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YEAR IN REVIEW: SUCCESSES AND PROJECTS

Kuei! Ai! In this second *Living in Northern Quebec* newsletter, we are pleased to present an overview of the activities and projects completed since the summer of 2017, and mention some upcoming events and projects for 2018.

Living in northern Quebec is now at mid-term. An activity report sent to SSHRC last Fall was evaluated positively. It gives the team some 'umph' for the upcoming future. The report is available upon request.

Also, we are quite proud to welcome the **community of Inukjuak** as our new official partner.

The project has as its research subject the culturally appropriate and sustainable planning of Innu and Inuit habitats. It tackles Northern indigenous habitat in all its complexity by examining the three dimensions that provide structure and meaning, and direct its development: communities, living environments and governance. You may read our project summary [here](#).



Last day of the General Assembly in Shipit, June 2017 (photo: M. Mailhot)

RECOGNITION FOR OUR CO-INVESTIGATORS !

GÉRARD DUHAIME APPOINTED TO THE ORDER OF CANADA

Our fellow colleague, Université Laval's professor of sociology Gérard Duhaime, has received one of the most prestigious civilian honours in the country. On December 29 2017, Mr. Duhaime was appointed an Officer of Canada by the Governor General, recognizing his many accomplishments and dedication as a northern community researcher and advocate for improving socio-economic conditions. Minnie Grey from the Inuit village of Kuujuaq and Marcelline Picard from the Innu community of Pessamit also received this honour.

MICHEL ALLARD AWARDED WESTON PRIZE

The 2017 Weston Prize, awarded by the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies, was presented in December 2017 at the Arctic Change conference to Michel Allard, a permafrost specialist and professor of Geography (Université Laval), in recognition of his leadership in and commitment to research on the North. He was awarded a \$50,000 grant, in addition to a postdoctoral fellowship for a student and travel funds in Inuit territories.



Awarding of the prize to Michel Allard
Arctic Change 2017

HABITATS ET CULTURES WORKSHOP DIRECTED BY ANDRÉ CASAULT: THREE STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL ARCHITECTS WITHOUT BORDERS COMPETITION 2017

The first edition of **Architects Without Borders**' 2017 'Indigenous Housing' competition focused on projects for remote areas. The volunteer organization helps vulnerable communities by promoting an inclusive architecture and collaborative processes. The competition criteria included: adaptability of dwellings over time, cultural adequacy, respect for the natural environment, social inclusion and feasibility. Among 80 proposals, the *Colored Mountain Houses* project for Salluit by Antonin Boulanger Cartier, Pierre-Olivier Demeule and Marie-Claude Gravel won first prize. The project was carried out as part of André Casault's 2016 Habitats + Cultures masters studio which involved the communities of Salluit and Uashat mak Mani-utenam, as well as several other actors. The winning proposal imagines a cluster of twenty houses on a rock outcrop within the village. Built with local materials like stone and earth, the dwellings share a temperate space and are interconnected by wooden footbridges built over the infrastructure



Winning team: Marie-Claude Gravel, Pierre Olivier Demeule, Anthonin Boulanger Cartier



Houses implemented on a rock outcrop



Shared temperate space between houses habitations.

NEW STUDENT RESEARCHERS ARE NOW PART OF THE TEAM !

PhD Theses

- *L'espace public temporaire chez les Innus comme outil d'affirmation sociale* By **Élisa Gouin**, PhD candidate in architecture, UL - (dir. G. Vachon)
- *Les femmes inuites, la gouvernance et le bien-être communautaire au Nunavik* By **Bettina Koschade**, Candidate au PhD, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture, Concordia University. (dir. Caroline Desbiens)
- *Reconsidérer le paysage urbain des communautés inuit du Nunavik : vers une meilleure compréhension des impacts de la sédentarisation sur la relation au territoire* By **Marika Vachon**, PhD candidate in architecture, UL (dir. M. Blais and C. Hervé).

