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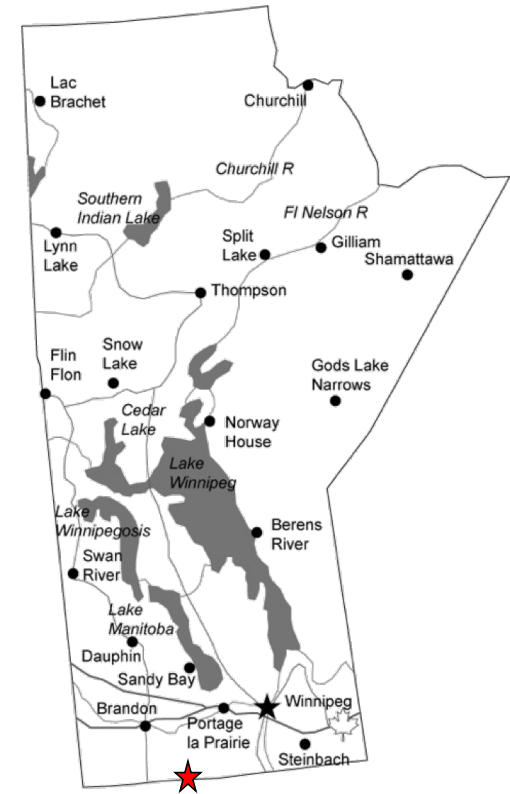
LIBRO PROFESSORSHIP AND TRENDS IN ONTARIO


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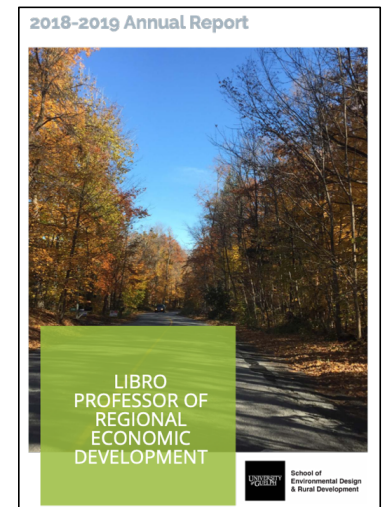
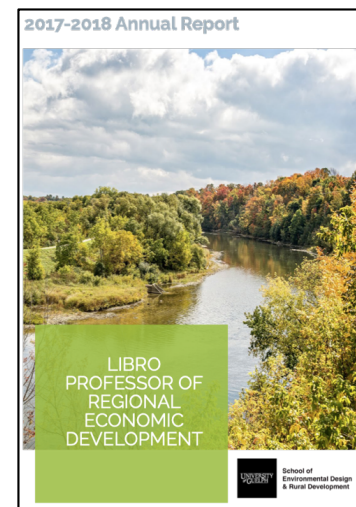
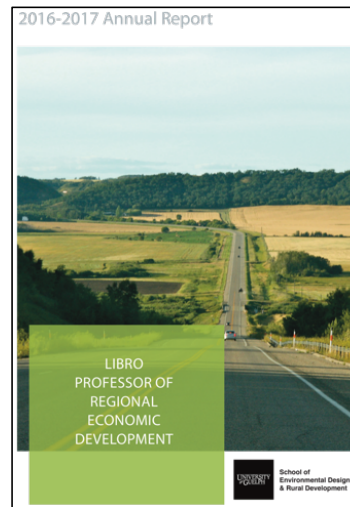


