Research Centres and the Publicly Engaged University: Lessons from the SafetyNet Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Research
My argument...

- Multi-disciplinary, community-engaged research centres are a critical middle layer in the organizational structure of a ‘publicly engaged university’
SafetyNet specializes in:

- Collaborative, Community-engaged OHS Research
- Knowledge Transfer and Mobilization
- Education & Training
- Capacity Development

for Newfoundland and Labrador and elsewhere
SafetyNet is…

- only university-based interdisciplinary OHS research centre east of Quebec.

Since 2007 it has:
- engaged 47 Memorial faculty in 7 faculties
- partnered with 35 other universities
- supported more than 70 trainees
- engaged many community groups in OHS research and KT
Since 2001 has leveraged provincial government investment in Memorial to:

a) access > $10 million in funding
b) attract and sustain OHS research capacity
c) access national and international expertise
d) ensure greater local and national focus on NL’s OHS needs and priorities
Some of our Partner Organizations

Research that matters to protecting the health and safety of workers

The Institute for Work & Health (IWH) is a Canadian leader in work injury and disability prevention research. An independent, not-for-profit organization, IWH conducts and

Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health (CARWH)

The Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health (CARWH) is a non-profit association of Canadian researchers. Our mission is to enhance and promote research on work health, safety, and well-being in Canada and to advocate for research on how work and work environments can be altered to improve health, safety, and wellness among Canadians.
Shellfish Asthma and Allergy

Shellfish Processing Occupational Health and Safety in Eastern Canada:
Tools for Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment

www.shellfishohs.ca/second_wind.htm
Fishing Safety
Aquaculture OHS

SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OCEAN FRONTIER

A transnational hub for ocean research, the Ocean Frontier Institute brings together experts from both sides of the North Atlantic to explore the vast potential of the world’s ocean.
IFISH5

The Fifth International Fishing Industry Safety & Health Conference

St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada
June 10–13, 2018
Memorial University Campus

IFISH 5 is the largest gathering of fishing, aquaculture and seafood processing safety and health professionals. It will showcase over sixty hours of presentations, workshops, panels, and activities for you to choose from:

- The latest in occupational safety and health research
- Explorations of current fisheries policy and regulations
- Best practices for keeping workers safe and healthy

Keynote speakers will provide an overview of advances in the field and priorities for the future, highlighting success stories in research, training, and industry collaboration. In the evenings and between events, attendees will have a chance to network with the many organizations and professionals representing over twenty countries and a wide-variety of sectors.

View the conference program...

Recent Posts: IFISH 5
- Last day for online registration!
- Registration ends in one week!
- Pre-Conference Workshop Room Change
- Early registration ends tomorrow!
- Early Registration Deadline and Early Keynote News
Mining: OHSMS and Asbestos-related diseases
Preventing Occupational Disease: Designing a System that Works

This project will undertake a critical scan of existing research and policies to identify best practices for early detection of

March 2017

Synthesizing Occupational Health and Safety Knowledge for Local Stakeholders

Final Report to the Workplace Research and Innovation Program of the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba
OHS, Return to Work and Work-related Mobility in Construction, Mining, Shipping, Trucking, Health care…
Work and disability: using insights on Inclusion to support access to/return to work for people with disabilities
Participatory ergonomics

The Participatory Ergonomics Toolkit is a free set of tools designed for use by facilitating ergonomists interested in implementing an Ergo-Team approach to address ergonomic issues in the workplace. The Toolkit assists workplaces in identifying causes, developing strategies, and evaluating changes.

www.participatoryergonomics.mun.ca (March 2013)
Agricultural health and safety
PTSD 2016

Causes
Consequences
Responses
Multidisciplinary Conference 2016

July 31st - August 2nd
Memorial University

www.ptsdconference.mun.ca
Master of OHS Program (MOHS)

Why Occupational Health and Safety @ Memorial?

The Master of Occupational Health and Safety (MOHS) is an interdisciplinary program providing advanced-level study of multiple aspects of occupational health and safety. The program is the first in the Atlantic region and the fourth in Canada and it is built on the expertise that has been developing at Memorial University over the past decade. The program is a response to clear demand from both within the province and throughout Canada.
Since 2001, SafetyNet has...

- played a key role in helping Memorial fulfill its “special obligation to the people of this province,” including its workers, employers, government, and decision makers.
SafetyNet’s community alliance approach...

- fits all four of Memorial’s PE Framework goals
- especially Goal 4, requiring Memorial researchers and administrators to ‘build, strengthen and sustain the bridges for public engagement.’
- brings OHS research, training, and public engagement under one roof as integrated tools for developing and carrying out problem-solving research and knowledge transfer.

(www.mun.ca/publicengagement/memorial/Public_Engagement_Framework.pdf)
Publicly-engaged Research Centres are…

critically important mechanisms for:

- multidisciplinary research, training, KM
- sustained/responsive public engagement
- + they are cost effective!
Thank-you!