

The Power of Community: Resilience in the COVID-19 Era and Beyond

Presenter Biography

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Tony Charles is the Senior Research Fellow in Environment and Sustainability, and a professor in the School of the Environment and the Sobey School of Business, at Saint Mary's University. His work focuses on sustainability and resilience; climate change adaptation; poverty and food security; ecosystem-based and community-based management; community conservation; parks and protected areas; fisheries, oceans and coasts; and the governance of environmental and natural resources.

Tony is Director of the global Community Conservation Research Network (CCRN) (www.CommunityConservation.Net), which explores the linkages, at a local community level, of environmental conservation and sustainable economies. His CCRN work has led to two books: *Governing the Coastal Commons: Communities, Resilience and Transformation*, and the 2021 book *Communities, Conservation and Livelihoods*. Tony was also the lead author of two recent reports: one for the UN on the “climate-poverty nexus” (how climate change links with poverty and food security) and the second a 2020 report on *Nova Scotian Communities & Covid-19: Challenges & Resilience*. Tony has served, over the years, as an advisor to a wide range of environmental, Indigenous and community organizations.