

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 engaged in an Interdisciplinary doctoral project; Worldviews of Nature and Adaptation to Rapidly Changing Coasts of Iceland. The project is two-fold in that local community engagement will be undertaken while an assessment of landscape processes occurring along the southeast coast will be disseminated through maps, models, narratives, and images. 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, and collaborating with local rural community member's, this project primarily relies on the expertise of local knowledge to understand historically developed resilience and adaptation to environmental changes, such as natural hazards on coastal communities in the face of climate impact.

### **Publication**

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### **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

