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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2019-2020 has been a busy and successful year for the Beaty Water Research Centre (BWRC). In the research pillar, we have submitted a significant number of multi-disciplinary research proposals and we launched the Canadian Algae Research and Technology Network. Our focus has been on building research capacity by fostering national and international interdisciplinary collaborations.

In support of our activities, we have established new industry and community collaborations and through these new partnerships, we launched the BWRC Research Seminar Series. In the education pillar, we are particularly proud of having launched the first of many planned graduate diploma programs — the Water and Human Health Diploma, which was launched in the fall of 2019.

I hope you enjoy learning about some of the highlights of this year's activities through this annual report, we look forward to engaging with you in the year ahead.



Pascale Champagne, Ph.D., P.Eng., D.WRE, F.EWRI, F.ASCE, F.CAE Director, Beaty Water Research Centre Queen's University

VISION

The BWRC aims to be a world-class entity for collaborative research and education in the multifaceted realm of water-related issues for the Queen's University and Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) communities.

MISSION

BWRC will develop and support opportunities in research, education, collaborations and international partnerships related to water. We are committed to fostering an environment that encourages collaborative research, excellence in teaching and the development of unique multidisciplinary approaches.

VALUES

Collaboration

Through national and international collaboration with experts and communities, BWRC strives to build partnerships to advance our mandate.

Innovation

We develop technology that enhances human and ecosystem health and supports the delivery of education and outreach.

Interdisciplinary

Our membership includes complementary disciplines from engineering, natural, health and social sciences, law and policy studies, to achieve advancements.

Excellence

We demonstrate excellence through the delivery of programs and contributions to knowledge recognized globally.

Discover

We contribute to debate, development and dissemination of knowledge and innovations in research and education.

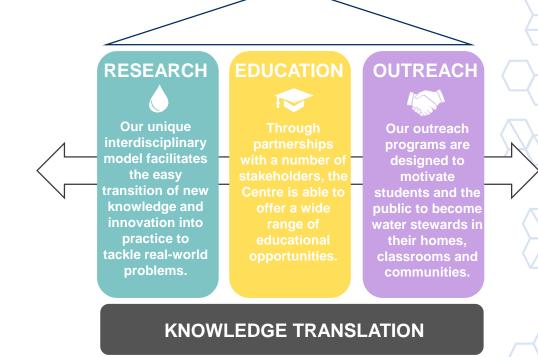
Respect (EDI)

We recruit researchers and HQP from equity seeking groups and empower them to participate by offering training and support.

OVERVIEW

The Beaty Water Research Centre (BWRC) is an interdisciplinary research and education Centre at Queen's University. We welcome collaborations with researchers, educators, policy makers, industry and communities on activities related to water access, resources, quality and use. Our research faculty are leaders in engineering, chemistry, biology, geology, geography and planning, health, computing and data analytics, business, law and policy.

As part of the Centre's Education and Outreach mandate, BWRC develops strong partnerships with academic departments, industry, school boards, public health units and local water conservation authorities. Through these partnerships, we offer educational opportunities and internships across disciplines for students, the public and professionals. In fall 2019, the BWRC launched the first of a number of accredited online diploma programs. Courses offered through the BWRC bridge the gap between disciplines, theory and real-world applications for all students, providing graduates with a competitive edge in their chosen career field.



Interdisciplinary

Graduate Diploma Programs offer courses that span multiple disciplines, providing students an advantage in today's workforce.



Cross disciplinary collaborations in the delivery of programs providing learning opportunities that allow application of knowledge broadly.



Synergy & Collaboration Networking Opportunities

Our programs allow students to network with a wide variety of stakeholders, providing them with a kick start to their career.



Skill Building & Future Workforce

Our programs help students build practical and professional skills to prepare them to become capable STEM employees.



We train our students to effectively translate knowledge from research findings to a broad audience.



Enhanced Water Quality & Access

Interdisciplinary collaborations leading to the development of methods and innovation to improve water access and quality.



Innovation in Water Treatment Systems

New technologies developed leading to improved water treatment systems and biosustainability.



Sustainable Infrastructure Implemented

Natural and built infrastructure improvements implemented in response to climate change.



Influence Environmental Policy & Law

Policies and innovations developed and implemented to improve water governance, use, resources and quality.



Through interdisciplinary collaborations, research knowledge is easily translated into action through implementation of innovation and policy development.



Inform & Empower

Informing and empowering the community leading to changing behavior related to water quality and sustainability.



Engagement for Collaborative Change

Informing and educating motivates students and the public to become water stewards in their homes. classrooms and communities.



Align Activities with Knowledge Gaps

Stakeholder consultations leading to alignment of activities with knowledge gaps.



Change Implemented

Implement knowledge and innovation working with conservation authorities. industry, health units and municipal, provincial and federal government.



Our outreach events improve the flow of communication between researches, professionals, policy makers and the public to influence and implement change.

FACILITIES

The Centre is located in a new state-of-the-art facility in Mitchell Hall at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. The Centre also has a strategic network of affiliated field and large scale facilities which include:

- Queen's Coastal Engineering Lab
- Queen's Biological Station
- Kennedy Field Station
- Tay River Groundwater Network
- Loyalist Township Constructed Wetland
- Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory (CBAWO)