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Libro Professorship

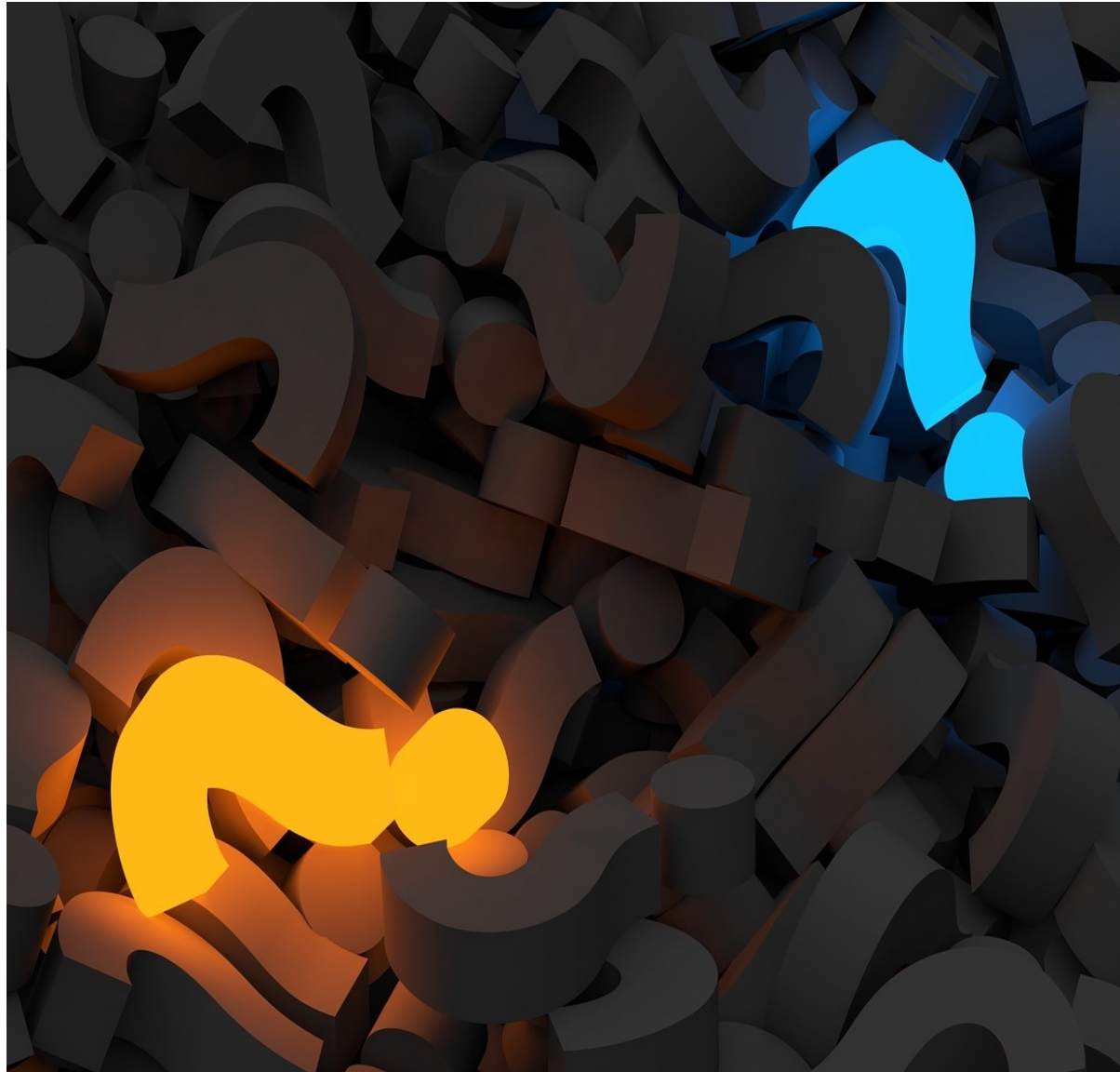
- » \$1 million, 10 year initiative
- » focused on regional economic development
- » teaching, research, service, and community engagement



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Emerging Economic Themes



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Workforce Transitions & Business Succession



