'
  - Laurie Brinklow 'Postcards from Home: Islandness and The Literary Landscapes of LM Montgomery'
  - Andrew Halliday 'Come Find Your Island: The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Atlantic Bubble'
  - Jean Mitchell 'Ritual, Relational and Aesthetic Responses to a "Category Five" Cyclone in Tanna, Vanuatu (SW Pacific)'
  - Jim Randall & Stefano Moncada 'Building a Sustainable Island Futures project: The Process and the Results'
4. "My island's the house I sleep in at night: Nissopoesis and island-making" at Is it shame or is it water? Poetry and Research in Conversation, Symposium hosted by the Oxford Centre for Life-writing, University of Oxford, UK (virtual) | August 5-6, 2021
5. University of the Highlands [Islands Matter Webinar](#) with Dr. Laurie Brinklow | October 21, 2021
6. COP 26 "Climate Change and Islands", hosted by the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance in Glasgow, along with the Institute of Island Studies at UPEI and Island Innovation. The hybrid event, which served as the culmination of the Island Insights Series, asked the question: "What lessons can we learn from the responses to COVID-19 when positioning islands to become more sustainable?" | November 11, 2021
7. "Institute of Island Studies: Contributing to Public Policy on PEI" - Dr. Laurie Brinklow at Dr. Carolyn Peach Brown's ENV-4010: Public Scholars on Environmental Issues | March 1, 2022.

## Media Interviews

1. February 3, 2022 *Kicker* interview with Laurie Brinklow reporting of the replacement of the Little Current (Ontario) swing bridge recommends removal and commemoration.

## Island Lecture Series

1. [“Arts and Climate Adaptation” with Ilse van Dijke](#) | Jan 18, 2022.

In the first installment of the 2022 Island Lecture series, Ilse van Dijk presented the findings of the research she conducted as an intern with Island Studies and the School of Climate Change and Adaptation at UPEI. The research was funded by the Climate Sense project. In her research project, Ilse aimed to identify possibilities for the integration of artistic processes into climate change adaptation policies on Prince Edward Island. – 7 live attendees; 44 views on [YouTube](#).

2. [“Trade in the Nicobar Islands” with Shaina Sehgal](#) | March 22, 2022.

Shaina Sehgal presented some of the findings from her Ph.D. research on the Nicobar Islands, ports-of-call along the ancient sea route from West Asia to South-East Asia and reported by traders and sea-farers throughout history. In this talk, Sehgal sketched the trading world of the Nicobar Islands between the 18th and 19th centuries. Analysis of historical texts, maps and images from this period shows the connection between seasonal trade within the archipelago and trade with the Nicobar Islands. This study concludes that these islands were a site of sustained contact within the bustling Indian Ocean world until the early 20th century.

16 attendees; 27 views on [YouTube](#).

## 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 2021–2022. A full archive of past Symposia is available at [islandstudies.com/events/public-symposia](https://islandstudies.com/events/public-symposia).

## Academic partnerships and MOUs

1. Renewing MOU with University of the Highlands and Islands, Scotland
2. Exploring MOU with Centre for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa



3. Through UPEI's membership in University of the Arctic, collaboration is under way with University of the Highlands and Islands, University of the Faroe Islands, University of Uppsala, and Memorial University to create a Northern Islands Thematic Network. Application is going forward to the UArctic Assembly June 2, 2022, in Portland, Maine.

## Research Associates

Name	Affiliation	Research Interests
Dr. Nand C. Bardouille	Institute of International Relations, University of the West Indies Trinidad and Tobago	Diplomatic and international studies
Dr. Claire Campbell	Professor of History, Bucknell University Pennsylvania, USA	Environmental history of North America and the North Atlantic world, its coastlines, and coastal cities
John Cousins	Folklorist, storyteller, and historian O'Leary, Prince Edward Island	Prince Edward Island folklore and ethnology
Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones	Research Fellow Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), University of the West Indies – Mona Campus Kingston, Jamaica	Geographies of the border, managed migration, and intra-regional migration in the Caribbean.
Dr. Tiber F. M. Falzett	Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Folklore and Ethnology School of Irish, Celtic Studies, and Folklore University College Dublin	Language, music, community, and local knowledge of Gaels on both sides of the Atlantic
Dr. C. Tyler DesRoches	Associate Professor, Sustainability and Human Well-Being Associate Professor, Philosophy Arizona State University	History and philosophy of economics, environmental philosophy, sustainability, human well-being.

