

The FINAL Newsletter of On the Move's  
Newfoundland and Labrador Field Team

# on the move partnership



Dr. Kelly Vodden and Dr. Nicole Power would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to our research partners and stakeholders for their commitment to OTM, and to everyone who helped to make our work possible over the last six years, including colleagues, trainees, research assistants, and last but not least, our research

participants. Thank you especially to Janet Oliver and Danielle Devereaux for their assistance with communication, budgets, meetings, and so much more. And last, but certainly not least, we would like to extend a large thank-you to Dr. Barb Neis and the entire advisory board for their work and leadership.

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What's On the Go?

The Families, Mobilities and Work Atlantic Canadian Symposium is at UPEI from May 15 - May 17, 2018.

A new episode of CBC Ideas featuring On the Move Partnership research is forthcoming in Spring 2018. CBC Ideas has featured On the Move Partnership research in four of its radio documentaries, so far.

Stay Tuned: The final Annual NL team forum is scheduled for Friday, May 25!

For more on what On the Move is up to, please visit [www.onthemovepartnership.ca](http://www.onthemovepartnership.ca)

## The benefits of a partnership: “A far greater understanding of the impacts of mobility”



The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL) represents 65,000 union members in every sector of our economy and every community in our Province. Throughout our 80 years of social unionism and political action, we have advocated for our members and all workers on issues of fairness, equality, and justice.

Our partnership with the “On The Move” initiative has been extremely valuable and rewarding. Appropriate workforce and labour market strategies and policies are important for our members, and critical for governments, especially in provinces like ours, with demographic and fiscal challenges. There are significant benefits to our participation in an international research project of this scale. It allows us to better engage governments, our

members, and the public on labour market issues, the mobility of workers and the impact on workers, communities and families. It gives us access to research that directly impacts working people and their communities.

Partnering gives the NLFL knowledge around mobile work and workers in the local labour market that we would not otherwise have, and that we can use to inform our political work towards better labour laws, greater gender equality, and healthier labour markets. The NLFL commends the OTM Partnership for bringing such a broad range of organizations into this research initiative, which has resulted in a far greater understanding of the economic and social impacts of mobility on our labour market. We look forward to our continued participation.



[Madeline Bury](#) MA Candidate, Sociology,

## Connections between fisheries restructuring, retirement, gender, and mobility

Madeline's work seeks to uncover the connections between restructuring policy, retirement, gender and mobility for fish harvesters in a way that recognizes and draws upon their expert knowledge. Her research takes place on the South Coast of Newfoundland.

Bury's master's research with *On the Move* focuses on the mobility patterns and gendered experiences of retired fish harvesters in Newfoundland, using the tools of institutional ethnography.

Bury said she's just been out into the field for the first time. "I've been reading about field work for so long and it was kind of nice to put my feet down and put academic stuff to practice. It was nice to connect it to real life," she said.

Bury said that feminist research analyses the fisheries as a social entity. Feminist research insists that fisheries are all about people.

## Mobility and disability: policies and practices

The goal of Dana's postdoctoral work is to gain a better understanding of how policy contexts support or inhibit people with physical disabilities to engage in 'work mobility,' travel to work and from place to place within work. In the first part of her two-part study, Dana is conducting a scoping review of the disability rights, work mobility and work injury and return-to-work literatures.



[Dana Howse](#) Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Research on Work Disability Policy (CRWDP)

In the second part (year two) of her study, Dana will train with Katherine Lippel at the University of Ottawa in methods of legal analysis to explore additional and systemic dimensions of work disability and mobility by comparing policy and legal frameworks concerning persons with physical disabilities in two Canadian jurisdictions – Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador (NL).

# NL OTM Research Project Update

**PAUL FOLEY**

The fisheries component of the OTM project will be focusing on data analysis in the coming year. Dr. Paul Foley, the lead of the fisheries component, said that his team will be focusing on research completed over the summer of 2016.

“We have a pile of data related to the study associated with some fieldwork research the team completed in support of a national labour market study by the Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters,” he said. Additionally, the team is planning to combine their fieldwork data with statistical research carried out by the On The Move’s Dr. Micheal Hans in order to co-author a paper.

Dr. Foley had the opportunity to present at The

Centre for Maritime Research (MARE) in 2017, along with co-authors Dr. Nicole Power and Dr. Barb Neis. The panel presentation was based on a paper led by Dr. Power called “‘They just have better things to do right now’: A spatialized examination of the recruitment of youth into small scale fish harvesting.” They argued that the “choice” of youth to work in other fields “ignores changes to the organisation of and access to fisheries work and, equally important, to the meanings of successful transitions from youth to adulthood.”

Dr. Jahn Petter Johnson from the Norwegian College of



Paul Foley is an Assistant Professor in the Environmental Policy Institute at Memorial University’s Grenfell Campus in Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

Fisheries spent time in the St. John’s and Corner Brook campuses while he was on sabbatical in 2017. Dr. Foley said they are planning to work together on aspects of the

## *What We’ve Been Doing...*

- Dr. Barb Neis was named to the Order of Canada! She is among 125 new appointments to the Order of Canada, one of the country’s highest civilian honours. Congratulations Dr. Neis.
- The Live Webcast is up! Memorial Presents: On The Move - the family impacts of work mobility. You can access the webinar at: <http://www.mun.ca/harriscentre/news.php?id=10075&type=news>
- The On the Move Partnership Webinar on Young People’s Employment-related Geographical Mobilities took place on March 28, 2018.

- Congratulations to Christine Knott for passing her PhD defence with distinction! Christine Knott was a doctoral student in Sociology at Memorial University working under the supervision of Barbara Neis and Nicole Power. Her research focused on investigating employment change over time in the seafood processing industry in rural communities in New Brunswick, and the current need for temporary foreign workers in this industry.

- A news article called “*Only Change Will Change Things for Local Women in Trade Apprenticeships*” appeared in the digital and print editions of *The Overcast*, featuring On the Move co-investigator Dr. Nicole Power’s work on women and apprenticeships.

- “Bob and Pauline’s Story,” is a digital story on our website about one couple working away and returning to the province. Research by George Gmelch and Diane Royal.

### Questions about the On the Move Project?

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