



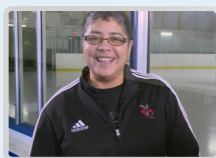
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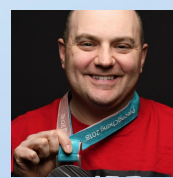
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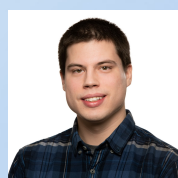
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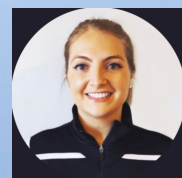
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A Message from the Chair:

I began participating in The Hockey Conference as a Master's student in 2012. Since then, I have travelled with it to Western University in 2014, sat on the organizing committee for its 2016 iteration at the University of New Brunswick, and hosted the 2018 Conference at the University of Alberta. It seemed fitting for me to take it on one last time in 2020 when it would return for its tenth anniversary to where it all began—my alma mater, Saint Mary's University. I came back to Saint Mary's to complete a postdoctoral fellowship under the supervision of the conference founder, Dr. Colin Howell, who celebrated 50 years of service on campus in 2020. In short, this virtual conference postponed due to a global pandemic was a challenge to organize to my standards and it is not the one I feel that you deserve. I am holding space for the things I feel it lacks (like our regular game of shinny), but also embracing the positives: this year the conference has the most registrants since 2012 because of its online nature and it is free for observers, we maintained our tradition of hosting keynote speakers who have played meaningful and leading roles in the development of the sport, and the event continues to be known as a collegial and enriching opportunity for facilitating both social and intellectual connections. Thank you for joining us and for your patience, (to the 2018 group) thank you for allowing me to serve as your "queen" and thank you for everything to my mentor Dr. Colin Howell. / Cheryl

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<p>11 – 11:55AM Atlantic</p>	<p>Dr. Colin Howell Distinguished Lecture <i>Moderator: Cheryl MacDonald</i></p> <p>Looking Back on Dr. Howell's Career MacIntosh Ross</p> <p>The Hockey Conference at Twenty: A Retrospective Look Colin D. Howell</p> <p>Zoom link: https://smu-ca.zoom.us/j/94664016197 (Meeting ID 946 6401 6197)</p>
<p>12 – 1:00PM Atlantic</p>	<p>1A: Getting Tough on (Masculine) Hockey Values <i>Moderator: Fred Mason</i></p> <p>A Decade between <i>Tough Guys</i> – Assessing the Bob Probert Memoir and Film Fred Mason, University of New Brunswick</p> <p>Masculinity, cancel culture and woke capitalism: Exploring social media response to Brendan Leipsic's leaked conversation Daniel Sailofsky, McGill University</p> <p>"Don't Let Them Hijack Your Hockey": Seeking a New Game Leslie Spitz-Edson</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87933229906 (Meeting ID: 879 3322 9906)</p> <p>1B: Injury & Pathology <i>Moderator: Anthony Donskov</i></p> <p>Accumulated Head Impacts in University Hockey Players are Associated with Subtle Changes in Neurophysiological Function James P. Dickey (Western University), Anthony Donskov, Laura Graham</p> <p>Current Concepts in the Pathomechanics of Hip Pathology in Hockey Players Matthew Kelly, McGill University</p> <p>Injury in Elite Ice Hockey: Rate, definition and athlete exposure Anthony Donskov (Donskov Strength & Conditioning), David Humphreys, and James P. Dickey</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/91446219342 (Meeting ID 914 4621 9342)</p> <p>1C: Hockey Business <i>Moderator: Jonathon Edwards</i></p> <p>New times in Swedish elite ice hockey: Business groups instead of non-profit sport clubs Jyri Backman, University (Sport Science) and Linnaeus University (Business School)</p> <p>The emergence of women's elite hockey Patrick Reid, Brock University</p> <p>Predicting Perceptions of Ice Hockey Sticks Using Kinematic Data Taylor Leger, McGill University</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/95663328984 (Meeting ID 956 6332 8984)</p>