Dr. Adam Grydehøj	Chair Professor, Research Center for Indian Ocean Island Countries, South China University of Technology; Co-Director, Island and Coastal Zone Institute, Zhejiang University; Director, Island Dynamics. Copenhagen, Denmark	Intersection of culture, economy, politics, and space in island and coastal regions.
Dr. Lynda Harling Stalker	Associate Professor, Sociology St. Francis Xavier University Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada	Culture, Island Studies, Narrative Research, Atlantic Canada, Work, Crafts, Creative and Cultural Industries, Traditions.
Dr. Matthew Hatvany	Professor, Geography Université Laval Québec City, Québec, Canada	Historical geography; nature-culture relations and environmental change in the Anthropocene.
Dr. Pete Hay	Reader in Geography and Environmental Studies (Retired) University of Tasmania Hobart, Australia	Place theory, especially in the context of its island applications.
Dr. Andrew Jennings	Institute for Northern Studies, University of Highlands and Islands Lerwick, Shetland	Governance, tourism, island cultures, and the nature of Islandness itself.
Dr. Mark Lapping	Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine	Land use and land tenure issues on island; food island systems and sustainability issues.
Dr. Dacia Latoya Leslie	Crime Prevention and Offender Management Research Cluster, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies, University of the West Indies Kingston, Jamaica	Lived experiences of inmates, ex-prisoners, involuntary removed migrants and their child dependents; Development studies; monitoring & evaluation.

Dr. Irené Novaczek	Marine scientist Breadalbane, Prince Edward Island	Community development on small islands; Coastal resources management, often focusing on seaweed.
Dr. Deborah Paci	Adjunct Professor, Ca' Foscari University of Venice; University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy; Center for Modern and Contemporary Mediterranean, Sophia Antipolis University, Nice, France	Island studies, Mediterranean and Baltic studies, digital and public history, cultural studies, identity politics.
Dr. Gerard Prinsen	Senior Lecturer School of People, Environment, and Planning Massey University, Aotearoa New Zealand	Local identity evolution, global power projection, natural resource extraction, public policy negotiation, emerging "Islandian sovereignty."
Graeme Robertson	Global Islands Network North Uist, Western Isles, Scotland	Climate change, island biodiversity, blue-green economy, guano islands, seaweed resources, niche marketing of small island food and drink products, and much more.
Dr. Doug Sobey	Environmental biologist and ecologist Belfast, Northern Ireland & Bedeque, Prince Edward Island	Natural and human heritage; Present forests of Prince Edward Island and their history
Dr. John N. Telesford	Associate Dean, School of Continuing Education, T. A. Marryshow Community College St. George, Grenada	Policy and resource use (focus on energy) in small island states and jurisdictions; sustainable island futures; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); industrial ecology.

## Achievements or highlights for the year

1. Research Associates News regularly highlighted in Island Studies News published monthly

## Future plans

1. UPEI administration has requested that we merge our Research Associate program with the MAIS Graduate Faculty and Adjuncts program. We will be working to determine the most efficient way of making this happen.