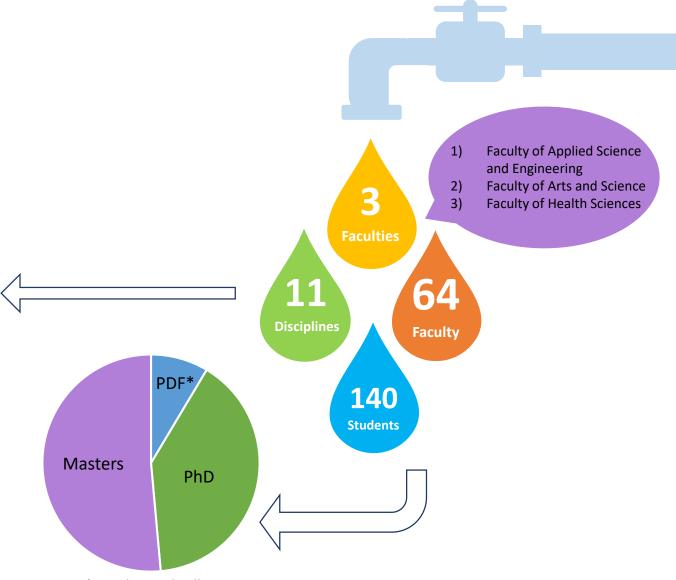




65 Research Projects

19 Lectures/Seminars

2 Conferences



Civil Engineering

Biology

Chemical Engineering

Environmental Studies

Geography & Planning

Chemistry

Health Sciences

Geological Engineering

Law

Global Development Studies

Business

*Postdoctoral Fellows

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

This year we expanded collaborations with faculty from various disciplines at Queen's, the Royal Military College of Canada and external academic institutions at national and international levels. Our research links to industry and non-profit organizations such as conservation authorities, school boards and public health. This year's highlights include:



Drs. Champagne, Jessop, Mabee and Cunningham won the NSERC - Canada Brockhouse Prize for interdisciplinary research valued at \$250,000.



NSERC CREATE Leaders in Water and Watershed Sustainability program (QU - \$1.65 million), has supported 16 new HQP, and hosted its first HQP symposium and training workshop.

Co-applicants of the NSERC CREATE training program in Persistent, Emerging, and Oil Pollution in Cold Marine Environments (\$1.65 million - QU \$81,000).



Initiated internship programs funded through Mitacs Career Connect (\$60,000) - funding partners: Utilities Kingston, Qunite Conservation Authorities and Loyalist Township.



NSERC Engage grant (\$25,000) and RFP (\$150,000) to assess microbial-induced calcite precipitation to improve the deposit performance of tailings.



Established new industry and community partnerships to generate \$800,000 for future research including application submissions to NSERC Alliance, Ontario Research Excellence Fund, Mitacs and additional partnerships.



Launched the Canadian Algae Research Technology Network, which is hosted at Queen's. This network will be leveraged for the submission of a NFRF-Transformation funding application (\$24 million) led by the Centre in 2020.



Hosted two symposiums - NSERC CREATE Leaders in Water and Watershed Sustainability (LEADERS) Symposium and the 2nd BWRC Interdisciplinary Research Symposium.



Projects associated with the Centre generated approximately \$18.7 million in research revenue.



Faculty affiliated with the Centre led 65 research projects that aligned with activities addressing the mandate of the Centre.



Centre affiliated research generated approximately 100-peer review publications.

Annual Research Performance Indicators

1 – Members

4 – Queen's U Revenue*

7 – Seminars

2 - HQP

5 - Publications

8 – Awards

3 - Projects

6 – Symposiums

9 – Research Applications



*4: Queen's U Revenue 1=1 million

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COVID-19 RESPONSE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Beaty Water Research Centre has made it a priority for staff, faculty and students to follow the advice of the World Health Organization and the Public Health Agency of Canada and continue its research, education and outreach initiatives from home, limiting access to our laboratory and administrative spaces. The BWRC is committed to doing its part in maintaining social and physical distancing and helping to flatten the curve in Canada.

The BWRC is also assisting the local community at Queen's and in Kingston, Ontario. We have lent many pieces of laboratory equipment and donated supplies to our local facilities in order to assist with large volumes of patient testing. In addition to performing extensive testing of masks for our local hospitals, we are also working to develop low cost, easy to implement tests that assess the performance of different grades of surgical masks from different manufacturers. We are looking to test the ability of these masks to withstand sterilization (for re-use) while maintaining protective integrity (i.e. do these masks still resist blood penetration? What about filtration of small particles?). Our focus thus far has been on blood, with broader applications to COVID-19. However, we are providing the hospital with the data and ultimately they will decide where and when to use the masks.

Finally, the BWRC has not strayed from its research mandate. Along with working on our current research projects, we have drawn on the expertise of our existing faculty to assemble an interdisciplinary team to put together a number of proposals for COVID-19 internal and external grant calls. In particular, we have assembled a team of faculty that spans Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, Civil, Chemical and Geological Engineering to address using municipal sewage and rural septic systems as a method for the early detection and monitoring of COVID-19 in communities. This is of particular interest given the mounting evidence that demonstrates the virus persists in the feces of a number of patients even after symptoms are resolved and respiratory samples test negative.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

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Title	Program	PI(s)	Co-Investigators	Departments	Funding Requested
Sentinel surveillance using sewage as an early detection and monitoring strategy for COVID-19 in communities	Queen's SARS CoV-2/COVID-19 Research Opportunity	Prameet Sheth	Pascale Champagne, Stephen Brown, Geof Hall, Sarah Jane Payne, Anna Majury	Civil Engineering, Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Environmental Studies, Chemistry	\$26,591
Sewage-based sentinel surveillance for the early detection and monitoring for SARS-CoV-2	Ministry of College and Universities	Geof Hall	Pascale Champagne, Stephen Brown, Prameet Sheth, Sarah Jane Payne, Anna Majury, Bas Vriens, Yves Filion	Civil Engineering, Geological Engineering, Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Environmental Studies, Chemistry	\$195,377
Gastrointestinal manifestations of COVID-19: developing a novel early warning system for future outbreaks and examining the risks of fecal-oral transmission	CIHR COVID-19 call	Atanu Sarkar - Memorial University	Prameet Sheth, Geof Hall	Civil Engineering, Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Environmental Studies	N/A
Canadian sewage sentinel surveillance for the early detection and monitoring of COVID-19 in communities	NSERC Alliance COVID-19 Grants	Pascale Champagne	Geof Hall, Stephen Brown, Prameet Sheth, Sarah Jane Payne, Anna Majury, Bas Vriens, Yves Filion, Kieran Moore, Atanu Sarkar, Laurence Yang	Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Geological Engineering, Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Environmental Studies, Chemistry, Medicine	\$50,000

