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2:30 – 3:25PM Atlantic	2A: University and Collegiate Hockey <i>Moderator: Mila Su</i> How Competitive is University Hockey in Canada? Heidi Weigand (Dalhousie University), Terry Wagar (Saint Mary's University), Kent Rondeau (University of Alberta) Women's Collegiate Ice Hockey National Championships: Expansion of the sport at the college level in Canada and the U.S. Mila Su, SUNY Plattsburgh What factors influence student-athletes to report injuries to coaches? Heidi Weigand (Dalhousie University), Terry Wagar (Saint Mary's University) Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87933229906 (Meeting ID: 879 3322 9906) 2B: Gendering Hockey 1 of 2 <i>Moderator: Amber Fryklund</i> Fighting to Make the Game Better: Resistance to Hypermasculinity in Hockey Shannon D. M. Moore (University of Manitoba), Tim Skuce (University of Brandon), and Theresa Fowler (Concordia University of Edmonton) Benchend?: An Analysis of the 2017 Proposed Ban to Coed Minor Hockey in New Brunswick Madison Bird, St. Thomas University Keeping Women in the Game: Changing the Face of Coaching Amber N. Fryklund and Shannon P. Norman, Bemidji State University Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/91446219342 (Meeting ID 914 4621 9342) 2C: Blackness & Hockey <i>Moderator: Ornella Nzindukiyimana</i> "Vanilla Ice: Conformity, 'Colour-Bland' Racism, and Hockey Culture." Braeden McKenzie (University of Toronto), Stacy Lorenz (University of Alberta, Augustana Campus) "Listen and Learn" or Learning to Listen Again? NHL Player Responses to Black Lives Matter and the Hockey Diversity Alliance's Break with the NHL Ryan Shuvera, King's University College at Western University "You Can't Be a Loose Cannon in Hockey": Evander Kane, the "Young Money Cash Money Billionaires" Controversy, and the Policing of Blackness in the NHL Adam McKenzie and Stacy L. Lorenz, University of Alberta, Augustana Campus
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	Skating Backwards: A Case Study of P.K. Subban's Divisive Career Presenter: Ornella Nzindukiyimana and Charlene Weaving, St. Francis Xavier University Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/95663328984 (Meeting ID 956 6332 8984)
3:30 – 4:25PM Atlantic	Women's Hockey Spotlight <i>Moderator: Erin Morris</i> OFFSIDE: Making HerStory Rhonda Taylor Zoom link: https://smu-ca.zoom.us/j/98820532037 (Webinar ID 988 2053 2037)