## Island Studies Press

Publications current year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>My island's the house I sleep in at night</i> by Laurie Brinklow (April 2021)</li> <li>2. <i>The Chemistry of Innovation: Regis Duffy and the Story of DCL</i> by Mo Duffy Cobb and Lori Mayne (May 2021)</li> <li>3. <i>We'll Meet Again: PEI Women of The Second World War</i> by Katherine Dewar (October 2021)</li> </ol>
Launches, Book sales	<p><b>May 15, 2021:</b> <i>My island's the house I sleep in at night</i> book launch at the Beaconsfield Carriage House, 2 pm and 7 pm. 64 people total, 53 book sold by The Bookmark</p> <p><b>July 7, 2021:</b> <i>The Chemistry of Innovation</i> book launch at McMillian Hall, 4 pm. 76 guests, 11 books sold (many had bought books previously)</p> <p><b>October 23, 2021:</b> <i>We'll Meet Again</i> Book Launch at Trinity United Church, 2 pm. Filmed by Eastlink TV. 100 people, 85 books sold</p> <p><b>November 7, 2021:</b> <i>We'll Meet Again</i> Book Launch at Eptek Centre in Summerside, 28 people, 25 books sold</p> <p><b>November 14, 2021:</b> <i>We'll Meet Again</i> Book Launch at Eptek Centre in Summerside, 36 people, 22 books sold.</p>
Awards	<p><i>We'll Meet Again</i> Awarded the <a href="#">2022 PEIMHF Publication of the Year Award</a> &amp; The City of Summerside Publication of the Year Award</p> <p>Four ISP books are shortlisted for the 2022 PEI Book Awards!</p> <p><b>Nonfiction:</b> <i>We'll Meet Again</i> by Katherine Dewar, <i>Home is Where the Water Is</i> by Min Chiang, <i>The Chemistry of Innovation</i> by Mo Duffy Cobb and Lori Mayne. <b>Poetry:</b> <i>My island's the house I sleep in at night</i>.</p>
Publications next year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Caught in A Changing Society: Saint Dunstan's University 1950-1969</i> by Leonard Cusack (Summer 2022)</li> <li>2. <i>Education for Global Citizenship and Sustainability: A Practical Guide for Educators</i> by Dr. Linyuan Guo-Brennan (Fall 2022)</li> <li>3. <i>Time Flies: Landscapes and Changes on Prince Edward Island 1935-2020</i> by Dr. Josh MacFadyen (Spring 2023)</li> </ol>
Grants and contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Saint Dunstan's University for \$32,750 to publish the second volume of their history. This contract is payable over two years: 2021-2023.</li> </ol>

Publications Advisory Committee members	
Name	Affiliation
Bren Simmers	<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>

### Achievements or highlights for the year

1. **Website:** the [website](#) was redesigned to reflect a more modern scrolling look.
2. **Marketing:** Extensive marketing activities led to increased sales. Twice in 2021, our books topped the Indigo's Top 5 bestseller lists with *The Chemistry of Innovation* in June and *We'll Meet Again* in November. All three of our 2021 titles were bestsellers at the Bookmark. All three ISP titles were featured in the Bookmark Holiday flyer (25,000 circulation) and were featured in the APMA Gift Guide (400,000 circulation), November/December 2021.
3. **Two epub versions** were created in house for *My island's the house I sleep in at night* and *Listening for the Dead Bells*. These were created in house as a pilot project and we will be distributing these through our regular distributor, Nimbus.
4. **Two SSHRC Exchange Publication Awards** were awarded to support UPEI scholarship:  
 Josh MacFadyen is the Canada Research Chair in Geospatial Humanities, and an Associate Professor in the Applied Communication, Leadership and Culture program at UPEI. His manuscript, *Time Flies: Landscapes and Change on Prince Edward Island, 1935-2020*, offers an unprecedented view of one island province's journey into modernity through a unique digital presentation of aerial photography and historical synthesis. The book will present high resolution aerial images of over fifty iconic landscapes on Prince

Edward Island, and it will trace how those communities and natural ecosystems have changed over 85 years.

Linyuan Guo-Brennan is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education. Her manuscript is *Education for Global Citizenship and Sustainability: From Theory to Practice*. As UPEI is the only Canadian institution that has made global citizenship education mandatory for teacher candidates, this textbook signifies UPEI's leadership in preparing globally competent educators for the 21st century. The book will be supplemented with activities and resources that help teachers form global educator identity, connect global concepts with curriculum and age-appropriate pedagogy, and feel inspired to take professional actions in various settings and contexts.

## ISP in the news

Mainstreet PEI with Matt Rainnie May 20, 2021: [Regis Duffy book](#)

The Guardian May 22, 2021: [New book showcases P.E.I.'s Regis Duffy's life and role in the bioscience sector](#)

The Telegram June 19, 2021: [Joan Sullivan reviews My island's the house I sleep in at night](#)

Mainstreet PEI with Matt Rainnie October 21, 2021: [Katherine Dewar](#)

October 23 book launch filmed and rebroadcast on Eastlink TV in early December.

