

HARRIS CENTRE SYNERGY SESSIONS, TO DATE

Synergy Sessions provide an opportunity for government officials, representatives of nongovernmental organizations and University members to address public policy issues in a confidential setting. The audience varies depending upon the topic. Participation in these sessions is by invitation only, and comments made in the sessions are off-the-record and not for attribution. No minutes are kept of the discussion. The value of the sessions lies in creating synergies between organizations and in helping to eliminate policy silos.

2004

- **Community Accounts: Their Making, Current Status and Future Prospects**, Alton Hollett (Newfoundland Statistics Agency) and Dr. Doug May (Department of Economics), June 25, 2004.
- **Regional Economic Development and Schools Teacher Internships**, Don Hogan (ACOA) and Phyllis Reardon (REDAS, Faculty of Education), July 28, 2004.
- **Oceans and Ecosystems Science for the Future – Opportunities for Partnerships**, Dr. George Rose (Marine Institute), Ben Davis (DFO), Mike Warren (DFA), and Harvey Jarvis (FFAW), October 27, 2004.
- **Partnering to Build Development And Evaluation Skills**, Bea Courtney (Canadian Evaluation Society), and 2004 MUN Case Team Members, Rachel Alwala, Trina Caines and Jennifer Turner, November 23, 2004.

2005

- **Business Retention and Expansion Project: A New Approach to Fostering Business Growth**, Bonnie Simmons (P.J. Gardiner Institute) and Derek Staubitzer (INTRD), March 1, 2005.
- **Collaborative Research: Barriers and Opportunities**, Dr. Stephen Bornstein (NL-AHR) and Dr. Stephen Tomblin (Political Science), March 23, 2005.
- **The Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: Helping Local Business Succeed Internationally**, Susan Vaughan (CIBS) and Paul Maher (ACOA), May 10th, 2005.
- **Public Service Management Development: Future Directions?**, Karen Taylor (Newfoundland and Labrador Federal Council Secretariat), Roma Bridger (Centre for Learning and Development, Executive Council) and Bill Morrissey (CMD), June 29th, 2005.

2006

- **From Student to Resident: How Can Newfoundland and Labrador Compete In Attracting and Retaining International Students?** Dr. Chet Jablonski, Dean of Graduate Studies and Sheila Devine, Director of Student Recruitment, both of Memorial University, and Nellie Burke, Director of Immigration Policy with the Department of Human Resources, Labour & Employment, January 26, 2006.
- **Sharing Prosperity: Ireland's National Spatial Strategy** Dr. David Stewart, Faculty of Business Administration, April 10, 2006.
- **Regions, Rural Development and Governance: A Comparative Analysis of the Newfoundland & Labrador and Ireland Contexts**, Dr. David Douglas, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development at the University of Guelph, May 31, 2006
- **Understanding and Managing Rural-Urban Interaction in Newfoundland and Labrador: Implications for Economic Sustainability, Labour Market Development and Local Governance**, Dr. David Freshwater of the University of Kentucky and Dr. Alvin Simms of Memorial's Department of Geography.
- **Regulatory Reform in Australia: Lessons for Newfoundland and Labrador?**, Dr. Peter Carroll of the University of Tasmania, October 30, 2006.

- **Markets, Capital, and Politics: Newfoundland and Labrador's Economic Conundrum**, Colin Preston, a recent Masters graduate from Memorial's Department of History and currently on the staff of Grenfell College, November 30, 2006, at Grenfell College.

2007

- **The Dragon is Awake and Will Walk With Us: Newfoundland and Labrador Engaging China**, George Lee, January 30, 2007.
- **Diversification and clustering in the provincial economy: What prospects for growing our base of globally competitive high-tech firms?** Michael Wernerheim, Department of Economics, March 1, 2007.
- **Rural Development: Are Governments Doing Enough to Support Local Volunteers?**, Mark Jones, PhD candidate in anthropology at Memorial University, April 27, 2007.
- **Newfoundland and the Atlantic Gateway: Why Canada's Shipping Policy Needs to Change**, Professor J. Richard Hodgson of Dalhousie University, July 3rd, 2007.
- **What Happens To Technology Ideas That Go Bust?**, Dr. Bob Curtis of the Regional Technology Development Corporation (RTDC) of Cape Cod, July 14, 2007.
- **Maintaining a Viable Inshore Marine Fishery: Lessons from Gujarat State, India**, Dr. Jyothis, an Associate Fellow at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies in Hyderabad, India, August 7, 2007.
- **Marine Learning-Innovation Systems: the Case of Norway**, Dr. Thorvald Gran, Associate Professor of Administration and Organization Theory at the University of Bergen in Norway (September 26th, 2007); 23 people attended the session.
- **A Critical Analysis of Coastal and Ocean Governance Models**, Dr. Svein Jentoft of the University of Tromso, Norway and Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee of Memorial University's Geography Department (October 31, 2007); 30 people were in attendance.
- **From e-Learning to e-Living: Maximizing our Electronic Infrastructure**; Dr. Ken Stevens of the Faculty of Education (November 21st, 2007); 35 people attended.