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11 – 11:55AM Atlantic	Local Hockey Spotlight <i>Moderator: Cheryl MacDonald</i> Hockey in Local Acadian, Indigenous, Sledge, and Girls and Women's Communities Serge LeBlanc, Ryan Francis, Nicole Durand, Savannah Newton Zoom link: https://smu-ca.zoom.us/j/94432120653 (Meeting ID: 944 3212 0653)
12 – 1:00PM Atlantic	3A: Philosophizing and mythologizing hockey: who dominates the narrative? <i>Moderator: TBD</i> Why We Love Stompin' Tom's "Moronic Musical Paean" to the Game Jamie Dopp, University of Victoria Hockey in the Philosophy of Bernard Suits Jason Holt, Acadia University What Is Sports Journalism in the Age of Simulation? Brian Kennedy, Pasadena City College and Saint Mary's University Centre for the Study of Sport and Health Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85103723782 (Meeting ID: 851 0372 3782)
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	<p>3C: Hockey Killjoys: challenging the institution of hockey through the work of Sara Ahmed <i>Moderator: Courtney Szto</i></p> <p>Willful Wives: The Unhappiness of Women Willing the Wrong Way in Hockey Films Jamie Ryan, Queen’s University</p> <p>The Promise of Grittiness Brett Pardy, McGill University</p> <p>#ForTheGame: CWHL, PWHPA, NWHL and the struggle to professionalize women’s hockey Erin Morris (SUNY Cortland), Courtney Szto, Ann Pegoraro, Melanie Desrochers, Karell Emard, Katrina Galas, Anissa Gamble, Liz Knox, Kristen Richards</p> <p>How much “evidence” is enough? Women’s professional hockey and the perpetual call for more evidence Courtney Szto, Queen’s University</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/91656182413 (Meeting ID 916 5618 2413)</p>
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1:30 – 2:25 PM Atlantic	<p>4A (Bilingual): Queering Hockey <i>Moderator: Cheryl MacDonald</i></p> <p>“Gay and proudly authentic”? Examining the media coverage of LGBT women’s ice hockey players Barbara Ravel, Laurentian University</p> <p>L’homosexualité dans le hockey universitaire québécois. Une différence genrée marquée? David Brosseau, Université de Montréal</p> <p>Creating LGBTQI2S+ education for male youth ice hockey athletes: a cancelled study Cheryl MacDonald, Saint Mary’s University</p> <p>Zoom link : https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85103723782 (Meeting ID: 851 0372 3782)</p> <p>4B: How We Experience Hockey 1 of 2 <i>Moderator: TBD</i></p> <p>Enhancing the hockey experience by discovering our Kine-Aesthetic Being Sean Kelley, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma</p> <p>Change on the Fly Rami Mähkä, University of Turku</p> <p>‘Sent down? Called up?’: Exploring the roller coaster of loans and re-assignments in professional hockey Bryan McLaughlin, Brock University</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/99780192328 (Meeting ID 997 8019 2328)</p>
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	<p>4C: Talking Hockey: the language we use <i>Moderator: Julie Dallinges</i></p> <p>Talking ab[ʌʊ]t hockey: Canadian English and the speech of American-born players Andrew Bray, University of Georgia</p> <p>What's in a Word: A Look at Language Use in Hockey Shona Hickmore, University of Calgary</p> <p>Ontarians' perceptions of "Hockey English" Julie Dallinges, Aix-Marseille University & Western University</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/91656182413 (Meeting ID 916 5618 2413)</p>
<p>2:30 – 3:25PM Atlantic</p>	<p>Athlete Spotlight <i>Moderator: Cheryl MacDonald</i></p> <p>Overcoming, Healing and Carrying On Kaleb Dahlgren</p> <p>Zoom link: https://smu-ca.zoom.us/j/97709181686 (Webinar ID: 977 0918 1686)</p>
<p>3:30 – 4:25 Atlantic</p> <p>Cont'd...</p>	<p>5A: Gendering Hockey 2 of 2 <i>Moderator: TBD</i></p> <p>A Difference of Utopias: The Gendered Traditions of Male and Female Hockey Utopias Jamie Ryan, Queen's University</p> <p>"Makeup and Shoulder Pads": The Dominant Narrative Themes Facings Female Hockey Players in Canada Rachael Bishop and Angela Schneider, University of Western Ontario</p> <p>Beyond the blue line: How competitive male ice hockey players in Ontario construct their identities Kirsten Morrison, Laurentian University</p> <p>Aesthetic portrayals of hypermasculinity within Elite U18 "hockey boys" Teresa Anne Fowler, Concordia University of Edmonton</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85103723782 (Meeting ID: 851 0372 3782)</p> <p>5B: Growth, Expansion, and Reform <i>Moderator: Stacey Leavitt</i></p> <p>A successful failure? Transformation and reform in women's professional hockey in North America Stacey Leavitt and Carly Adams, University of Lethbridge</p> <p>Southern Exposure: Minor-professional ice hockey and NHL expansion into sunbelt markets Sallie Middleton and Elias Polychronopoulos, Palm Beach State College</p> <p>"Pro-Ilegiate" Sport and the Growth of US College Club Hockey Joel Cormier, Eastern Kentucky University, Eastern Kentucky University</p> <p>Zoom link (this panel cannot be recorded): https://zoom.us/j/99780192328 (Meeting ID 997 8019 2328)</p>