NSERC BROCKHOUSE CANADA PRIZE

In May 2019, four leading Canadian researchers from the Beaty Water Research Centre were awarded the **NSERC Brockhouse Canada Prize** for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering for their collaborative work in enhancing the value and sustainability of our natural renewable resources. The award supports the late Nobel Laureate Bertram N. Brockhouse's vision of interdisciplinary teamwork and collaboration as a way to propel scientific discovery in Canadian research. The Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering recognizes outstanding Canadian teams of researchers from different disciplines who came together to engage in research drawing on their combined knowledge and skills, and produced a record of excellent achievements in the natural sciences and engineering in the last six years.





The interdisciplinary research team consists of **Pascale Champagne**, Director of the BWRC (Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering), **Michael Cunningham** (Chemical Engineering, Chemistry), **Philip Jessop** (Chemistry) and **Warren Mabee** (Geography and Planning, School of Policy Studies), each affiliated with the Beaty Water Research Centre and an accomplished scientist in their respective field. With the funding provided by the NSERC Brockhouse (\$250,000), the team will work in unison, bringing their unique but complementary expertise to designing solutions to address a myriad of problems caused by climate change.

AWARDS

NSERC Brockhouse Canada Prize: Wholly Green: Sustainability through a Systems Approach – Pascale Champagne, Michael Cunningham, Philip Jessop, Warren Mabee

Distinguished Professor, Queen's University: John Smol

PEO Engineering Medal in Research and Development: Pascale Champagne

FEAS Excellence in Research Award: Kevin Mumford

Frank H. Rigler Award: Brian Cumming

Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer, American Academy of Water Resources

Engineers Board of Trustees: Yves Filion

Mary Rosenthal Award, Algae Foundation: Gisell Pazmino (PhD. Candidate)

125th Anniversary Faculty Award FEAS: Michael Cunningham

The Polar Medal: John Smol

Inducted as Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering: Pascale Champagne

November 2019 BWRC Research Symposium:

Poster Session

1st Alexandria Cushing (PhD Candidate)

2nd Nada Sedeg (MES Candidate)

3rd Katrina Paudyn & Eden Hateley (MES Candidates)

Oral Session Winner - David Patch (PhD Candidate)







LEADERS CREATE

The LEaders in wAter anD watERshed Sustainability (the LEADERS) program is lead by Dr. Stephen Brown, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and School of Environmental Studies. The program is funded (\$1.65M over six years) through the NSERC Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) and was launched in 2018.

The first cohort of Highly Qualified Personnel (HQPs) were recruited to the program earlier this year through a competitive application process and includes 16 graduate students from the Departments of Civil Engineering, Biology, Environmental Studies and Geography and Planning.

Students 2019-2020

Zoe Armstrong, Biology David Blair, Civil Engineering Jeffrey Cederwall, Biology François Daudelin, Civil Engineering Anbareen Faroog, Chemistry RMC Virgilio Góngora Echeverría, Civil Engineering Eden Hataley, Environmental Studies Madeleine Kelly, Environmental Studies Sarah Lavallee, Environmental Studies Katherine Moir, Biology David Patch, Chemistry RMC Max Robinson, Civil Engineering Ioan Petculescsu, Environmental Studies Matthew Senyshen, Geography and Planning Emily Su, Geography and Planning Paisley Thomson, Water Sciences INRS







Participating Institutions





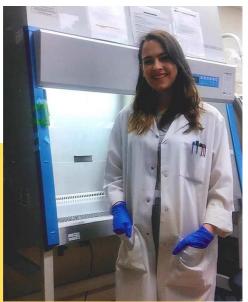


STUDENT PROJECTS

Student	Program	Supervisor(s)	Department	Project
Zoe Armstrong	MSc	Brian Cumming	Biology	Ecological impacts of long-term mercury and heavy metal exposure in the Cornwall waterfront
David Blair	PhD	Pascale Champagne, Stephen Brown	Civil Engineering	"Real time" detection and quantification of indicator organisms for source water protection
Jeffrey Cederwall	PhD	Diane Orihel	Biology	Understanding the ecological impacts of diluted bitumen in freshwater lakes and their watersheds
Francois Daudelin	MASc	Pascale Champagne, Warren Mabee	Civil Engineering	Transient heat flux models for uncertainty based waste stabilization pond design
Anbareen Farooq	PhD	Kela Weber	Chemistry and Chemical Engineering - RMC	The fate and effect of silver nanomaterials on subsurface wetland mesocosms
Virgilio Góngora Echeverría	PDF	Pascale Champagne	Civil Engineering	In situ ammonium and sulfolane bioremediation strategies
Eden Hataley	MES	Diane Orihel, Xavier Ortiz Almirall	Environmental Studies	Can microplastics act as a medium to concentrate waterborne microcystins?
Madeleine Kelly	MES	Anna Majury, Stephen Brown, Paul Hynds	Environmental Studies	Investigation of the levels of antimicrobial resistance in private well water derived <i>E. coli</i> in southeastern Ontario
Sarah Lavallee	PhD	Anna Majury, Stephen Brown, Paul Hynds	Environmental Studies	Exploring the knowledge, attitudes and practices of current well water stewardship in rural Ontario communities: Implications for drinking water vulnerability and public health risks