2008

- **Intergovernmental challenges for Inuit-oriented governments in Canada: Perspectives from Nunavut**, Dr. Annis May Timpson, Director of the Centre of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh (February 11, 2008); 28 people attended.
- **Engaging Aboriginal Governments in Major Project Developments**, Dave Kennedy of Strategic Aboriginal Consulting Inc. in Vancouver (February 27, 2008); 25 people attended.
- **Coping With Change: Working With What You've Got**, Dr. Richard Cullen, Law Professor at the University of Hong Kong (March 5, 2008); 16 people participated.
- **How Green is my Organization? Lessons from Mountain Equipment Co-op**, Linda Bartlett, Chair of Mountain Equipment Co-op (March 7, 2008); 30 people attended.
- **Active Labour Market Policy: Applications for Local Labour Markets and Regional Development**, Dr. David Freshwater, Director of Graduate Studies for Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky (March 14th, 2008); 37 people attended.
- **Thinking Outside the Box: The Unique Way the Canadian Forces is Helping the Government of Afghanistan**, Cdr. Mark Chupick, member of National Defence Headquarters Policy Group responsible for Afghanistan (May 7, 2008); 19 people attended.
- **The Absence of Opportunity and the Prospect of Prosperity: Understanding the Dynamics of Migration Within Newfoundland and Labrador**, Professor Scott Lynch of Memorial University's Department of Economics (May 16, 2008); 38 people attended.

- **Integrated Seaport Marketing and Contemporary Issues**, October 1, 2008. Dr. Stephen Cahoon, Head of the Department of Maritime and Logistics Management at the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania, spoke about the need for seaports to raise their profile as agents of development and to become more competitive with other modes of transport. Fifteen people attended this session, which was co-sponsored by the Marine Institute.
- **Made-in-Canada Leadership**, October 6, 2008. Françoise Morissette of the Industrial Relations Centre at Queen's University spoke of the "leadership deficit" in Canada, and the steps needed to correct this situation. Approximately 40 people attended this session, which was co-sponsored by the Faculty of Business Administration.
- **British Columbia Goes Carbon Neutral by 2010**, October 8, 2008. Nichola Wade of the Government of British Columbia gave two presentations, the first dealing with government operations and the second dealing with post-secondary institutions, twenty-nine people attended the first session and fifteen attended the second.
- **The Elephant in the Room: the hidden costs of leasing Individual Transferable Fishing Quotas (ITQs)**, October 7, 2008. Dr. Evelyn Pinkerton of the School of Resource and Environmental Management at Simon Fraser University spoke about the deleterious impact of ITQs in the Pacific halibut fishery to 25 people representing government, the Fish, Food and Allied Workers union, academia and industry. The session was co-sponsored by the Community-University Research and Recovery Alliance (CURRA), headed by Dr. Barb Neis.
- **Congress on Campus: An Inside Perspective on the US Presidential Elections**, October 10, 2008. Two retired US Congressmen, Dr. Orval Hansen (R – ID) and Dennis Hertel (D – MI), addressed 17 people, mostly from Memorial University, on various issues of American politics, including how the current economic crisis is likely to influence the Presidential election. The session was co-sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Arts.
- **NORA – A Vision for Stronger Collaboration Among North Atlantic Neighbours**, October 24, 2008. The North Atlantic Cooperation (referred to as NORA by its members) is the development arm of the Nordic Council of Ministers which is focused on Greenland, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and Western and Northern Norway. A delegation of five members presented to 24 representatives from Memorial University and non-governmental organizations. The delegation consisted of: Jákup Mørkøre and Lars Thostrup (chairman and executive director, respectively, both from the Faroe Islands), Jørn Hansen (Greenland), Inga Ósk Jónsdóttir (Iceland) and Eirik Fiva (Northern Norway).
- **Sink or Swim: Shaping Ocean Policy in Newfoundland and Labrador**, presented by Dr. Brian Veitch, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, Memorial University, Thursday, November 13, 2008. Thirty-seven representatives from the university, government and NGO's participated in this session which highlighted the strategic importance of the ocean to Canada and to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador and how to engage with public policy on matters such as offshore energy, fisheries, Arctic sovereignty, coastal defense and security, and marine transportation.

2009

- **The Absence of Opportunity and the Prospect of Prosperity: Understanding the Dynamics of Migration Within Newfoundland and Labrador**, Professor Scott Lynch of Memorial University's Department of Economics (Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, January 12, 2009) 44 attended.
- **Canadian Bilateral Relations with China: Priorities for Engagement**, Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Eric Walsh (Director, North Asia Relations, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada).
- **Building Cruise Ship Tourism in Newfoundland and Labrador: Issues and Challenges**, Monday, April 20, 2009. Dr. Ross Klein, Social Work, Memorial University, 10 people attended.