

Sherine is an interdisciplinary PhD student at Memorial University and a trainee with on the Move Partnership. Combining the disciplines of geography, economics, and political science, Sherine is studying the relationship between the gender pay gap, women's mobility and their place attachment in Newfoundland and Labrador. Sherine is planning on conducting her research by analysing census and labour force survey data as well as interviews in order to enhance our understanding of why the province has a high gender pay gap and relatively low mobility for women. Her thesis entitled "Geographical Mobility and its Relationship to Gender Wage Inequality in the Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Market" will shed light on the constraints that women in Newfoundland and Labrador face with regard to wages, and mobility. Policies that could be put in place to help overcome these barriers and lead to a more diversified and more equitable labour market in the province will also be presented.

Originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sheridan completed her MSc. in Geography with a project that assessed the physical processes eroding at the cliffs and Ediacaran fossils of Mistaken Point Ecological Reserve, Newfoundland resulting in recommendations to conserve the fossils within the UNESCO Operational Guidelines. Between degrees Sheridan developed a program in Coastal Sciences and Views of Nature (2014 to present) engaging participants to develop, remember, and share their experiences with the local coastal environment in Newfoundland. Currently, she is working on an Interdisciplinary doctoral project; worldviews of Nature and adaptation to rapidly changing coasts of Iceland. The project is two-folds in that local community engagement will be undertaken while an assessment of geomorphological processes occurring along the southeast coast will be disseminated through mapping using Digital Shoreline Analysis. Above all the project is transdisciplinary; where local knowledge is equal to that of academic knowledge. Drawing on Sheridan's background in experiential learning in Nature, to engage individuals to better understand their environment this project primarily relies on the expertise of local knowledge to understand historically developed adaptation to climate impact on coastal communities.

Publication

- Thompson, S., Catto, N., & Vodden, K. (2013). "Atlantic Canada." In S. Lucas & R. Tremblay (Eds) *The Geographies of Canada (Etudes Canadiennes - Canadian Studies)*, Brussels: Peter Lang Publishing, pp. 187-252.

Awards and Nominations

- Awarded for Fellow of Graduate Studies, *Memorial University*, 2011
- First Prize for Graduate presentation at the *Atlantic Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (ACAG)*, 2011
- Awarded for Significant Volunteer Contribution, *World University Service of Canada*, 2011
- Awarded as Committee on the Rise, *World University Service of Canada*, 2011

