

Celebrating 35 years of the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives

Wednesday, October 16 | 3:00-6:30 p.m.

Please join us for a come-and-go event as the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives celebrates its first 35 years and looks forward to how its research can help provide the co-operative solutions the world needs to address its pressing problems. As part of the celebration, we will be thanking our funders from across Canada.

**Prairie Room, Diefenbaker Building
101 Diefenbaker Place
University of Saskatchewan**

Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

We hope that you can join us for all or part of our celebration! [Click here](#) to register by **October 15, 2019.**

3:00-4:30 pm | All for One and One for All? The Future of Cooperation in Co-op Federations

SPEAKERS: **Marc-Andre Pigeon**, Director, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives; **Murray Fulton**, Fellow in Co-operatives and Public Policy; **Dionne Pohler**, Fellow in Co-operative Strategy and Governance; and **Brett Fairbairn**, Fellow in Co-operative History and Governance

Co-operation among co-ops is a nice idea in theory but hard to do in practice. Earlier this year, Calgary Co-op—the largest member-owner of Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL)—announced it would stop buying its groceries from FCL and instead purchase from rival Save-On Foods. Credit unions for their part are increasingly thinking about going it alone without their central entities. In this panel, long-time observers of the sector take a critical lens to questions like: What is the responsibility of membership? Is it take what you want and leave the rest to carry the burden? Or are there higher principles in play? Co-hosted with the **Saskatchewan Co-operative Association**, this promises to be an engaging and vigorous discussion.

4:30-5:00 pm | Reception and Networking

5:00-6:30 pm | KEYNOTE TALK The Future of Co-operatives in North America

SPEAKER: **Melissa Hoover**, founding Executive Director, Democracy at Work Institute, USA

Melissa Hoover is the founding Executive Director of the Democracy at Work Institute, the think-and-do-tank that expands worker cooperatives as a strategy to address economic and racial inequality. A leader in the worker ownership movement for over fifteen years, Melissa helped start and grow the United States Federation of Worker Cooperatives, the national grassroots membership organization for worker-owned businesses.

