

First, a commitment to our community.

At its core, our network is about bringing people together. We strive to break down the barriers that divide us, facilitate open communication amongst our members, and build new collaborations in pursuit of more equitable, inclusive research teams.

To do this, the leadership of the MiH-RCN commits to sustained, anti-racist, and anti-colonial actions that:

1. Diversify our stories, research, and resources in order to amplify marginalized voices through our network events, publications, and initiatives.
2. Develop space, unique support, and response resources for members from excluded or marginalized groups on our website and communication channels.
3. Devalue traditional hierarchies of authority by providing leadership opportunities for all members, especially early career participants, Indigenous participants, and participants from other marginalized groups.

Our skills, knowledge, and expertise are stronger when we collaborate in an open, just community. Our network leverages our participants from all walks of life to develop impactful research teams. Everyone has valuable contribution to make, and we strive to incorporate principles of understanding, openness, and equity into all our work.

This is an ongoing commitment, please collaborate and share any feedback about how we can continue to do this important work together.

In gratitude,



Victoria Herrmann, Principle Investigator

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Welcome to our first monthly newsletter. In this edition:

- **Arctic Fires: Infographic**
- **Seminar: Storytelling and Sharing Your Work**
- **Community Survey: Slack Channel**



“I love writing for the public and bringing the story of forgotten changes on the edges of the world to their attention.”

MiH-RCN Steering Committee Member Brian Buma, PhD

How are more fires changing the Arctic?

Find out the answer to that *burning question* in the first MiH-RCN publication! Our fire infographic highlights the work of Steering Committee member Dr. Brian Buma, an Assistant Professor of Quantitative Biology at the University of Colorado.



As the Arctic undergoes rapid changes, Dr. Buma is “fascinated by how ecosystems change. They seem so permanent, but then they change in a blink - a wildfire, or windstorm, or drought.” From Alaska to Chile, he studies how plants and animals respond to change, what makes systems resilient, and the ways in which we communicate these changes. “If we are ever going to effect change, to move beyond documentation, we need to tell good and true stories. But I believe it can be done.” See the research [here](#) in exciting graphic representation.

Online Seminar: Storytelling and Sharing Your Work

The MiH-RCN has over 320 network participants from 43 countries, and each one has a story to tell – including you. Our members are Mexican biologists and Canadian journalists; Finnish archeology students and Afghan human rights lawyers. MiH-RCN is committed to helping you share your research, experience, and passion through events, publications, and working groups. And that journey starts on June 24th when you join us for a virtual workshop on storytelling.



On Wednesday June 24th at 2:00 PM EDT, join us for a webinar led by award-winning filmmaker Mike Snyder to learn how you should think about your research topics and experiences in the context of a story, how to develop photographer and videographer partnerships, and how to pitch your work to different outlets. You'll hear about his experience producing the science film [Into the Dark](#) on the polar night and [photographing](#) changing lives on Svalbard.

This event is a great opportunity to meet fellow members and start networking before July's webinar on coalition building and cross-sectoral collaborations. Don't miss these 90-minute events to break-the-ice and put faces to names in our growing network.

[Free Event Registration](#)

Community Survey: Slack



For future events, we'll be able to ask questions, engage and access resources ahead of time through the MiH-RCN Slack channel. Next month, when we launch the free Slack workspace—members can connect to: find a mentor, funding opportunities, share articles or interesting research, and create working groups. Help our team tailor the Slack channel to the community's needs by completing this quick three-minute survey.

[Take our 3-min Survey](#)

