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Laura Thompson successfully completed the accredited Gladue Writer Training delivered by Dr. Jane Dickson and in partnership with the Indigenous Perspectives Society and Royal Roads University. Laura is keen on working collaboratively to support Inuit in sharing their stories and having their voices heard.

Laura is Regional Manager of Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada's Regional office in Iqaluit. Previously, she was Senior Writer at Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI). Her work placed her in a unique position to write about cultural genocide and linguicide, housing and homelessness, wildlife and environment, Inuit training and education. She also contributed to NTI reports such as the *State of Inuit Culture and Society*.

Prior to raising her family in Nunavut, Laura was Associate Professor of Education at Acadia University where she taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Social Justice Education, Indigenous Education, Social Studies Education, and Curriculum Theory. Postcolonial theories and critical pedagogy informed her teaching and research. Laura received the Faculty of Professional Studies' Outstanding Teacher Award. A *Fondation Baxter & Alma Ricard* scholar, Laura also received the Outstanding Dissertation Award by the Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies.

Laura first visited the Qikiqtaaluk Region as a high school exchange student in 1987. She vowed then to return to Baffin Island to live. Maintaining a lifelong friendship with her host family has been one of her most rewarding experiences. Another has been raising her children on their homeland of Nunavut.