STUDENT PROJECTS

Student	Program	Supervisor(s)	Department	Project
Katherine Moir	PhD	Brian Cumming	Biology	Cumulative impacts on algal assemblages in Lake St. Francis: The importance of multiple stressors
David Patch	PhD	Kela Weber	Chemistry and Chemical Engineering - RMC	Release of silver nanoparticles from commercial products into the water cycle
Max Robinson	MASc	Ana da Silva, Geof Hall	Civil Engineering	Sediment dynamics and growth/decay of biofilms in a mixed primarily gravel-cobble stream
Ioan Petculescsu	MES	Anna Majury, Stephen Brown, Paul Hynds	Environmental Studies	Assessing the relationship of Total Coliform to <i>E. coli</i> in the context of drivers of microbial contamination of drinking water wells in Ontario
Matthew Senyshen	MSc	Dongmei Chen	Geography and Planning	Land use and climate change impacts on water temperature in the St. Lawrence River Watershed
Emily Su	MSc	Neal Scott	Geography and Planning	Modeling the impacts of headwater stream burial within Kemptville Creek subwatershed
Paisley Thomson	PhD	Valérie Langlois	Water Sciences - INRS	The effects of chronic exposure to agricultural retention pond water in amphibians



Student Project Highlight – Madeleine Kelly

MES Candidate. Environmental Studies

Supervisor(s): Anna Majury, Stephen Brown, Paul Hynds

Research Project: Investigation of the levels of antimicrobial resistance in private well water derived E.

coli in southeastern Ontario

Groundwater is a vital source of drinking water globally, however most groundwater sources remain largely unregulated by the government, leaving it susceptible to contamination. Bacterial contamination of groundwater may represent a hidden risk of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). AMR is an ever-growing threat and the role of water as a source and dissemination route of antimicrobial resistant organisms and antibiotic resistance genes needs to be investigated. The objective of her research is to elucidate the potential roles of natural and anthropogenic drivers in AMR E. coli isolates from private well water sourced from wells in southeastern Ontario.

Recent article: Andrade L, Kelly M, Hynds PD, Weatherill J, Majury A, O'Dwyer J. (2020) Groundwater resources as a global reservoir for antimicrobial-resistant bacteria. Water Res, 170: 115360.

Student Project Highlight – Jeffrey Cederwall

PhD Candidate, Biology Supervisor(s): Diane Orihel

Research Project: Understanding the ecological impacts of diluted bitumen in freshwater lakes

and their watersheds

Understanding how lakes respond to human stressors is critical to both fundamental biology and to enable evidence-based environmental policies. Oil spills are one such stressor but we lack a complete understanding of how aquatic food webs will respond following spills. The Boreal lake Oil Release Experiment by Additions to Limnocorrals project is working to give a comprehensive picture of the fate and effects of diluted bitumen (dilbit) on a natural food web in a temperate oligotrophic lake. Within this project, Jeffrey's research is focused on the lower food, assessing diluted bitumen's effects on the structure and function of phytoplankton and microbial communities. He hopes to provide useful algal bioindicators of oil pollution to track ecosystem recovery and determine the extent of microbial biodegradation of dilbit in freshwater environments.

Recent Article: Cederwall J, et al. (2020) Life under an oil slick: Response of a freshwater food web to simulated spills of diluted bitumen in field mesocosms. Can. J Fish. Aquat. Sci, 77(5):779-788.

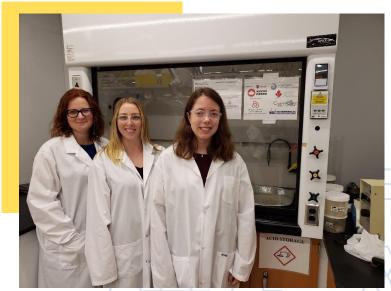


RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT – PASCALE CHAMPAGNE

Dr. Pascale Champagne's research focuses on the development of alternate water and waste management strategies and environmentally sustainable approaches with a focus on integrated bioresource management. Her research activities are interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary and have commonality with the fields of environmental and chemical engineering, biology and green chemistry.

Pascale and one of her Master's Students, Nicole Woodcock, received research funding from the National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Engage program, the Ontario Centre of Excellence Voucher for Innovation and Productivity I (VIP I) program, and Innovative Solutions Canada Phase I to assess the feasibility of using microbially-induced calcite precipitation (MICP) to improve the deposit performance of tailings. This research is a collaboration with BGC Engineering Inc., a Canadian company with expertise in mine waste engineering and mine closure planning and design.

This is critical research given that tailing dam failures can destroy property and communities and contaminate rivers, fisheries and drinking water. Tailings are by-products from mining operations. Mine tailing particulates easily diffuse into the surrounding environment, leaching acidic drainage and heavy metals to surface and groundwater. Without treatment, these tailings can take several hundred years to consolidate due to their poor water-releasing properties, and, in some cases, failure to consolidate has led to catastrophic disasters. Recent studies suggest biologically-catalyzed reactions can be used to increase the geotechnical strength of soft soils. The application of this process to tailings has the potential to remediate and reduce the risk of tailing dam failures.



Graduate students Nicole Woodcock and Sarah Rodin with industry partner Vanessa Mann from BGC Inc. Vanessa is also an Adjunct Professor with Queen's Civil Engineering.





