

# SIGNALS

## NEWSLETTER

### A MESSAGE FROM LEIA JONES, SIGNALS PRESIDENT

Hello and happy New Year to everyone in the SIGNALS community! I hope that you had a restful holiday season and are staying safe during these challenging times. It is an absolute honour to be your next SIGNALS president, and I promise to do my best to ensure that SIGNALS delivers new and innovate events.

With this, I am thrilled to announce the release of the first volume of the SIGNALS newsletter. The idea for this newsletter was raised in our first meeting as a new Executive in the Fall and was something that everyone jumped on as the perfect way to communicate and engage with the larger SIGNALS community. We hope that you like the idea as much as we do and that it brings value to your lives and helps you to feel more connected to the SIGNALS community. As this is our first edition, we felt it was important to take the time to introduce the new SIGNALS Executive. The new team is composed of alumni, students from across the three streams of the Sustainable Energy program, and a professor. The new Executive was formed in late Fall, and we are following in the footsteps of former Presidents John McNally and Colin Gunning. We hope to continue their great work, whilst embarking on our own journey by creating new initiatives and launching new events. We hope to be more active on social media, sharing bi-weekly job postings, as well anything that catches our eye in the energy field. We are planning to go ahead with the annual SIGNALS gala (which will either be online or in-person depending on the latest COVID-19 situation), and we are planning a brand-new event around International Women's day in March to highlight the impressive women in our community. We will also be running the mentorship program again this year. I am truly excited for everything that we have in store this year and believe that with the energy that the exec brings, signals will continue to grow and transform.

I hope you enjoy the first volume of the newsletter, and you can expect the next newsletter in the Spring. If anyone has any questions or concerns (or would just like to chat about SIGNALS, or anything at all) please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or anyone on the Executive. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you a little better.

Best,  
Leia

## Newsletter Highlights

A message from  
SIGNALS President, Leia  
Jones

Introduction to the  
SIGNALS Executive

What is SIGNALS and the  
SIGNALS Newsletter?

We want to hear from  
YOU!

## Get in Touch!

 **Email:** [president@signalsnetwork.ca](mailto:president@signalsnetwork.ca)

 **Facebook:** [SIGNALS Network](#)

 **LinkedIn:** [SIGNALS Network](#)

 **Twitter:** [@signalsnetwork](#)

 **Website:** Coming soon!

## NEWS, UPDATES, & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Early 2022:** Launching SIGNALS Mentorship Program. There's still time to sign up to be a mentor! Please contact us if you're interested.
- **March 2022:** International Women's Day: Women in Clean Tech Panel Event (date & time TBD).
- **May 2022:** The SIGNALS Gala is back!\* Reach out and let us know who you would like to see as a guest speaker this year!



# Meet the SIGNALS Executive



## **Leia Jones, President** (she/her/hers)

- Alumni, MA Sustainable Energy Policy
- Currently working at NRCan on the Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative and Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities Program.
- **Interests:** Community energy systems, hiking, and tennis.



## **Mohamed Nassar, Treasurer** (he/him/his)

- Alumni, MA Sustainable Energy Policy
- Currently working on the GHG emission reduction cap in the oil and gas sector at ECCC.
- **Interests:** Energy Efficiency, Soccer



## **Stephan Schott, Alumni-Faculty-Student Relations** (he/him/his)

- Professor at Carleton with research focused on Northern remote Indigenous communities, alternative energy and sustainable development in the Arctic, fishery and wildlife management.
- **Interests:** outdoor activities, soccer, chatting



## **Samantha Jarvis, Social Media Manager** (she/her/hers)

- Alumni, MA Sustainable Energy Policy
- Currently working at ECCC on the Migratory Birds Conservation Unit.
- **Interests:** Sociotechnical transitions, rock climbing, and travelling to new and interesting places!



## **Lauren Johnson, Webmaster & MailChimp Manager** (she/her/hers)

- Alumni, MA Sustainable Energy Policy
- Currently working as a policy analyst in ECCC's Electricity and Combustion Division.
- **Interests:** Embroidery, all things outdoors, being Mom to a majestic lion named Sufian.



## **Hayden Walker, Alumni Relations Rep** (he/him/his)

- 1st year MA student with research interests in transition pathways for the Western Canadian Energy Sector
- **Interests:** Mountain biking, football

## WHAT IS SIGNALS AND THE SIGNALS NEWSLETTER?

SIGNALS is an alumni network that aims to build a professional network between alumni, students, and faculty that facilitates employment placements, engages in discussions around sustainability and organizes public speaker events.

The new SIGNALS newsletter will be released quarterly and aims to bring together our ever-growing community.

The newsletter will profile our events, keep you updated on what the Executive is working on, and showcase the amazing work alumni, professors, and students are doing.

We want to keep the newsletter fluid and dynamic and are open to any ideas you may have for future editions. Together we hope that we can build and shape this newsletter to be an effective tool for bringing the SIGNALS community together!

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## Andrew MacMillan, Event Planner (he/him/his)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year MASC engineering student with research focused on energy modelling, particularly in the context of arctic communities.
- **Interests:** spending time outdoors hiking and cross-country skiing



## Victoria Asi, General Support (she/her/hers)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year MASC engineering student with research focused on on the acoustics and characterizing of noise emission from small wind turbines.
- **Interests:** Cooking, meeting people.



## Jamie Ness, General Support (she/her/hers)

- Alumni, MA Sustainable Energy Policy
- Currently working at NRCan in strategic policy, coordination, and Indigenous accommodation for TMX
- **Interests:** Ecosystem services and natural capital, skiing, bouldering, hiking, and reading



## Kaushal Panchal, General Support (he/him/his)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year M.Eng student
- **Interests:** Getting involved in different extracurricular activities outside of my academic studies.



## Silke Popescu, General Support (she/her/hers)

- Alumni, MA Sustainable Energy Policy
- Currently working in ISED's clean growth branch
- **Interests:** Reading, skiing, baking, clean technology, and the intersection of social factors and energy transition challenges and opportunities.

## We Want to Hear Your Stories!

Send us your updates, good news stories, milestones and we'll be sure to share across our community!

Want to share? Email us at [president@signalsnetwork.ca](mailto:president@signalsnetwork.ca)

ALUMNI FEATURES

SIGNALS wants to feature profiles on our Alumni and Professors and the work you're doing! We hope this will help connect our community and showcase the variety of fields and scope of topics that our members are focused on in the energy and environment space.

## OUR PERSPECTIVES

Every quarter, a member of the SIGNALS Executive team, or a guest writer will share their perspective on a current, emerging, or exciting energy or environment topic!

*Are you interested in sharing your perspective on a topic? Is there something specific you want to hear about?*

We would be happy to hear from you! Please contact us at [president@signalsnetwork.ca](mailto:president@signalsnetwork.ca) or reach out to Jamie Ness directly at [jamie\\_ness@hotmail.com](mailto:jamie_ness@hotmail.com).

## STUDENTS CORNER

SIGNALS is here to support and showcase Alumni and our current cohorts!

We hope to use this space to highlight our current students in the MA, M.Eng, and MASc programs!

Are you working on something you're passionate about? Have you been published recently? Are there updates you want to share across the network – let us know!

**JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!**

Looking for a job? SIGNALS posts new postings bi-weekly on Facebook and LinkedIn!

Are you hiring? Leverage SIGNALS – send us the details and we'll be sure to share!