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	<p>5C: Book Panel: Hear from the authors <i>Moderator: Kristi Allain</i></p> <p>Changing on the Fly: Hockey through the Voices of South Asian Canadians Author: Courtney Szto Publisher: Rutgers University Press Abstract: Hockey and multiculturalism are often noted as defining features of Canadian culture; yet, rarely are we forced to question the relationship and tensions between these two social constructs. This book examines the growing significance of hockey in Canada's South Asian communities.</p> <p>Seeking the Center Author: Leslie Spitz-Edson Publisher: Cuidono Press Abstract: Agnes Demers is a young Métis woman who grew up playing hockey, skating with the neighborhood kids on the frozen ponds of her hometown, St. Cyp, through the long Saskatchewan winters. For Agnes, hockey is the measure of all things - the ultimate test of passion and power, spirit and skill. But hockey has betrayed her, left her watching from the bleachers - all because she had the miserable luck to be born female.</p> <p>Hockey Tactics 2020 Author: Jack Han Publisher: Gumroad Abstract: Timely insights, timeless principles. <i>Hockey Tactics 2020</i> is a deep dive into the way the sport is coached and played at the professional level. The ebook provides a comprehensive answer to the question "what makes a team good?" and sheds light on what hockey players of all ages and abilities can learn from NHL all-stars.</p> <p>Overcoming the Neutral Zone Trap: Hockey's agents of change Editors: Cheryl MacDonald and Jonathon Edwards Publisher: University of Alberta Press Abstract: This interdisciplinary anthology seeks to shed light on narratives and research that challenge hockey's norms, push its boundaries, and provide new ways of conceptualizing its role in North American culture. The volume's editors use the metaphor of the neutral zone trap to explore how traditional ideologies and practices within the sport have contributed to exclusion and the misperception of various ways of existing in its community.</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/91656182413 (Meeting ID 916 5618 2413)</p>
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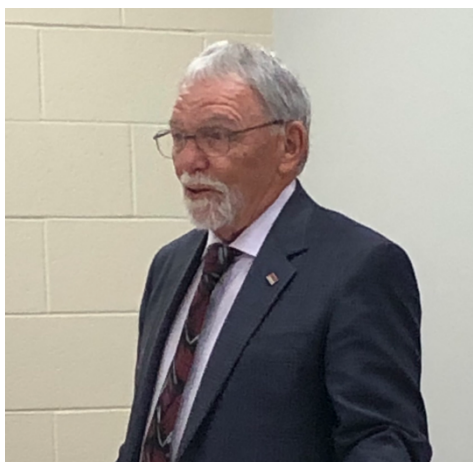
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11 – 11:55AM Atlantic	<p>Diversity and Inclusion Spotlight <i>Moderator: Cheryl MacDonald</i></p>
	<p>Representation & Intersections of Identity in Hockey Jessica Platt, Kieran Block, Renee Hess, Kurtis Gabriel, Brock McGilis</p> <p>Zoom link: https://smu-ca.zoom.us/j/98094561608 (Webinar ID: 980 9456 1608)</p>
12 – 1:00PM Atlantic Cont'd...	<p>6A (Bilingual): Teaching and Learning 2 of 2 <i>Moderator: Jean Lemoyne</i></p> <p>Introducing novice half-ice hockey in Canada: a national overview of parents' and coaches' perceptions Jean Lemoyne, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières</p>

