During the month of August, our faculty members were enjoying the rest of summer and preparing for the upcoming academic year. In this newsletter, we’re catching up with one of our researchers and what has happened since spring.

Standing Committee Presentation
SPHERU researcher James Daschuk made a presentation to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs at the Senate of Canada in May this year. Daschuk, alongside John Milloy (Trent University), spoke in front of the committee to provide context for the study on the new relationship between the federal government and Indigenous peoples in the prairies. Daschuk provided context as to initial relationships between Indigenous populations and the federal government and contemporary relations. For the full presentation: [http://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/in-committee-from-the-senate-of-canada/episodes/51106311](http://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/in-committee-from-the-senate-of-canada/episodes/51106311)

Nelson Mandela Foundation Dialogues
In June, Daschuk was also invited to participate in the Nelson Mandela Foundation Dialogues. The event brought together Canadian and international experts to discuss Indigenous issues. The conference, which took place from June 26 to July 1, brought together more than 30 human rights advocates from Canada and around the world. This year’s theme was reconciliation, focusing on 94 recommendations by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The fourth conference was hosted at Enoch Cree Nation, near Edmonton.

Saskatchewan Lung Association
A familiar face will be part of the Saskatchewan Lung Association board meetings. SPHERU’s James Daschuk also joined the Board of Directors of the association in April.

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