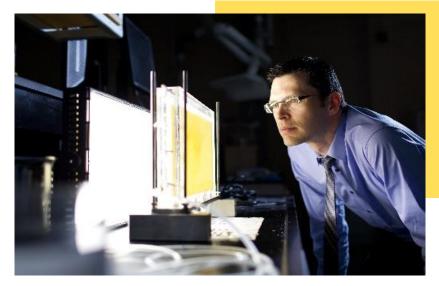




RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT – KEVIN MUMFORD

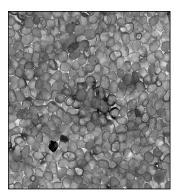
Nearly all of the world's accessible fresh water is groundwater. It's an important source of drinking water and a critical link to other components of the water cycle, including lakes and rivers, but groundwater is threatened by contamination from a variety of different chemicals related to a range of industrial activities. For example, some contaminants enter the subsurface through the accidental release or improper disposal of hazardous industrial liquids, including petroleum fuels (gasoline, diesel fuel), chlorinated solvents (dry cleaning chemicals, degreasers) and coal tar. Others are related to energy resource development, including the migration of methane and other natural gas components outside of well casings.

Dr. Mumford and his research group are working to better understand the movement of contaminants in groundwater systems, and to develop and optimize clean-up technologies. They are particularly interested in the flow of multiple fluid phases (water, oil, gas) in subsurface porous media, and the mass transfer between those phases. Small and intermediate-scale experiments are used to investigate coupled fluid flow and mass transfer, often using two-dimensional flow cells and quantitative visualization techniques designed to collect data at high spatiotemporal resolution. These experiments can be used to measure fluid saturations and dissolved solute concentrations to investigate the coupled reactive transport processes that dictate the fate of contaminants in groundwater.

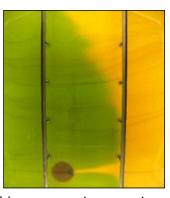


Dr. Mumford and his research group use physical models to investigate coupled flow and transport processes that control contaminant fate in groundwater systems.

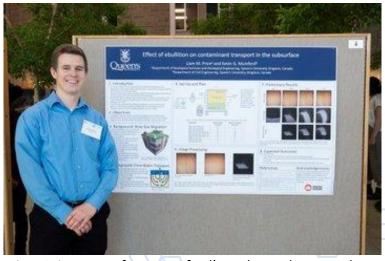
For example, graduate student Zenith Wong is looking for ways to improve in situ thermal treatment technologies used to remove volatile contaminants from groundwater. He hopes to accelerate removal at lower temperatures to save time and energy, resulting in lower costs and a decreased carbon footprint. Graduate students Nicholas Ashmore and Mitchell Davidson are working to develop a better understanding of stray gas migration, which can result in the release of methane to groundwater and the atmosphere in the vicinity of natural gas wells, to improve investigation and monitoring strategies. The goal of these projects, and those like them, are to find better ways to investigate and remediate contaminated groundwater sites to protect both human and ecosystem health.



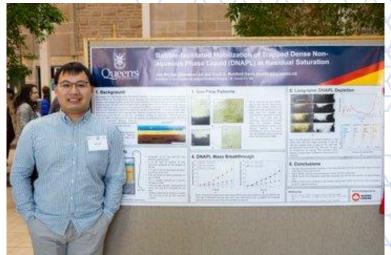




Examples of data collected at multiple scales: (left) water and trapped gas bubbles in a packing of 0.7 mm sand, (centre) gas injected into a water-saturated 25 cm-high sand pack that dissolves into flowing water, resulting in a colour change from purple to pink, and (right) green dye tracer flowing through a 1.5 m-high sand pack that moves around a black region of injected nano-scale zero valent iron due to hydrogen gas produced by the reaction of iron with water.



Liam Price, one of Dr. Mumford's undergraduate students presenting at this years BWRC research symposium.



Jian Wu, one of Dr. Mumford's Masters students presenting at this years BWRC research symposium.

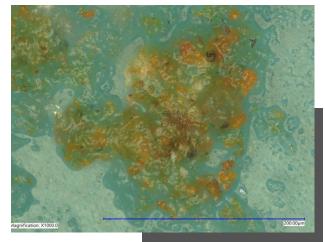
RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT – YVES FILION

Have you ever opened your faucet and seen reddish/brown-coloured water flow out of your tap? Have you ever wondered why the water flowing from your tap is sometimes of such poor quality? Dr. Filion and his research group are examining the physico-chemical and hydrodynamic mechanisms that account for the adhesion and eventual mobilization of inorganics such as iron and manganese on the walls of municipal drinking water pipes that cause water quality problems like "red water" described above. A driving research interest in the group is the question of how microbial communities in drinking water biofilms can mediate the transfer of dissolved and particulate inorganics from the aqueous phase in the bulk water to the pipe wall. To do this, Dr. Filion and his research group are using the full-scale Drinking Water Distribution Lab (DWDL) (featured in photo), which is a unique research facility in North America that can replicate the full hydraulic, physicochemical, and microbiological conditions of real distribution systems in a fully controlled environment.

Dr. Filion is also collaborating with Dr. Pascale Champagne to examine the role that heavy metals and antibiotic compounds play on the development of bacterial resistance in drinking water biofilms. Molecular methods such as 16s rRNA sequencing are being used to examine how these stressors are causing changes in gene expression in microbial communities and increasing resistance to common-use antibiotics. The new knowledge on the mechanisms of antibiotic resistance will be foundational to setting operational and treatment policies by municipal partner regulators (MOECP, EC) to limit public exposure to resistant bacteria in drinking water systems.



Dr. Filion and Artur Braga (PhD Candidate in Civil Engineering and main researcher) inside the Drinking Water Distribution Laboratory (DWDL) at the Queen's West Campus.



Iron oxide species embedded in drinking water biofilm on the surface of PVC pipe wall (*Brightfield, reflected light; 1000x objective lens magnification*).

EDUCATION

This year we focused on the creation of our first online graduate diploma program in Water and Human Health, which was launched in the fall of 2019. This diploma program is designed to give recent graduates and professionals an enhanced understanding of the role that water plays in driving health outcomes and ultimately, the sustainability of populations and communities. Additionally, the diploma prepares students for a career in a variety of fields which includes the public health sector, engineering and environmental consulting, conservation authorities, non-profit organizations and government planning and management.