	<p>Quand la spécialisation sportive hâtive rencontre l'effet relatif de l'âge: Analyse de prévalence et des impacts sur le développement des jeunes Vincent Huard-Pelletier et Jean Lemoyne, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières</p> <p>Think Outside the Box: Using the constraints led approach to build better and more engaged hockey players Taylor Leger, McGill University</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88084131658 (Meeting ID 880 8413 1658)</p>
	<p>6B: Race & Racialization <i>Moderator: Jordan Koch</i></p>
	<p>Making the Cut: A Case Study of Indigenous Hockey Players and High-Performance Hockey Michael Auksi and Jordan Koch, McGill University</p> <p>Beyond the Rink: Anti-Indigenous Discrimination Policies in Hockey. Marina Saporito, University of Alberta</p> <p>For the Growth of the Game Alim Tharani and Irfan Chaudhry, MacEwan University</p> <p>Seeing Red: Colour-Blindness and The Performance of Whiteness in the Calgary Flames' 'C of Red' Martine Dennie, University of Calgary</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/96564880449 (Meeting ID 965 6488 0449)</p>
	<p>6C: Translating and Transferring Hockey History <i>Moderator: Mike Commito</i></p>
	<p>Teaching the History of Hockey as a Family of Sports John Reid, Saint Mary's University</p> <p>Chasing my hockey dreams from academia to the NHL Mike Commito, Cambrian College</p> <p>Legend Versus Fact: Hap Day and Finding the Truth in Popular Hockey History Jonathon P. Jackson, University of Waterloo</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/95029458568 (Meeting ID 950 2945 8568)</p>
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1:30 – 2:25PM Atlantic	<p>7A: How We Experience Hockey 2 of 2 <i>Moderator: Martine Dennie</i></p>
Cont'd...	<p>The Development of a Community-Based Model To Promote Inclusive Para Hockey in Nova Scotia Amanda Casey (St. Francis Xavier University), Giovanni Akeson (Bulldogs Inclusive Para Hockey), Brent Ashfield (St. Francis Xavier University)</p> <p>I'm Doing the Right Thing for My Child... Aren't I? Parents' Perspectives of Specialized Hockey Programming as a Context for Youth Development Chris Shields (Acadia University), Luc Martin (Queen's University), Veronica Allan (York University), Myles O'Brien (Dalhousie University), Matt Kivell (Acadia University), Mark Bruner (Nipissing University)</p>

	<p>Transformative Exercise for a Child with a Newly Acquired Disability: The Development of a Para Hockey Athlete in Rural Nova Scotia. Amanda Casey (St. Francis Xavier University), Giovanni Akeson (Bulldogs Inclusive Para Hockey), Brent Ashfield (St. Francis Xavier University)</p> <p>Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88084131658 (Meeting ID 880 8413 1658)</p>
	<p>7B: Hockey & Nationhood <i>Moderator: Kristi Allain</i></p>
	<p>Sapporo, Lake Placid and Danger: Olympic Hockey, American Attitudes and the Demise of Détente John Soares, University of Notre Dame</p> <p>Strong offensive zone play: Examining internal and external challenges to Canadian hockey hegemony Kristi Allain, St. Thomas University</p> <p>“Kraft Hockeyville”: A symbolic stamp of Canadian-ness? Madison Danford, Queen’s University</p> <p>The Rocket, the Riot and the Revolution: hockey in French-Canada John Valentine, MacEwan University</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/96564880449 (Meeting ID 965 6488 0449)</p>
	<p>7C: Embracing Change: Safety and Medicine <i>Moderator: Kathleen Bachynski</i></p>
2:30 – 4:00PM Atlantic	<p>How Sir Henry Gray used First World War Medicine Techniques as the Canadiens’ Team Doctor During the 1931 Stanley Cup Playoffs Donald Murray, Independent</p> <p>Coaching Perceptions of the Impact of Rowan’s Law (Youth Concussion Legislation) on the Culture of Sport in Minor League Hockey Niya St Amant, Queen’s University</p> <p>Too Rough for Bare Heads: The Adoption of Helmets and Masks in North American Hockey, 1959-1979 Kathleen E. Bachynski, Muhlenberg College</p> <p>Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/95029458568 (Meeting ID 950 2945 8568)</p>
	<p>Keynote Address <i>Moderator: Sarah Hilworth</i></p> <p>Introduction of Angela James and Commentary on Black Hockey in the Maritimes Bob Dawson, Saint Mary’s University alumni</p> <p>On Being a Trailblazer and a Black Woman in Hockey Angela James</p> <p>Zoom link: https://smu-ca.zoom.us/j/95338422039 (Webinar ID: 953 3842 2039)</p>