RESEARCH MASTERS

- *Repenser les infrastructures comme éléments déterminants de l'environnement urbain en milieu nordique* By **David Allard Martin**, M.A candidate, UQÀM (dir. Patrick Evans)
- *État de la pratique architecturale en milieu autochtone au Québec* By **Audray Fréchette Barbeau**, M.Sc Architecture candidate, UL (dir. M. Blais and G. Vachon)
- *Habiter et bâtir Ninan Nitassinan (notre territoire): Regard sur les ressources naturelles et locales utilisables dans la construction contemporaine innue* By **Antonin Boulanger Cartier**, M.Sc Architecture candidate, UL (dir. A. Casault)
- *Home made Home: Le sol, source de matériaux locaux au Nunavik* By **Pierre-Olivier Demeule**, M.Sc Architecture candidate, UL (dir. A. Casault)
- *L'architecture nordique de Papineau Gérin-Lajoie: Analyse et extrapolations de cinq bâtiments visionnaires construits au Nunavik / Nunavut entre 1977-1984* By **Mazouz Fayza**, M.A candidate UQÀM (dir. P. Evans)
- *Salluit : Utilisation et intégration des données des installations de suivi thermique et climatique du CEN dans le but de faciliter les prises de décisions pour l'entretien et l'expansion du milieu communautaire urbanisé* By **Sarah Gauthier**, M.Sc Geography candidate, UL (dir. M. Allard)
- *Expériences et pratiques de l'espace de socialisation dans la communauté innue de Pessamit* By **Melissa Mailhot**, M.Sc Architecture candidate, UL (dir. G. Vachon and M. Blais).

ARCHITECTURE DESIGN MASTERS

- *L'école buissonnière ; les savoirs locaux comme matière première à l'architecture* Par **Audrey Turcotte**, M.Architecture candidate, UL - Essai (projet) (dir. É. Bernier, Hatem+D)

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URBAN DESIGN MASTERS

• **Regards sur le patrimoine territorial inuit : Composition d'un atlas identitaire (essai)** By Mathieu Avarello, M.Sc Urban Design candidate, UL (dir. G. Vachon and É. Rivard, Groupe A / Annexe U) • **Scénarios stratégiques pour Salluit. D'hypothèses en visions futures: Processus de design pour un aménagement sensible et approprié (projet)** By Mathieu Avarello, M.Sc Urban Design candidate, UL, Nicolas Delucinge, M.Sc Urban Design candidate and Sarah Gauthier, M.Sc Geography candidate, UL (dir. G. Vachon and M. Allard)

CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN WORKSHOP DIRECTED BY MYRIAM BLAIS AWARDED AIA'S STUDIO PRIZE 2017

The Construction and Design workshop “Vagabond, Nomadic House” from the Laval University School of Architecture, directed by Myriam Blais in the winter of 2017, won the prestigious Studio Prize awarded by the American Institute of Architects (AIA). This award recognizes the excellence and innovative nature of design-research projects carried out in university studios, both in terms of the social relevance of the challenges addressed and the quality of the solutions presented.

Through the notion of “inhabiting”, the workshop led a reflection on the nomadic ideal and the relationship to the territory in the context of the recent settlement of Inuit communities. Several innovative house proposals for Inukjuak have crossed the themes of construction, imagination and experience at different scales. AIA representatives will present the award to student designers at a friendly cocktail reception on March 12 2018 at the Laval University School of Architecture. You are all welcome !



Nordic Home
By Alexandre Morin



Qatigiipuut—Let's Do It Together
By Marie-Jeanne Allaire-Côté



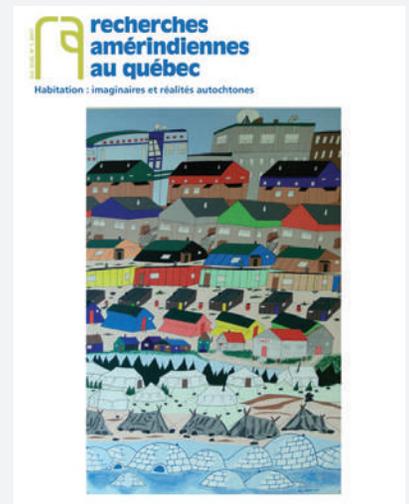
The North, As Perceived
By Melissa Mailhot

NEW JOURNAL ISSUE ON INDIGENOUS HOUSING

“RECHERCHES AMÉRINDIENNES AU QUÉBEC” THEMATIC ISSUE MAKES IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION

Our colleague Denise Piché (retired professor of architecture) has orchestrated the edition of a magnificent and important thematic issue on the theme of *Housing: Indigenous Realities and Imaginings*. The abundantly illustrated issue brings together a dozen articles and testimonials to paint a rich portrait of current research on indigenous housing around three main issues: living, producing and innovating. Several contributions relate to Innu communities on the North Shore and Inuit villages in Nunavik, including several submitted by members of the Living in Northern Quebec partnership.

