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Jeralyn's research, under the supervision of Dr. Lisa Rankin, is regarding the historic Inuit of southern Labrador. For her master's thesis, she will be excavating an 18th-century Inuit communal winter house at the Double Mer Point site in the Narrows of Hamilton Inlet, near the town of Rigolet, Nunatsiavut. Although one of the sites used to develop a timeline of Inuit occupation of Hamilton Inlet, only minimal excavations have been carried out at Double Mer Point. Other recent work at nearby sites of Eskimo Island and Snook's Cove indicates that the timeline needs to be reevaluated, so detailed investigations of the site will help to clarify the understanding of the region.

In addition, Jeralyn will explore the relationship between the Inuit of Double Mer Point and the growing European population of traders and fishers in the area, including how this relationship may have impacted the development of the communal winter house form. She will compare Double Mer Point to other Inuit settlements in Labrador to see if the communal winter house is used in a manner similar to houses in northern Labrador, with their long-term occupation, or if it is more like an apparent southern Labrador variation, where communal houses may have only occupied for a short time. In this way, Double Mer Point will provide some much-needed context for understanding the development of the communal winter house, particularly in southern Labrador.

An important aspect of this project is the involvement of the Inuit community of Rigolet. The town of Rigolet has requested that the archaeological excavation of the site be carried out. Community members would like to know more about how and why their ancestors chose to live in this area, and would like to incorporate an interpretation and reconstruction of the site into their growing tourism industry by extending a well-known boardwalk trail to the site. Members of the community will be involved in both field and lab work related to the excavation. Dr. Rankin and her students will continue research at the Double Mer Point site for the next several years.