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Dr. Colin Howell

Dr. Colin Howell is the founder of The Hockey Conference who recently retired after 50 years of service at Saint Mary's University. His teaching and research focused on the history of sport, medicine, and health in Canada. At Saint Mary's, Dr. Howell founded the Centre for the Study of Sport & Health and also co-founded the Atlantic Canada Studies undergraduate and graduate programs, the Gorsebrook Research Institute, and the Austin Willis Moving Images Research Centre. Dr. Howell has published widely in the field of sport studies, authoring *Blood, Sweat and Cheers: Sport and the Making of Modern Canada* (2001) and *Northern Sandlots* (1995). Other Hockey Conferences Dr. Howell has

hosted include *Putting It On Ice* (2001), *Women's Hockey* (2004), and *Putting It On Ice III* (2012). In honour of his retirement and his contributions to hockey scholarship, Dr. Howell is being acknowledged with video messages from his students and colleagues, a distinguished lecture at the conference in his name, a custom Saint Mary's University hockey jersey, and a dedication and afterword in a forthcoming hockey anthology titled *Overcoming the Neutral Zone Trap: Hockey's agents of change* (edited by Cheryl MacDonald and Jonathon Edwards, published by the University of Alberta Press). Dr. Howell will be delivering the inaugural Dr. Colin Howell Distinguished lecture with his former graduate student, Dr. MacIntosh Ross. The organizing committee hopes that academic keynotes at future conferences will also be named the Dr. Colin Howell Distinguished Lecture.



Dr. MacIntosh Ross

Dr. Ross is an Assistant Professor of Kinesiology at Western University in London, Ontario. His current research focuses on the intersection of sport and human rights, particularly how sporting mega events disproportionately marginalize already vulnerable populations in host cities. His most recent work has appeared in the *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* and *Sport History Review*. Ross was Dr. Colin Howell's final graduate student at Saint Mary's University, earning his MA in History in 2008. He will be delivering the introduction to the inaugural Dr. Colin Howell Distinguished Lecture at this year's Hockey Conference, which will provide an overview of Dr. Howell's contributions to academia.



Angela James

Angela James is a trailblazer of women's hockey in Canada. A Black athlete who overcame various challenges during her upbringing in Toronto, Angela went on to become one of the first women inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2010. She was also inducted into the Black Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. She competed in the original National Women's Hockey League, represented Canada in the first unofficial women's world championship in 1987 and went on to become a member of the gold medal National Team at the first official International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship in 1990. In addition to her competitive playing career, Angela has been active as a referee and served as the Ontario Women's Hockey Association Referee in Chief. In 2012 the Toronto YWCA awarded her the YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Sport. Most recently, she has been added to the National Hockey League (NHL) Female Advisory Committee. Photo source: CBC



Kaleb Dahlgren

Kaleb is a Type 1 diabetic, which led coaches and scouts to tell him and his parents that he would never be able to play hockey at a high level. Instead, Kaleb used that as motivation, worked relentlessly, and played at the highest level each year of his hockey career. Along the way, he developed a program called Dahlgren's Diabeauties, which used hockey as a platform to shed light on Type 1 Diabetes and provide support for children with the disease. Jr A hockey landed him in the city of Humboldt, Saskatchewan. A leader on the ice, on April 6, 2018, Kaleb's life was forever changed while on route to a playoff game in the town of Nipawin. The Humboldt Broncos' team bus was involved in a horrific bus crash with a semi-trailer truck that resulted in 16 deaths and 13 players left in critical condition. Shortly after getting out of the hospital, Kaleb's verbal commitment prior to the accident turned to an official commitment to York University as a student-athlete with the York Men's Lions Varsity Hockey Team, where he is currently attending. He also recently published a memoir titled *Crossroads*.



Jessica Platt

Jessica is the first openly transgender woman to play professional hockey in North America, and one of few in professional women's sports. She fights for equality for not only trans athletes in sport, but for all women's sports. Jessica has played hockey her whole life and has seen many facets of the game. She played boys travel hockey growing up, and later played women's hockey after her transition. She's seen firsthand how important it is for hockey culture to change toward more inclusion and past just being performative. Jessica's story has been published in Bob McKenzie's "Everyday Hockey Heroes Volume 2" and she shares it in hopes of opening minds and creating positive change in the sport she loves.