Although the program is a stand alone offering, graduates may ladder the 4 course credits they receive into 2 types of Master's degrees at Queen's; 1) Research Based and 2) Course Based. The laddering pathway of the diploma programs will also support recruitment of highly skilled graduate students to the Faculties of Engineering and Applied Science and Arts and Science.
https://waterresearchcentre.ca/whh-about/

COURSES



Watershed Hydrology



Chemistry & **Biology of Natural** Waters



Water Policy & Governance



Water & **Human Health**

Also, this year we initiated the development of a graduate diploma program (4 courses) and a graduate certificate program (2 courses) in Applied Sustainability, which we hope to launch in fall 2021. These education programs are attracting global interest and the Centre is looking to tailor them for partners in South Africa and Thailand.

EDUCATION

To support universal access, we have created a subset of our diplomas courses for free participation through the edX platform. edX is an online platform for education and learning founded by Harvard and MIT. It currently hosts over 20 million learners, many top-ranked universities worldwide and various industry-leading companies. edX removes many of the traditional barriers to education including cost, location and access.

The BWRC offers a MicroMasters® program through edX, "Water and Global Human Health," which consists of 6 graduate level courses taken over approximately 6 months. These courses are also available as stand alone offerings:

- 1. Water on Earth: An Introduction
- 2. Opportunities in Water and Health
- 3. Water Related Health
- 4. Global Water Use and Climate Change
- 5. Modelling Watershed Processes for Water Resource Management
- 6. Watershed Systems and Their Influence on Water Movement and Quality

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resource on this planet. Learn...

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OUTREACH

The BWRC hosted the annual Great Lake Water Festival in collaboration with school boards, the health unit and conservation authorities. This was held at Lake Ontario park in Kingston, Ontario. Supported by Queen's graduate students, over 320 local grade 4 students and their teachers participated in curriculum-based activities designed to instill the values of water and watersheds. The annual impact of this event is to bring a unique cross-section of organizations and volunteers together to bring awareness of the importance of water to hundreds of children. These children are then outlets to a network of many more families to spread the word about water and its importance to daily life.



























Kingston



OUTREACH

The Centre also supported the EngAGE Engineering Summer Academy, which highlights fun and interesting elements of pursuing studies in engineering to high-school students. Students from across Canada and the USA are brought to the Kennedy Field Station to conduct a variety of groundwater studies, including underwater video monitoring of wells, movement of water between wells and groundwater quality sampling and investigate the physical processes that are at play in rivers and streams.





The BWRC has also partnered with regional schools to bring grades 7 and 8 students to Queen's to explore water resources from an energy perspective. This curriculum-linked day allows students to explore flowing water and how the potential energy in this resource may be used in traditional and emerging ways. In the fall of 2018, this program was expanded to include nature-based field training at the Kennedy Field Station and in the Salmon River.

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KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

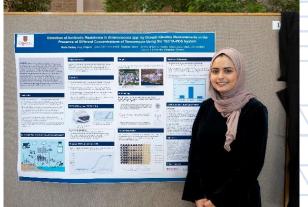
The BWRC engages in a number of knowledge translation activities. This year, these activities included the second annual BWRC Research Symposium. This symposium was established to improve the flow of communication and ideas by bringing together researchers from Queen's University and the Royal Military College of Canada, who are often separated by disciplines or institutions.











KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

The BWRC and LEADERS program began jointly hosting a Seminar Series in March 2019. Since its inception, the series has brought in a wide range of national and international professionals in academia, government and industry to speak on various water-related topics to our faculty and students. This includes 10 international speakers from the United States, Australia, France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Hong Kong. We also encourage our new and junior affiliated faculty to present in the seminar series as a way of introducing themselves and their research to students and other researchers within the Centre to spark the beginnings of interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Beaty Water Research **Centre & LEADERS Program**

Seminar Series 2019

Seminars generally take place on Wednesdays from 2:30 - 3:30 pm in Rm. 217, Dupuis Hall

Fall Series Schedule

September 11th: Dr. Davina Passeri, Research Civil Engineer, U.S. Geological Survey

September 18th: Dr. Saifur Rahaman, Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Concordia University

October 2nd: Dr. Paul Hynds, Principal Investigator, Environmental Sustainability and Health Institute, Technological University Dublin

October 9th: Dr. Ted Mao, VP Research, Trojan Technologies

October 21st: Steve Usher, Senior Hydrogeologist, SLR Consulting

November 13th (BWRC Symposium Keynote): Dr. Matt Hipsey, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Western Australia





A selection of our Seminar Series speakers from the fall of 2019.



Dr. Bas Vriens, a new faculty member with Queen's Department of Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering. Dr. Vriens also joined the BWRC in fall 2019.

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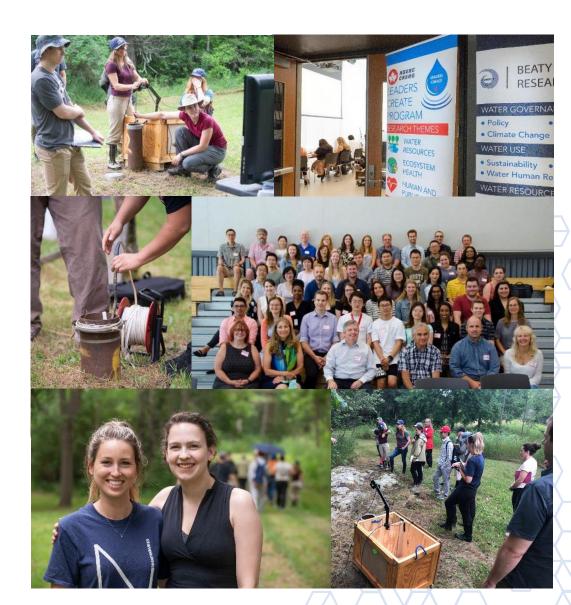
In July 2019, the first cohort of students from the LEADERS program participated in the first LEADERS research symposium and training workshop. Students showcased their research and had the opportunity to receive feedback from leading researchers in disciplines such as engineering, chemistry, biology, policy studies, business and public health.

