

Contributors

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regional identities, and how they might be used to enhance public education about environmental issues.

ROSEMARY CURLEY recently retired from her position as natural areas biologist with the Province of Prince Edward Island. Her duties included membership on the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada and conserving species-at-risk on PEI. While participating in the General Status of Species in Canada program, she coordinated coarse status assessments of more than 1,500 PEI species from mosquitoes to mammals. She has also participated in plant collections that will lead to a new book on the flora of Prince Edward Island. She is currently editor of the Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists newsletter, *The Biolink*, and is a member of the editorial committee of *The Island Magazine*.

JOHN R. GILLIS, professor emeritus, Rutgers University, is now actively involved with the Island Institute at Rockland, Maine. He has also taught at Stanford, Princeton, and the University of California, and is a life member of Clare Hall, Cambridge. He is the author of *Islands of the Mind: How the Human Imagination Created the Atlantic World* (2004) and the co-editor of *Becoming Historians* (2009). His *The Human Shore: Seacoasts in Human History* (2013) traces coastal migrations around the world. He is concerned not only with the material conditions of coasts but with their cultural meanings. He challenges the conventions of both maritime and territorial history that have treated coasts as belonging either to water or to land by showing they are ecotones, combining both elements in a unique environment that has produced a distinctive culture now threatened with extinction.

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COLIN MACINTYRE graduated from the University of Prince Edward Island with a bachelor's degree in history in 2007 and a master's degree in Island Studies in 2011. His MA thesis, "An Environmental Pre-History of Prince Edward Island: A Reconnaissance in Force, 1769–1970," examined two hundred years of environment-related legislation. Works in progress include two articles for *The Island Magazine*, "The Prince Edward Island Potato Bug Plague," and "Albert E. Morrison: Pioneer Environmentalist."

IRENÉ NOVACZEK was born in Scotland but spent her formative years in the Maritime provinces and Quebec. She gained a BSc in biology, geology, and chemistry at Kings College/Dalhousie University, studied marine botany at the University of British Columbia, and then gained a PhD in marine ecology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Her postdoctoral studies focused on biogeography and shellfish toxicology. A long-time activist for social and environmental justice, she works with NGOs and rural communities on coastal fisheries and community development. She also worked on small islands of the Caribbean, Indonesia, Southeast Asia, and the South Pacific before becoming director of the Institute of Island Studies at University of Prince Edward Island, a post she occupied from 2004 to 2013. She owns a rural microenterprise, Oceanna Seaplants, which manufactures health and beauty products from seaweeds and organic herbs, while continuing to act as an adjunct professor and graduate faculty member in Island Studies at UPEI.

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Work and Legacy on Prince Edward Island (2015), published by Island Studies Press.

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