*The Eastern Graphic* October 20, 2021: Eastern PEI women featured in new Second World War chronicle

The West Prince Graphic November 4, 2021: [Foxley River resident featured in new book about Island women serving in the Second World War](#)

Remembrance Day CBC Maritime Broadcast November 11, 2021: [Interview with Margaret Dumont](#)

*The Guardian* November 12, 2021 (front page): [P.E.I. women who served during Second World War honoured in new book](#)

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## Key challenges or opportunities

1. **Financial:** Our key challenge continues to be finding revenue sources to support the operation of the press. As this position is only partially funded by Island Studies and through two SSHRC Exchange Publication Award grants from the VPAR, we rely on sales and private donations to pay for production costs and for the salary of our one part-time position. In 2021, we signed a contract with the Saint Dunstan's University for \$32,750 to publish the second volume of their history. This contract is payable over two years and brings more financial stability to the press for 2021-2023.

2. **Rising printer costs:** 2021-2022 has seen unprecedented print increases. For example, we budgeted \$4500 for the first print run of *We'll Meet Again* (based on previous books and adjusted for normal increases), but it cost us \$6,891 to print. The second print run two months later cost \$8,664. To counteract this issue in the coming year, we will be a) printing fewer physical copies and utilizing print on demand services b) choosing smaller and standard size formats (no glossy photo paper, colour pages, or French flaps) and c) creating ePUB versions of our books when possible.
3. **Editorial:** Another challenge was the termination of title, *Black Islanders*, the second edition, by Jim Hornby. The publications committee felt strongly that the book needed editorial changes before it was suitable for publication. Jim disagreed. After a couple of discussions, we decided it was mutually beneficial to terminate this contract.
4. **Promotional opportunities:** By publishing three titles in 2020, instead of four, the press was able to reduce expenses and focus more time on promoting our three 2021 titles with great results. One title in particular, *We'll Meet Again*, saw press coverage in *The Guardian* and CBC, as well as Eastlink TV, *The West Prince Graphic* and *The Eastern Graphic*.

## Future plans

1. Continue to produce 2-3 titles per year
2. Explore more publication of books in ebook format
3. Explore more stable funding sources



# UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability

## Research projects

1. Sustainable Islands Futures: A Collaborative Research Project. The official end date of this project was March 22, 2022. Final reports from partner institutions are now being submitted to UPEI Accounting and SSHRC.

## Publications

1. **The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Islands Economic Cooperation Forum: *Annual Report on Global Islands 2021*** | Executive Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Jim Randall  
The themes for this year's edition of the Annual Report are Island Sustainability and the SDGs, and Island Tourism, Trade, and Development. Jim Randall served once again as Executive Editor-in-Chief for the volume and contributed three chapters. ISP's Managing Editor Bren Simmers served as project coordinator; MAIS student Maggie Henry was copy-editor; and former ISP Managing Editor Joan Sinclair designed the book. (**Published April 2022**)
2. Small States and Territories Special section "Sustainable Island Futures: A Collaborative Research Project"  
A special section devoted to the Sustainable Islands Futures Project, edited by former UNESCO Chair Jim Randall (the project's Principal Investigator), has been published in *Small States and Territories Journal*. With an introduction by Jim Randall, the section, authored by three teams of researchers, examines the similarities and differences between Small Island States and Subnational Island Jurisdictions, including their relative capacities for implementing sustainable practices in socio-political, cultural-artistic, economic, and environmental domains. In addressing these objectives, 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.

Papers include:

- Guest Editorial Introduction: 'Sustainable Development Across Small Island States and Subnational Island Jurisdictions: The Role of Public Perception' - James E. Randall.
- 'Financial Crisis, Governance and Sustainable Island Futures: Comparing Iceland and Newfoundland & Labrador' - Mark C.J. Stoddart, Ásthildur Elva Bernharðsdóttir, & Cole Atlin.

- 'Perception Versus Reality: Major Stakeholders and Progress Towards Sustainable Development Goals in the South-West Indian Ocean' - Verena Tandrayen-Ragoobur, Marie-Annick Lamy-Giner, Stefano Moncada, & Francois Taglioni.

- 'Island identities? Comparing the Perceptions of Islanders Towards Governing Institutions and Quality of Life' - Suzana Russell, Laurie Brinklow, Thanasis Kizos, Stratis Sentas, and James E. Randall.