Indigenous Economic Contributions





Uncertain International Trade Relationships

Infrastructure Realities





Environment

Place Matters



Successes

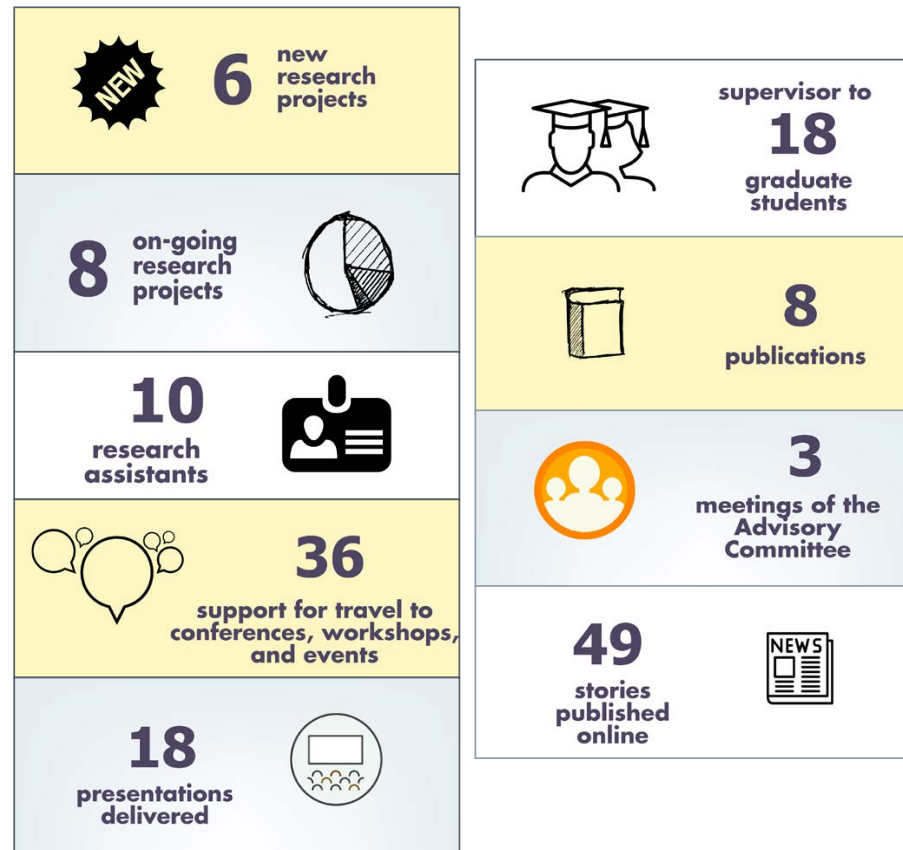
- » Breakfast discussion in Jarvis
- » Community visits in Perth County
- » Contributions to research initiatives
- » Engagement with policy leaders
- » Socio-economic impact assessment of Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health


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Libro Professor Outputs



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Illustrative Research

- Rural Infrastructure and Regional Economic Development
- Regional Economic Development Comparison between Ontario and Ireland
- Implications of Cannabis Legalization
- Evaluating the Sustainability of Nonprofit Organizations
- Role of Philanthropy and Wealth Mobility
- Evaluating Rural Policy
- Rural Immigration, Welcoming Communities, and Workforce Development

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Graduate Student Research

- Beyond the Smart City: Accessing **Open Data** in Rural Ontario (Alex Petric)
- Local **Trail Development** along Rural Canada's Share of the Great Trail (Timothy Hunting)
- The **Opioid Epidemic** and Rural, Remote, and Northern Ontario First Nation Communities (Shannon Labelle)
- **Understanding Rural**: A Comparison of Academic, Political, and Lay Discourses of Rural (Neil Stoop)
- Understanding the Dynamics of **Rural Immigration**: The Case of Perth County (Mallory Smith)
- **Agrotourism Diversification** in Ontario (Sarah Parish)
- Investigating the **Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program** in Southern Ontario (Louis Helps)
- Place-Based Rural **Innovation** Systems (Ashleigh Weeden)

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Moving Forward

- » opportunities to be engaged in current initiatives
- » opportunities to suggest new initiatives
- » opportunities to exchange knowledge
 - » Rural Symposium on February 5, 2020 in Guelph
 - » Webinars
- » opportunities to build connections to the Ontario Agriculture College and the University of Guelph

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