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Finding Hope in Precarity: Reflections from The Field

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Glance Bay (Asikeskuank [Bright Sheet of Water]), a colonial coal mining town on Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island (U'nama'kik [Place of Fog]), has been navigating deindustrialization and negotiating precarity for several decades. Since the region's last major industrial plants (steel and coal) were closed in 2001, Glance Bay and its residents have experienced increased unemployment, out migration and abandonment, drug crises, and general ruination. With an aim to investigate the future orientated problem of hope within precarity, I began fieldwork in Glance Bay in February 2022. In this talk I will introduce you to Glance Bay, as I have been experiencing it, and consider some of the major challenges that residents engage and the tactics that they deploy. Further, I will reflect upon some of the methodologies I have taken up to understand hope in Glance Bay, as well as some of the complications of fieldwork here in 2022.

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