The original contribution of the issue is based on the diversity of views and research methods discussed, opening up even more perspectives, particularly on the actions taken by the communities themselves, their participation in changes, and possible angles of transformation in line with local culture and values. The superb cover is the work of Alec Gordon, an Inuit artist from Kuujuaq who also works for CBC North. The launch of the RAQ special issue took place at the Laval University's School of Architecture on February 15th, with a authors, students and friends.



Special issue cover
Recherches amérindiennes au Québec

NEW PROJECTS

LIVING IN THE NORTH: THINKING IT / TELLING IT / BUILDING IT

Colloquium for the 86th ACFAS congress, UQAC

“Living in the North: Thinking it / Telling it / Building It” shows a desire to express assumed Nordic roots and a collective identity that is whole and inclusive. Researchers from all disciplines will discuss how humankind and the North shape each other. They will do so by encouraging a broad reflection on the philosophical concepts of place, space, dwelling and geographical imagination; a general enrichment of the viewpoint on the human way of living. On this occasion, speakers are invited to reflect on the question of “inhabiting”, in Quebec

and circumpolar North, by taking part in one of the three axes of reflection that support these observations in an original way: (a) power and imagination; (b) housing and governance; and (c) social and technological innovation.

May 11, 2018
UQAC Sept-Îles

Program in development
Available shortly



Individual and Collective Well-being in Residential Architecture in Uashat (Laurence St-Jean, 2016)



Ça nous ressemble, Maliotenam
(photo: M. Avarello)



Young Inuit, Puvirnituq (photo: M. Avarello)

NINAN NITASSINAN CO-CONSTRUCTION CHARRETTE

Organised by the Student Committee

The “Ninan Nitassinan” charrette will mobilize the community of Uashat mak Mani-utenam to design and to build a temporary installation using local renewable, recycled or re-used materials. During the “Living in the North” colloquium part of ACFAS, a collective space animated by the new installation will be realized and inaugurated with the Innu citizens. At the end of an inter-university design charrette, the winning team accompanied by young Innu builders will build the installation together. The program of activities will follow shortly.

May 7 to 11, 2018, Maliotenam

INTERDISCIPLINARY NORTHERN STUDIES DAY

On June 6, researchers and students from three Laval University northern research networks (Living in Northern Quebec, Northern Sustainable Development Research Chair, and Centre for Northern Studies) will present the results of their respective interdisciplinary projects. The event, directed by Thierry Rodon, will be held at Laval University’s School of Architecture. The program under development will be unveiled shortly. Free admission to all interested!

June 6, 2018, Laval U. School of Architecture

2nd STUDENT SYMPOSIUM: LIVING IN NORTHERN QUEBEC

Organised by the Student Committee

Following the success of its first edition, the LiNQ student symposium will be back in force for a second consecutive year. Several scholarship students will gather to share research-creation or empirical results, as well as reflections completed or in progress, in the context of essays, dissertations and theses. An interdisciplinary panel will comment on and evaluate the presentations

up for awards. Once again, the objectives are to make the student research known to partners and the general public, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and the partnership itself.

A summary will be available on Facebook and www.habiterlenordquebecois.org.

May 4, 2018

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FOR THE LIST OF ALL FINANCED AND CURRENT PROJECTS :
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RECENT ACTIVITIES

ARCTIC CHANGE 2017 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, QUEBEC CITY

The Arctic Change 2017 conference in Quebec City (December 11 to 15) brought together 1450 participants, including representatives of First Nations and Inuit communities, students, and researchers from all fields. The **Arctic Housing and Community Planning** session on December 14, hosted by Mylène Riva and Geneviève Vachon, brought together a dozen presentations, each as nutritious as the next. The day ended with a stimulating panel led by Paul Parsons (KRG partner) and bringing together Olivia Ikey (Qarjuut Youth Council Nunavik), Kate Mitchell (Nunatsiavut Government) and Mason White (Lateral Office). The dynamism of the panelists and their innovative ideas led the public into a discussion that was sensitive to the current planning and governance conditions of northern Aboriginal communities.

