

Media Release

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***Journal of New Brunswick Studies* Releases Issue Examining Sustainability of Small Communities in the Province**

The first of two special issues of the *Journal of New Brunswick Studies* examining the issues, prospects and risks faced by small communities in New Brunswick has been released at www.stu.ca/jnbs.

Professor Tony Tremblay, Canada Research Chair in New Brunswick Studies at St. Thomas University, worked with the research office at Mount Allison University to coordinate publication of the issues on the fate and sustainability of small communities in the province.

“Altogether, these studies constitute an important contribution to research on the topic of small communities in New Brunswick,” writes guest editors Christina Ionescu and Lauren Beck of Mount Allison University.

“They highlight ways in which individuals work effectively as collective entities to enact change that does not fundamentally damage the social and cultural fabric of the province, raise awareness of the unique challenges faced by those suffering from mental illness or living with disabilities in small constituencies, reflect upon the cultural integration of newcomers, and underline what makes this part of Canada special—a deep appreciation for nature and landscape, great resilience in the face of hardship, widespread creative fervour, cemented links to a layered past and a prevalent sense of community.”

Essays and Articles

- Lauren Beck and Christina Ionescu, “New Brunswick Artists in the Context of Small Communities: Interviews with Suzanne Dallaire (French) and Thaddeus Holownia (English)”
- Daniel Delong and Michael Fox, “Small Communities and Public Participation in the Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment Process: The Case of Little Bouctouche River, New Brunswick”
- David J. Lieske, Lori Ann Roness, Emily A. Phillips, and Michael J. Fox, “Climate Change Adaptation Challenges Facing New Brunswick Coastal Communities: A Review of the Problems and a Synthesis of Solutions Suggested by Regional Adaptation Research”
- Frank Strain, “Searching For Tornados: The Upcoming Dementia Crisis in New Brunswick”
- Morgan Poteet and Bianca Gomez, “It’s Both Ways’: How International Students Negotiate Belonging in Local and Global Contexts”
- Anne Koval, “The Rural Readymade: A New Brunswick Vernacular in the Work of Adriana Kuiper and Ryan Suter”

The articles result from research projects attached to the grant “Small Communities in the Twenty-First Century: Understanding the Role of Identity and Representation in Reflecting and Shaping the Livability of Maritime Communities,” awarded to Mount Allison University by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

The *Journal of New Brunswick Studies/Revue d’études sur le Nouveau-Brunswick* is a multi-disciplinary journal that features original essays and research about the province in English and French. The only bilingual journal of ideas in New Brunswick, it publishes thoughtful writing about ongoing conversations and debates in the province – www.stu.ca/jnbs.