Kieran Block

Kieran is a former Paralympic sledge hockey (parahockey player) who represented Canada at different times between 2011-2015. He was recently featured by Hockey Canada for having been the first Black sledge hockey player in the country as well. He came to the sport following a cliff diving accident in 2007 that shattered his legs. He has written a book about his experience titled *The Ups and Downs of Almost Dying*. Prior to sledge hockey, Kieran spent four seasons in the Western Hockey League with the Medicine Hat Tigers, winning the league championship in 2004. He was also a member of the University of Alberta Golden Bears in U SPORTS hockey. He earned an education

degree at the U of A and is now a teacher in Edmonton. You can also find Kieran on the cover of the forthcoming hockey anthology from the University of Alberta Press, *Overcoming the Neutral Zone Trap: Hockey's agents of change*.



Nicole Durand

Nicole is an elementary teacher in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Since high school one of her passions has been to increase the availability of para sports in her area. At the age of about 16 Nicole attended an event where she tried Para Ice Hockey and fell in love with it and knew it was where one of her passions lied as her brother had been involved with hockey since the age of 4. After that event she along with the rest of her family worked with Hockey Nova Scotia and local minor hockey associations to start and grow Para Ice Hockey programs in their local area, which has now grown the sport across Nova Scotia. Nicole hopes that by being part of conferences and continuing to create awareness about the sport it will help others understand how important hockey is to everyone in Canada.



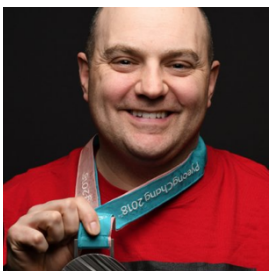
Kurtis Gabriel

Kurtis Gabriel is a Canadian professional hockey player for the San Jose Sharks of the National Hockey League (NHL). When not being recognized as an enforcer on the ice, Gabriel is best known as an advocate for social issues related to gender and sexuality, suicide prevention and mental health, and race and racialization. He is the first NHL player to use Pride Tape (the rainbow-coloured stick tape) in a regular season game outside of an official NHL Pride Night. In 2020, he received an award from the American Hockey League (AHL) for his advocacy work in his local community. Gabriel's path to professional hockey was not linear as he almost pursued college basketball instead and was also passed over twice in the NHL draft.



Renee Hess

Renee Hess founded The Black Girl Hockey Club (BGHC) in 2018 to unite Black women in the hockey community. Renee is the Associate Director of Service Learning at La Sierra University, where she earned a Master's in Literature. She resides on the executive, programming, and finance committees of the BGHC, hosting events and networking with various hockey entities. Renee proudly advocates for Black women in hockey through education, representation, and community building. Her favorite team is the Pittsburgh Penguins and she has at least one hockey-related tattoo. In Renee's "spare time," she is a freelance writer and adjunct professor.



Serge LeBlanc

Serge is a proud Acadian from Grande-Digue, New Brunswick. Known affectionately to his friends as "Bayo", Serge has been a staple in regional and national hockey communities as an extremely dedicated equipment manager. He has worked with the Moncton Wildcats of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL), at the World Juniors Championship, and is currently the equipment manager for the Canadian Women's National Team. In addition to looking after some of the world's best athletes, Serge is a husband and father who works as the equipment manager all sports at l'Université de Moncton, the country's first Acadian university and the country's largest francophone university outside of Quebec.



Rhonda Taylor

An original Kingston native now residing in Newmarket, Ontario, Rhonda was the chair organizer of the first Women's National Hockey Championship in 1982, a founding member and the first director of the Female Council (a council which is still the voice for women in Hockey Canada today), and the first woman to ever sit on the CAHA (now Hockey Canada) Board of Directors. Her autobiography, titled "OFFSIDE – A Memoir – Challenges Faced by Women in Hockey," is a compelling tale filled with colourful anecdotes that reveal the truth behind the place of women in Canada's hockey world in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. Rhonda aims to document this important chapter of women's history, as well as inspire the girls of the future to take up the torch in the battle against gender discrimination. Moreover, a portion of all proceeds from the book will be donated to the Grindstone Award Foundation, a charity that enables young girls in financial difficulty to play the game we love—hockey. Rhonda presently works as the Director of Partnerships Globally for a New Zealand HR software company.