The majority of the presentations were recorded and will be made available during the 2018 winter semester on habiterlenordquebecois.org.



Olivia Ikey, Kate Mitchell, Mason White and Paul Parsons: Event's Panel

2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NITASSINAN : CO-PRODUCING KNOWLEDGE IN ACTION

The 2017 General Assembly, which took place in Uashat mak Mani-utenam from May 30 to June 1, 2017, held several related activities that in their own way mobilized the community, professionals, youth - Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, Inuit and Innu - together. A co-design workshop entitled **Shared Visions for Culturally Significant Equipment** led to scenarios for the future of Mani-utenam's Uikanishitshuap Family House. While the architects noted that they learned a great deal from discussions and discussions with Innu and Inuit stakeholders, members of the Aboriginal communities appreciated a concrete collaborative design process with the architects. The opportunity to learn about the needs of Innu and Inuit communities, the value of exchanges in this intercultural and interdisciplinary context, and the importance of involving all stakeholders in the design of a common

project were the elements that marked the participants. Marika Vachon, PhD candidate and co-orchestratrix, intends to publish an article on the results of the co-design activity, which we will share as soon as available.

The '**Ça nous ressemble: raconte, construis ou habite**' activity, carried out with Innu youth from the Manikanetish High School, allowed the creation of ephemeral facilities representative of the relationships with the territory. Five teams of high school Innu, accompanied by student mentors from the Laval University School of Architecture, imagined and constructed original sculptures using wood, poles, rope and "sapinage" collected on the territory. The creative spirit of the youth generated several discussions among members of the jury, impressed by the poetic manner in which the installations were reminiscent of the traditional Innu

Finally, the SHQ Symposium **Innovation in Construction and Planning in Aboriginal Communities** provided an opportunity to share issues, aspirations and innovations in northern communities. Some 40 partners and guests from all disciplines, as well as several Innu and Inuit communities, generated new ideas.

All the activities, reflections, comments and list of participants are reported on in the minutes of the 2017 General Assembly at the following address:

habiterlenordquebecois.org/rapport-ag2017



Co-design workshop in Maliotenam, Mai 2017 (photo : M. Mailhot)



ENCOUNTERS,
Laval University School of Architecture

RENCONTRES / ENCOUNTERS EXHIBITION

The exhibition ENCOUNTERS presents a series of elements of a perceptual, reflective or exploratory nature. It demonstrates know-hows, sketches landscapes, and reports on cultural practices - in images, objects and words. Among the elements on display, two kayaks built by young Inuit from the community of Puvirnituk charm the curious in a demonstration of traditional craftsmanship that is both ingenious and seductive.



ENCOUNTERS, McEwen School of Architecture
Laurentian University

To date, the nomadic exhibition has been presented at the Laval University School of Architecture in Quebec City from September 5 to 27 2017, at the McEwen School of Architecture at Laurentian University in Sudbury from December 6, 2018 to January 26 2018, and at the Quebec City Convention Center as part of the international Arctic Change colloquium from December 11 to 15 2017.



ENCOUNTERS, Palais des congrès de Québec
Arctic Change 2017

KUUJJUAQ HACKATHON, FALL 2017

Organized by McGill University and the Kuujjuaq community, the Hackathon drew on the ideas of the 21st CCA Interuniversity Charrette : *Reassembling the North*. By involving young people and local citizens, various objects from the municipal landfill were collected and reused as construction materials. In just 4 days, a community pavilion for the village's outdoor skating rink was erected by students and residents. The pavilion is adjacent to the sports fields and marks a hub of activities in the heart of the village. The activity is a unique precedent that has brought together a wide range of contributors. The activity challenges local organizations, schools and architectural firms to adopt a collaborative approach to planning and construction that values culture and Inuit ingenuity in design. present in Nunavik.

