

Janelle grew up in a small town in rural Newfoundland and is passionate about issues facing the province. From a multi-generational mining family, Janelle's interest in natural resource development began at an early age. She credits her father with instilling her love and appreciation for nature, which piqued her interest in understanding the conceptualization of natural resources and their subsequent development and socio-economic impacts.

Janelle completed her Bachelor's and first Master's degrees in the Geography Department at Memorial University, focusing in economic geography. She also holds a Master of Health Ethics degree from Memorial, and her PhD research focuses on how we conceptualize potential natural resources, including the Newfoundland Genome, and how this potentially valuable resource can be harnessed and developed in a way that benefits the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Janelle is an avid snowshoer and lover of all things caffeinated. She has zero tolerance for people who litter, and has extremely high standards with respect to macaroni and cheese. When she isn't working on her PhD, she is either focused on her job, baking, or spending time with her partner and cat.