Ryan Francis

Ryan Francis (Acadia First Nation) is active in the hockey community through the Female Indigenous Hockey Program as a program lead, and with Team Atlantic for the National Aboriginal Hockey Championship. A former player himself, Ryan went on to coach in various capacities before serving as head coach for Team Atlantic Female in 2019. Ryan holds a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management and a Master's in Physical Activity. He currently works for the Government of Nova Scotia (Communities, Culture and Heritage) as the Manager of Provincial Outreach & Coordination. His previous employment includes Sport Nova Scotia, Aboriginal Sport Circle, and Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey.



Savannah Newton

Savannah Newton is the High Performance Female coach for Hockey Nova Scotia. A Nova Scotia native, she played for the Boston University Terriers in Division 1 NCAA, spent four years in the Team Canada National Development Program, and played professionally in Sweden. While in Sweden, Savannah also worked as a coach and the head of hockey development for one of the country's private schools. With Hockey Nova Scotia, her job is to recruit and support women in coaching, promote the growth of girls hockey across the province, work with Female Council, and collaborate with Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic.



Brock McGillis

Brock McGillis is a former professional hockey player, having played in both North America and Europe. He is the first male professional hockey player to publicly come out as gay. Dedicated to promoting equality regardless of sexuality, gender or race, Brock has become an influential LGBTQ+ advocate; both in the world of sports, and beyond. He shares his story with corporations, schools, and sports teams, as well as at special events. Brock has been highlighted in media formats across North America; most notably in the book "Everyday Hockey Heroes", on CBC's The National, CTV's Your Morning, and on the cover of IN Magazine.



Dr. Jay Scherer, Dr. Judy Davidson, and PhD Candidate Rylan Kafara

Jay Scherer is a Professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation at the University of Alberta, where he has taught a variety of sociology of sport courses over the past 15 years. His research interests include the political debates over the construction of publicly financed major league sports facilities and entertainment districts, and the uneven impacts of these developments on pre-existing community members. Jay is an avid fiction reader and music listener; he enjoys being active on bikes and skis in Edmonton's river valley with family and friends.

Judy Davidson is Associate Professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation at the University of Alberta. Her research interests include queer and feminist approaches to sport and leisure phenomena. She has published on homonationalism, the international LGBT sport movement, and arena gentrification projects as forms of settler colonialism. She is an avid skier, mountain biker and hiker.

Rylan Kafara is a Ph.D candidate in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation at the University of Alberta. He holds a BA and MA in history, and is a community-based researcher and ethnographer. His current research focuses on how leisure practices challenge and transform conventional notions of urban marginality. Specifically, he examines how forms of creativity, recreation, and community support are used by city-centre residents to navigate the challenges of houselessness in spaces ranging from organized sports to unsanctioned encampments. Rylan also co-hosts a weekly punk radio show and a podcast on leisure and gentrification. Whenever possible, he can be found at the nearest swimming pool.



Bob Dawson

Born in Dartmouth, NS, Bob Dawson was the first Black men's ice hockey player in the Atlantic Intercollegiate Hockey League with Saint Mary's University. He went on to be a member of the first all-Black line in Canadian university hockey as well. After Saint Mary's, Bob went on to earn a Master's degree in Social Work and later joined the federal Public Service of Canada where he worked for 37 years in career development and talent management, employment equity, and recruitment and staffing. In 2012, the Black Ice Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame Society in

Dartmouth, NS recognized Bob for his achievements in and contributions to hockey. Most recently, Bob is known in the hockey community for his work on a policy paper for anti-racism in hockey with Dr. Courtney Szto, Dr. Sam McKegney, and Michael Auksi.