## Achievements or highlights for the year

1. Dr. Jean Mitchell was named UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability. In the role as UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability, Dr. Mitchell will take a broad perspective on small islands' sustainability across the intersecting socio-economic, cultural, aesthetic, and environmental domains. Among other things, she will serve as an effective conduit for transferring innovative ideas; develop connections and collaborations; and contribute to research on small islands and the training of the next generation of island studies scholars and practitioners. Her long-term research and collaboration with islanders in the South Pacific (Oceania), especially in Vanuatu, will anchor her work as UNESCO Chair. Islanders around the world are facing the deepening crises of climate change and other challenges, all of which require imaginative approaches and partnerships that privilege diverse knowledge systems. The islanders of Oceania with their relational understanding of nature and culture have much to teach us about the possibilities for sustaining life together on our planet.

Dr. Mitchell will work closely with partners in the South Pacific to pursue the "Samoa Pathway" that looks at the impacts of climate change on South Pacific islands. Partners include the University of the South Pacific with campuses in Fiji, Vanuatu, and Samoa; The Pacific Climate Change Centre and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program in Samoa; the Vanuatu Cultural Centre; the Ministry of the Environment and NGOs in Kiribati; and institutions in the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean, and the Caribbean (including University of Hawai'i, University of the West Indies, and University of Aruba, with whom we have had initial discussions).

Dr. Mitchell envisions working closely with UPEI partners in the Faculty of Climate Change Adaptation and the Canadian Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation in St. Peter's, as well as colleagues in the Faculties of Arts and Science.

## Key challenges or opportunities

1. Secure UNESCO Chair Coordinator to replace Laurie Brinklow

## Future plans

1. Discussions are already under way to co-host a conference with the University of Aruba in 2023. Over the summer we will be working on an application for a SSHRC grant to fund a research project that builds on partnerships in the Pacific and Caribbean.

## Master of Arts in Island Studies program

65 students currently enrolled	6 students approved next year - thesis
30 students currently enrolled - thesis	12 students approved next year - course
35 students currently enrolled - course	14 students approved - international
12 students graduated in 2022	14 scholarships awarded

### Student / alumni accomplishments:

1. Dennis Lee wins Career Connections X TalentEgg Pitch Competition
2. MAIS student Tai "Ken" Nguyen and his team for winning Second Place in The City of Charlottetown's Virtual Hackathon
3. MAIS Students Who Presented at ISISA 2021:
  - Catherine Gallant 'What is "Islandness" and "Island Identity"? A Contested Trope'
  - Maggie Henry 'Tangled tales, entangled ales: Adventures in the recursive islandness of Newfoundland craft beer'
  - Patrick Lévêque 'The Political Ecology of Climate Change Policy on Prince Edward Island'
  - Tai "Ken" Nguyen 'COVID-19: A Shock for Human Beings, but a Grace Period for Small Island Development States' Tourism Innovations
  - Izumi Nonaka 'Small Businesses on Small Islands: A Case Study from Malta'
4. Publication: Sark, Courtney (MAIS Student) *The Dark and Light of Island Life*. Island Studies Chapbooks
5. Publication: Steele, Fiona (MAIS Student) *coming home again*. Island Studies Chapbooks
6. Publication: Graham, Susan C. (MAIS Graduate Faculty) and Louise M. Campbell (MAIS Alumna) "Island Tourism Brand Identities: A Review of Themes in Island Tourism Logos" in *Journal of Marine and Island Cultures*
7. Publication: Whitten Henry, M. J. (2022). **Windrows: Entangled negotiations with fish, wind, and time in coastal Newfoundland/Ktaqmkuk**. *Okinawan Journal of Island Studies*, 3(1), 203–212
8. Publication: Gillespie, Alyssa M. J. "Review of Pete Hay's Anthology" in *Otoliths*
9. Whitten Henry, M. J. (2021). Windrows (Paradox). *Consilience*, 7
10. MAIS student Maggie Henry showcased her work in *Grounded*, a contemporary art exhibition at Eptek Centre, Summerside

11. MAIS Alumnus Patrick Augustine (2009) received his PhD from the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies from Carleton University
12. MAIS Alumnus Mark Currie (2016) received his PhD in Education from the University of Ottawa. The title of his dissertation was "Cracking the Colonial Bedrock: (Re)creating Antiracist Sociohistorical Geographies"
13. MAIS alumnus Nick Burnie was accepted to do another master's degree at Queen's School of Urban and Regional Planning
14. MAIS alumnus Olubiyi Michael Adebayo is now employed as Development Officer for the Provincial Planning Section of the Land Division, Department of Agriculture

