People and Plants

- **People and plants** have a long history of shared relationships.
- **People** practice these relationships in many different ways: for example, through harvesting, caring for plants, and through storytelling. The lives of people are influenced by their relationships with plants.
- **Plants** are also influenced by people, and have their own stories to tell. In some places, certain plants or plant communities are found at important cultural sites. Plants can act as ‘footprints’ of human presence on the land.

Research Interests

- I am interested in the dynamic relationships between people and plants in Labrador — a place where people continue to value and depend on the land, and where relationships with plants remain important. Personally, it is important to me to learn from the people and plants of my new home.

Unikkausingit Inuit amma piguttungit

IlukKusingit amma nunamiutangillu ilagengit Inuit amma piguttunginut Makkovik, Nunatsiavut (Labrador)

The shared stories of people and plants

Cultural and ecological relationships between people and plants in Makkovik, Nunatsiavut (Labrador)

Inuit ammalu Pigutsiat

- **Inuit ammalu pigutsiat** akuni Kaujimajaujunik ikajuttigesimajut
- **Inuit** ottugakattajut tamakkuninga ikajuttigennimik Kanutuinnak adjigengitunik: ottotigillugu katitsuunikikut, paitsinimmik pigutsianik, ammalu unikkausikkut. Inosigijangit inuit attutauKattavut Kanuk inosikaniammangâammit pigutsianit.
- **Pigutsiat** attutauKattamijut inunnut, ammalu namminik unikkausiKammijut. Ilanginni iniujuni, pigutsiat upvalu pigutsialet nunalet napvâtauKattajut ikKanattunut ilugguset inigijaujunut. Pigutsiat atuttausot sollu ‘tumigijaullutik’ inunnut iniKasimanninginnut nunatsuami.

Kaujisannik KanuttogutiKannik

- KanuttogutiKatsiamagivunga atuniKatsigejunjik akungani inunnut ammalu pigutsianik Labradorimi — inik suli inuit atuniKatsiamagijut ammalu najuttikajut nunatsuami, ammalu ikajuttigenikikut tamakkuninga pigutsiat suli ikkanattumagijunut. Uvannuli, ikkanattumagik iliinnigiamit inunnit ammalu pigutsianik nutâk aniggagilittaganik.
Project goals

Thank you to everyone who spoke with me in 2012/2013 about their priorities for research on people-plant relationships in Makkovik. This project focuses on two of these interrelated priorities, which are:

“The stories people tell about plants”
- To help document the plant knowledge of Makkovimiut, in order to better understand the importance of plants to life in Makkovik.

“The stories plants tell about people”
- To learn more about how plant communities in and around Makkovik reflect the important role of people in their growth and development.

This project also aims to work towards project outcomes identified as important by Makkovimiut, particularly:

- Developing a guidebook to plants in Makkovik
- Documenting the plants of culturally-important areas
- Supporting opportunities for young people to learn about plants
- Supporting the inclusion of plant knowledge into local programs for wellness, education and tourism

Suliatsangit

Nakumme ilonnasi uKâlalauttut uvannut 2012/2013-ami unikkausinganit Kinigatsanganit Inuit–Piguttulu ilagettunit Makkovimi. Tapkua suliatsait maggonik katiKatigejok suvullipânik, Tapkua allattaujut:

“unikkausingit Inuit unikkausingit piguttunik”
- ikajujut piulitsijutlunit piguttuit Kaujimajminik Makkovimiut, tukisisiattausongulâmatta suliKajuminik piguttuit Inunnut Makkovimi.

"unikkauset piguttungit uKausijut Inunnit"
- Ilinniattlutik unuttunik Kanuk piguttuit nunalimini iluani amma nanituinnak Makkovimi takujaumangât suKutigijisujut Inunnut nunaligijimini.

Tanna suliatsalet suliaKagasuajuk suliatsaminut pijagegumajunganut suKutigijisumangât Makkovimi,sulluli:

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Thank you - Nakummek!