The students also participated in a workshop dedicated to learning field methods in ground water and surface water at the Kennedy Field Station.

This year's symposium attracted over 60 participants and the keynote speaker was Dr. Wenwei Ren, the Water Practice Head of WWF-China and Adjunct Professor at Queen's University and Tongji University in China. He spoke to the audience about WWF-China's water practice strategy and its role in China's Environmental Governance.







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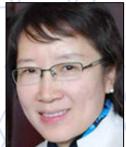
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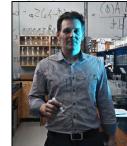
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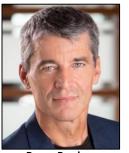


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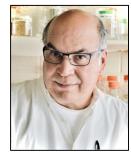
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RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project	BWRC Faculty Lead	Funding	Organization
Transitioning from Hind-casting to Forecasting: Advancing Computational Models to Enable Predictive Simulations for Public Safety and Resource Management	Leon Boegman Ryan Mulligan	\$82,000	Queen's Dean's Research Fund, FEAS
Discovery Accelerator Supplement	Leon Boegman	\$40,000/yr	NSERC
Internal Solitary Wave-induced Sediment Re-suspension and Offshore Infrastructure Loading	Leon Boegman	\$41,000/yr	NSERC-DG
Leaders in wAter anD watershed Sustainability (The LEADERS Project)	Stephen Brown	\$1.65 million over 6 years	NSERC CREATE
Methods for Automated Detection of Bacteria in Drinking Water	Stephen Brown	\$200,000	TECTA-PDS
Methods for Automated Detection of Bacteria in Drinking Water	Stephen Brown	\$194,950	Southern Ontario Water Consortium AWT Program
Persistent, Emerging, and Oil PoLlution in cold marine Environments (PEOPLE CREATE Training Program)	Bing Chen Pascale Champagne - Queen's lead	\$1.65 million over 6 years	NSERC CREATE
Wholly Green: Sustainability Through a Systems Approach	Pascale Champagne Michael Cunningham Philip Jessop Warren Mabee	\$250,000	NSERC Brockhouse Prize

Project	BWRC Faculty Lead	Funding	Organization
Analysis and Prediction of Legacy and Emerging Contaminant Discharge and Mixing in the Great Lakes Receiving Environment	Pascale Champagne	\$181,000	Queen's Dean's Research Fund, FEAS
Wastewater Treatment Systems Under Changing Climate	Pascale Champagne	\$43,490	National Research Council New Beginnings
Developing Solutions for the Optimization of Ravensview WWTP Anaerobic Digester Biogas Generation	Pascale Champagne	\$35,000	Mitacs Accelerate Utilities Kingston Sentry
Biogeocementation of the Victoria Junction Tailings Basin	Pascale Champagne	\$150,000	Innovative Solutions Canada Phase I, BGC
Biogeocementation-Biologically Catalyzed Reactions to Improve the Geotechnical Properties of Tailings Deposits	Pascale Champagne	\$25,000	NSERC Engage BGC
		\$25,000	OCE VIP I BGC
Advanced Molecular Tools for Characterizing Microbial Structures, Processes and Interfaces in Engineered and Natural Environmental Systems	Pascale Champagne	\$104,008	NSERC RTI
Paleolimnology and Environmental Change	Brian Cumming	\$40,000/yr over 5 years	NSERC Discovery
Role of Climate Change and Fire on the Landscape of Cape Breton Highlands National Park	Brian Cumming	\$112,000	Collaborative Research Agreement

Project	BWRC Faculty Lead	Funding	Organization
Babine Lake, British Columbia - Sockeye Salmon nursery ecosystem structure, function and productive capacity: An integrated fisheries, limnological, and paleolimnological assessment	Brian Cumming – Queen's Lead	\$111,298	Pacific Salmon Commission
Cellulose Nanocrystal Reinforced Polymer Composites	Michael Cunningham	\$25,000	NSERC Engage CelluForce
Dispersion of Cellulose Nanocrystals in Aqueous Media	Michael Cunningham	\$120,000	OCE University of Waterloo
Detection of Intact Pathogenic Bacteria Using Nanoplasmonic Sensors	Carlos Escobedo	\$130,000 over 5 years	NSERC
Examining the Mechanisms for Antibiotic Resistance Development in Drinking Water Systems	Yves Filion	\$30,000	Way Memorial Trust Award, Queen's University
Examining the Mechanisms for Adherence and Mobilization of Inorganics in Drinking Water Systems	Yves Filion	N/A	NSERC Discovery CFI
Storm Water Quality Field and Modelling Study in the Town of Jasper, AB.	Yves Filion	\$215,000	Parks Canada RMC Canadian Defense Academy Research Program
Dissolution Rates of REE-bearing Fluorocarbonate Minerals and Environmental Impact	Heather Jamieson	N/A	NSERC NT Geological Survey