### Student scholarships/awards:

1. *Future Prosperity Scholarships* (sponsored by the Duffy Family Foundation and the Province of Prince Edward Island) were awarded to MAIS students Helena Ryan and Isabel MacDougall (2@ \$12,500)
2. MAIS Students Jenna Gaudet and Alyssa Gillespie place in the *Island Literary Awards* (ILA)
  - Jenna Gaudet took second in the creative non-fiction section for her 'The Walk on the Edge' assignment, an assignment that students of UPEI's Islandness: Culture, Change and Identity class undertake each year
  - Thesis student Alyssa Gillespie placed third in the Richard Lemm and Lee Ellen Pottie Poetry Award section with her poetry collection 'Stretching Minutes Into Memories'
3. *Entrance Scholarships* (Sponsored by the UPEI Faculty of Graduate Studies): Andrew MacPherson, Hung-En Liao, Hafiz Basheer, Fiona Steele, and Richard Wedge (\$15,500)
4. *Bill and Denise Andrew (Gold) Scholarship in Island Studies*: Byron Lindsay (\$2,560)
5. *Carnegie Foundation Graduate Scholarship in Island Studies*: Kelly Rivera (\$5,730)
6. *Erwin and Joyce Andrew Memorial Scholarship in Island Studies*: Maggie Henry (Canadian) (\$4,550) and Sandra Otu (\$4,550) (International)
7. *Dr. Peter and Mrs. Donna Meincke Graduate Scholarship in Island Studies*: Nick Burnie (\$3,500)
8. *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) award* from the Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's Program Competition awarded to MAIS students, Greg Elison and Alyssa M. J. Gillespie (2@ \$17,500)

### Program accomplishments:

1. The 2021 summer semester had a record number of MAIS students enrolled in the IST-6210 and 6220 Theory and Practice of Island Research I and II courses, with 25 students doing one or two placements with 16 government departments and organizations. They included the PEI Dept. of Agriculture & Land's Strategic Policy and Evaluation Division; PEI Department of Environment, Water and Climate Change; PEI Department of Rural Economic Development - Fisheries and Communities; PEI Executive Council Office; the PEI Policy Hackathon; the Cavendish Resort Municipality; Parks Canada; the Federation of PEI Municipalities; City of Charlottetown; Community Foundation of PEI; and the Institute of Island Studies (IIS). International placements included the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (SCLEG); Icelandic Tourism Research Center; Community Development Lens, CoDeL, in Scotland; and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Caribbean Sub-Regional Office; and Island Innovation.
2. Sessional instructors this year included Janice Pettit (IST-2010), Godfrey Baldacchino (IST-2090), Andrew Halliday (IST-6260 and IST-6270), Dr. Jeff Collins (IST-6120), Dr. Phil Davison (IST-6200, IST-6210, IST-6220, IST-6130), Drs. Sonya Graci and Pat Maher (IST-6240), Dr. Paul MacLeod (IST-6110), Dr. Carla Digiorgio (IST-6040), and Dr. Palanisamy Nagarajan (IST-6250).

### Key challenges or opportunities

1. Coordinator of the Master of Arts in Island Studies (MAIS) program and Chair of the Institute of Island Studies (IIS) Executive Committee, Dr. Jim Randall retired
2. Dr. Laurie Brinklow took over as Interim Island Studies Chair/MAIS Coordinator and will take up permanent duties as of July 1, 2022, after a job-search process chaired by Ed MacDonald. Also on the hiring committee were UPEI faculty members Carolyn Peach Brown, Susan Graham, Udo Krautwurst, and MAIS student Orsa Beck. A huge thank you goes to all who supported the process!

### Future plans

1. Undertake a program review as mandated by MPHEC
2. Continue to secure tenure-track faculty appointments, most likely shared between departments and faculties
3. Continue to advocate for more scholarship funding for students

4. Continue to explore collaborations with regional, national, and international institutes and organizations

<b>MAIS Steering Committee</b>	
Laurie Brinklow	Chair
Edward MacDonald	History
Jean Mitchell	Sociology and Anthropology
Nino Antadze	Environmental Studies
Palanisamy Nagarajan	Economics
Kathy Snow	Education
Susan Graham	Business
Louise Campbell	MAIS Alumna
Doreley Coll	Arts Graduate Studies Coordinator
Helena Ryan	1st-year MAIS Student
Alyssa Gillespie	2nd-year MAIS Student
Phil Davison	Acting MAIS Student Coordinator
vacant	Graduate Faculty Member-at-large
vacant	Coordinator of IIS (ex officio)