For more information : [fb.com/nunavikhackathon](https://www.facebook.com/nunavikhackathon)



Upcycling Up North: Going Beyond Design-build

BOOK LAUNCH FOR HABITER ICI / LIVING HERE : A PORTRAIT OF INNU AND INUIT COMMUNITIES

The partnership launched its first book in September 2017 at the opening of the ENCOUNTERS exhibition at the School of Architecture in Quebec City. '*Living here*' is an illustrated portrait of the built environment of each Nunavik village and Nitassinan community. Maps and photos of each community, all at the same scale, are accompanied by texts from Indigenous poets and writers, as well as a preface by Jean Désy. The project highlights the "ordinary" and extraordinary landscapes of the communities through the eyes of architecture and urban design students at Laval University's School of Architecture.

The printing of the book and mailing to the communities was funded by a grant from the Secrétariat aux Affaires autochtones du Québec, which we thank.



Habiter Ici / Living Here cover

DESIGN STUDIOS IN PROGRESS

THINKING TOGETHER ABOUT THE ARCHITECTURE OF YOUTH CENTERS

Directed by Myriam Blais, 15 Master's students, Laval University School of Architecture

The Construction and Design workshop is conducted in close collaboration with our partner ARK. It explores new approaches to the programming, design and construction of Youth Centers and / or Intergenerational Homes in Nunavik villages.

The goal is to design architectural forms that will:

- highlight the aspirations and identity/cultural traits of communities, as well as youngsters and elders;
- support community development, participation and investment;
- enable meetings and strengthen intergenerational links;

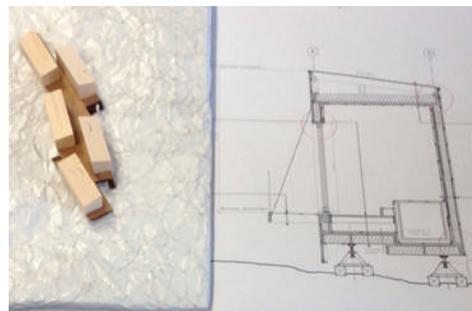
- accompany people in their culturally significant activities;
- provide shelter, support and resources;
- to highlight the qualities of the vast and rich territories of habitation and occupation.

Important dates:

February 27th: Preliminary projects review.

Week of April 30th: Final presentations.

Meetings in Umiujuaq, Inukjuak, Puvirnituq and Akulivik are scheduled Feb. 17-22, 2018.



Myriam Blais's Workshop
(Rita Kahwaji, Joudi Sayegh, et Audrey Riopelle)

ATELIER N360

Directed by Patrick Evans, 10 Master's students, Design, UQÀM, Montreal.

This year's N360 WINTER STUDIO takes students on the long road to Kuujuaq passing through Wabush, Fermont and Schefferville along the way. The first project is the design and construction of a travelling exhibition that presents contemporary and traditional design solutions in different circumpolar regions. The exhibition travels with the group and will be set up in 3 different locations. The second project involves the delivery of 20 copies of Sanannugait building blocks game to Nunavik's preschools.

This Inuktitut based construction game was designed collaboratively at UQAM by Victor Bernaudin. The UQAM students will work closely with KRG and teachers from Nunavik's 14 villages to prepare support material and activities related to the game in an effort to foster interest and discussion about the built environment in Nunavik's schools.

Important Dates :

16-21 March : Wabush, Fermont, Schefferville

22-26 march : Kuujuaq

2-9 mai : Public exhibition at UQAM



Exhibition sneakpeak
For more information visit n360.uqam.ca

TO YOUR SCHEDULES!

2nd STUDENT COLLOQUIUM

May 4, 2018, Quebec City "Maison de la littérature"

NINAN NITASSINAN CO-CONSTRUCTION CHARRETTE

May 7 to 11, 2018, Malioténam

ACFAS 2018 CONFERENCE

Living in northern Quebec colloquium

May 11 2018, UQAC, Sept-Îles

2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 15-16-17, 2018, McGill University and UQÀM, Montreal (exact place to be confirmed)

INTERDISCIPLINARY NORTHERN STUDIES DAY

June 6, 2018, Laval University School of Architecture

NEXT CALL FOR PROJECTS AND GRANTS

April 27, 2018

INSA STRASBOURG INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

February 2019 (informations to come)

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