Project	BWRC Faculty Lead	Funding	Organization
Dry Stack Tailings: Influence on Water Quality	Heather Jamieson	N/A	NSERC NT Geological Survey
Multi-element Water Contamination from Silver Mining	Heather Jamieson	N/A	NSERC
The Development of CO2-Switchable Polymers as Draw Solutes for Forward Osmosis	Philip Jessop	\$60,000	Mitacs Accelerate Forward Water Technologies
CO2-Triggered Draw Agents for Forward Osmosis	Philip Jessop	\$552,740	NSERC
PermafrostNet	Scott Lamoureux	\$25,000	NSERC Strategic Partnership
The WELLness Project	Anna Majury	\$25,000	Canadian Foundation of Infectious Diseases
UnWELL: Assessing the Presence of, and Implications for, Antimicrobial Resistant Organisms in Private Drinking Groundwater Wells in Ontario	Anna Majury	\$25,000	N/A
Remunicipalization: The Future of Water Services?	David McDonald	\$181,000	SSHRC
Detection of Hexavalent Chromium in Mine Leachate and Drinking Water	Louise Meunier	\$35,000	NRCan

Project	BWRC Faculty Lead	Funding	Organization
Physico-Chemical Characterization of a Biodegradable Flocculant for Oils Sands Tailings Ponds	Louise Meunier	\$42,000	Queen's SGS Doctoral Award
The Canadian Lyme Disease Research Network	Kieran Moore	\$4 million over 4 years	CIHR
High Resolution Nearshore Wave and Current Modelling to Investigate Nonlinear Wave Effects on Velocity Profiles and Sediment Transport	Ryan Mulligan	\$94,180 USD	US Office of Naval Research (ONR-Global)
Modelling Waves, Storm Surge, and Tides in the Gulf of Maine and Bay of Fundy	Ryan Mulligan	\$36,000	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Protecting Canada's Coasts from Extreme Waves and Water Levels	Ryan Mulligan	\$180,000	NSERC
Understanding of Hydrodynamics and Sediment Dynamics Along Coral Reef-Lined Coasts	Ryan Mulligan	\$49,000 USD	US Geological Survey
Remediation Education Network	Brent Sleep – Program Lead Kevin Mumford and Kent Novakowski – Queen's Leads	\$1.65 million over 6 years	NSERC CREATE
Impacts of Stray Gas Migration on Shallow Groundwater: Insights from Laboratory Experiments and Numerical Modelling	Kevin Mumford	\$537,475	NSERC SPG
Collaborative Research: Towards a Mechanistic Prediction of Methane Ebullition Fluxes from Northern Peat Lands	Kevin Mumford	\$219,640	NSF

Project	BWRC Faculty Lead	Funding	Organization
Remediation of Soil and Groundwater Impacted by Perand Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Bernard Kueper	\$229,000	NSERC CRD
Soil Remediation Using In-situ Thermal Treatment	Bernard Kueper	\$250,000	MRI OCRIF
The Role of Gases in Groundwater Contamination and Remediation	Kevin Mumford	\$135,000	NSERC DG
A Hybrid Mesocosm-ecosystem Facility for Aquatic Ecotoxicology	Diane Orihel	\$167,602	John R. Evans Leaders Fund, Canadian Foundation for Innovation
A Hybrid Mesocosm-ecosystem Facility for Aquatic Ecotoxicology	Diane Orihel	\$167,602	Ontario Research Fund for Small Infrastructure, Ontario Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science
A Hybrid Mesocosm-ecosystem Facility for Aquatic Ecotoxicology	Diane Orihel	\$163,000	Queen's University
Determining the Effects of a Pipeline Spill in Canadian Boreal lakes: Experimental Additions of Diluted Bitumen (dilbit) to In-situ Enclosures at the IISD-Experimental Lakes Area	Diane Orihel – Queen's Lead	\$794,290	NSERC - SPG

Project	BWRC Faculty Lead	Funding	Organization
Integrated Aquatic Animal Responses to Petroleum Products in the Environment for Freshwater Aquatic Risk Assessment.	Diane Orihel	\$120,000	Environment and Climate Change Canada
Research Initiation Grant	Sarah Jane Payne	\$70,000	Queen's University
Advanced Multiplex Technology for Pathogen Detection and Recognition	Zhe She	\$144,090	National Defense (Canada), (IDEaS)
Environmental Footprints of Human Trace Metal Use: From Sources to Sinks	Bas Vriens	N/A	Queen's University
Mine Waste Rock Management at the Antamina Mine, Peru	Bas Vriens	N/A	UBC, Teck, Antamina
Demonstration of Smoldering Combustion Treatment of PFAS-impacted Investigation-Derived Waste	Kela Weber	\$75,000	SERDP
Development and Validation of Analytical Methods for Comprehensive Profiling of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Firefighting Foam Impacted Environmental Matrices	Kela Weber	\$65,000	SERDP
Fate and Effects of Metallic Nanoparticles in Wetland Systems	Kela Weber	\$43,000	NSERC

Project	BWRC Faculty Lead	Funding	Organization
Field Testing of Novel Technologies for Restoring Challenging Contaminated Sites	Kela Weber	\$30,000	NSERC
Remediation of Soil and Groundwater Impacted by Perand Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Kela Weber	\$25,000	NSERC
Understanding the Effects of Underwater Munition Disposal	Kela Weber	\$4,750	Canadian Defense Academy
Investigating Mechanisms of Pseudomonas Aeruginosa Pathogenicity by Multi-scale Modeling of Metabolism and Macromolecule Expression	Laurence Yang	\$200,000	Queen's University, Research Initiation Grant









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FINANCIAL STATEMENT April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

	Item	Actual
Revenue		
	Carry Forward	0
	Research Projects	\$590,572.64
	FEAS Centre Funding	\$40,000
	FEAS Associate Director R&D	\$75,000
	VPR Research (LEADERS Program)	\$40,000
	Mitacs Career Connect	\$20,000
	Total Revenue	\$765,572
Expenses		
	Salaries and Benefits	\$403,386
	Non-salary Expenses (specify)	\$126,999
	Total Expenses	\$530,386
Surplus (deficit)	This value represents committed funds to support completion of research activities that bridge two separate reporting periods.	\$235,187