# Governance

## Schedule of meetings

June 23, 2021 (Joint AC/EC Meeting); October 6, 2021; December 6, 2021; March 10, 2021

## Changes in membership

1. Helen Kristmanson replaced community member Craig Mackie
2. Fiona Steele replaced Sara Davison as representative from the MAIS program

## Future plans

1. Create a Finance Committee
2. Secure IIS Coordinator to replace Laurie Brinklow
3. Undertake a strategic planning process for the next five years. At the top of the agenda are funding, staffing, and programming that fulfills our mandate (education, research, public policy).

<b>IIS Executive Committee</b>	
Laurie Brinklow	Chair
Edward MacDonald	UPEI Arts
Fiona Steele	MAIS Student
H Carolyn Brown	UPEI Environmental Studies
Helen Kristmanson	Community
Jean Mitchell	UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability
Joshua MacFadyen	UPEI Arts
Kathleen Brennan	Government of PEI
Michael Van Den Heuvel	UPEI Science
Rabin Bissessur	Research and Graduate Studies
Ryan Gibson	Chair of Advisory Committee



Bren Simmers	Island Studies Press
Megan Lane MacDonald	Graduate Student Assistant (acting IIS Coordinator)
Philip Davison	Project Well-being Coordinator

<b>IIS Advisory Committee</b>	
Ryan Gibson	Chair (national)
Jean-Paul Arsenault	Community (PEI)
Sheila Downer	Community (regional)
Hon. Diane Griffin	Community (PEI)
Guðrun Þora Gunnarsdóttir	Community (international)
Andrew Jennings	Community (international)
Andrew Lush	Community (PEI)

## Communications

- **1673 Newsletter Subscribers (+72)**
- **7 Press Releases**
- **16,388 Website Visits**
- **39 Youtube Subscribers**
- **2 New Youtube Videos**
  - Combined 71 Views
- **177 Social Media Posts:**
  - 44 Facebook Posts
  - 120 Tweets
  - 13 Instagram Posts
- **1,807 Social Media Followers:**
  - 595 Facebook Followers
  - 739 Twitter Followers
  - 473 Instagram Followers

## In the news

1. [Upei Anthropology Professor Named Unesco Chair Of Island Studies And Sustainability](#)  
Atlantic Briefs Desk | Posted: Jan. 20, 2022.
2. [P.E.I. Retention Survey Asks People Why They Stay Or Why They Leave](#)  
Saltwire, Atlantic Briefs Desk, April 5, 2022.

## Achievements or highlights for the year

1. New sections added to *Island Studies News* newsletter
  - a. “Visual Arts and Media” section to spotlight artists from/living on islands.
  - b. “PEI Community Announcements” to differentiate non-academic events or events with physical locations from the “Upcoming Virtual Events” section.
  - c. “News From Other Islands” to highlight news articles about islands throughout the world
  - d. “Upcoming Publications” to garner interest in books and special collections before they become available and before they are moved to the “Recent Publications” section.

## Finance and Fundraising

2021-22

	Project	Anticipated Total Value (Annualized)	Anticipated Funding	Source of Funding
Grants	SSHRC Exchange Awards	yearly	10,000	VPAR
Contracts	Project Well-being	404,800	101,200	Government of PEI
	PEI Retention Survey	30,360	30,360	Government of PEI
	Global Islands Report 2021	39,000	39,000	Hainan Foreign Affairs Office
	Publication of <i>Caught in a Changing Society: SDU</i>	32,750	32,750	Saint Dunstan’s University BOG
Other Funding Sources	Scholarships	96,390	96,390	various

2021-22

Island Studies Special Purpose Account: \$32,012.26

Anticipated surplus from SSHRC grant and various contracts: \$166,780

TOTAL: \$198,792.26

2022-23

	Project	Anticipated Total Value (Annualized)	Anticipated Funding	Source of Funding
Grants	SSHRC Exchange Awards	yearly	10,000	VPAR
Contracts	Project Well-being	404,800	101,200	Government of PEI
Other Funding Sources	Scholarships	yearly	90,000	various

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