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YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MARCH 27, 2015
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Post-Secondary Conference Program

Time	Activity
7:00-8:00	Pipe ceremony
8:00-8:30	Light refreshments
8:30-8:50	Student meet and greet
8:50-9:15	Opening prayer and welcome
9:15-10:00	Keynote: Stan Wesley, Anishnabe “Our Original Agreements to Care for One Another”
10:00-10:15	Wellness break
10:15-11:15	Panel Discussion: “Reclaiming and re-envisioning Indigenous Identity” Moderator: Stanley Wesley Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hadley Friedland (Revitalizing Indigenous Law) • Tanya Kappo (Modern Indian Rights and Relationship Building) • Dwayne Donald (Indigenous Philosophies of Curriculum and Pedagogy) • Derek Thunder (A Sacred Journey)
11:15-11:30	Lunch pick-up; return to Hall D for lunch session
11:30-12:00	Lunch Session: “Cultural sharing, entertainment and celebration of resilience”
12:00-12:10	<i>Move to session 2</i>

12:10-1:10	<p>Workshops sessions:</p> <p><i>Conference participants will be asked to rank presentation by interest at the time of registration. All efforts will be made to best accommodate participants' preferences.</i></p> <p>“Relationship and Reconciliation” by Tanya Kappo</p> <p>“Creating New Stories Through Indigenous Law” by Hadley Friedland and Lindsay Burrows</p> <p>“A Sacred Journey” by Derek Thunder</p> <p>“Holistic Understandings of Life and Living” by Dr. Dwayne Donald and Elder Bob Cardinal</p>
1:10-1:20	Wellness break
1:20-2:20	Facilitated action planning for reconciliation workshop sessions as an extension of the 12:10-1:10 workshops in same rooms
2:20-2:30	Wellness break
2:20-3:20	<p>“Humour for Healing” By Stan Wesley</p>
3:20-3:30	Walk to City Hall for the Round dance

Presenter Profiles & Presentation Synopses



Dr. Dwayne Donald is a descendent of the amiskwaciwiyniwak and the Papaschase Cree and is an associate professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. His work focuses on ways in which Indigenous philosophies can expand and enhance our understandings of curriculum and pedagogy.



Bob Cardinal is a father of four children and Mooshum for ten grandchildren. He is an Elder from Enoch Cree Nation, where he lives and follows traditional protocols for ceremonies. Over the years he has served Creator and Aboriginal peoples in humble ways. In 1994, he became the first Aboriginal Cultural Helper in a hospital in Canada at the Royal Alexandra Hospital where he gained respect and trust among physicians and staff. Bob has also worked with the RCMP K Division and the National Parole Board as a Cultural Advisor. He believes that if you respect other beliefs, that same respect will be returned to you.

About Donald & Cardinal's *"Holistic Understandings of Life and Living"*

In this session, Elder Bob Cardinal and Dwayne Donald will guide participants to experience and consider holistic wisdom understandings as the key to gaining balance as human beings. Doing this work ourselves is the key to being able to connect and reconcile with others.



Tanya Kappo is from the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, located within Treaty 8 territory. She is a graduate from the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. Tanya is actively involved in creating awareness on Indigenous people. Presently, she is involved in the Walking With Our Sisters Exhibit as a lead coordinator on the National Collective. Tanya is also a practicing lawyer and a mother of three children.

About Kappos' *"Relationships and Reconciliation"*

Relationships play a critical role in all of the goings on of our world: our relationship with ourselves; our relationship with each other; and our relationship with the environment around us. Efforts for reconciliation cannot be meaningful without an examination of relationships and to be able to understand, reasons why and what happened. For Indigenous people in Canada, the relationship between historic and current governments in Canada has shaped the (lack of) relationships that exist today between Indigenous people and Canadians. In this workshop, a brief historical overview of the 'modern Indian rights' movement will be presented, in the context of continued relationship building efforts by Indigenous people.



Hadley Friedland is currently Research Coordinator of the IBA's "Accessing Justice and Reconciliation" Project, a PhD student and Vanier Scholar in the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta. Her dissertation explores the contemporary articulation and application of Cree legal principles in Canada. Hadley completed a law degree at the University of Victoria and an LLM, also focused on Cree legal traditions, at the University of Alberta, entitled, *"The Wetiko (Windigo) Legal Principles"*. Prior to law school, she worked in the Child and Family Services field for eight years, including being the Life Skills Coach at Chimo Youth Retreat Centre for five years. She has published and researched in the areas of Aboriginal law, international law, legal theory, criminal law and child welfare law. Tanya is also a practicing lawyer and a mother of three children.



Lindsay Borrows is in her second year of law school at the University of Toronto. Prior to law school she completed her B.A. in Native American Studies and Linguistics at Dartmouth College. She wrote her honours thesis on Anishinaabek Law and Language Revitalization which is currently in the process of publication. She worked for the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court after finishing her B.A. and is currently working on a legal project with the residential school settlement. She is Anishinaabe from the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation.

About Friedland & Borrows' "Creating New Stories"

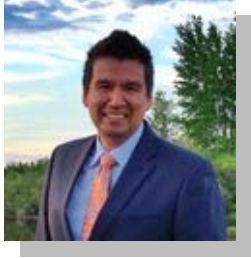
When you think about "law", do you think about song? Story-telling? Art? We do. In this interactive workshop, participants will learn and experience different ways to respectfully and productively engage with Indigenous laws today. We draw on examples from our "Creating New Stories" photo-book, created to commemorate a collaborative presentation by the Indigenous Law Research Unit and the Aseniwuche Winewak Youth Council for Education day at the final TRC National Event last year. Participants will hear a little bit about this journey. They will work with a Cree story to draw out principles about reconciliation that we all can learn from and put into practice today.



Derek Thunder is from Bigstone Cree Nation in Northern Alberta. He is the Coordinator of NAIT's Encana Aboriginal Centre. Derek has been a presenter to the National Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Youth Conference, and he has worked with the Canadian Indigenous Language Literacy Development Institute, the Ben Calf Robe Society and Native Counselling Services of Alberta. He served as President of the Aboriginal Student Council at the University of Alberta, while obtaining his degree in Native Studies and Political Science. Derek built strong relationships with diverse groups both within Aboriginal Communities and within the University environment.

About Thunder's "A Sacred Journey"

Derek Powder shares his journey as an intergenerational survivor of Indian Residential School, a two spirit person and a youth leader in the community.



Stan Wesley was born and raised in Moose Factory, Ontario, a Cree community on the South coast of James Bay. As a youth, Stan began what would be a life-long career of bringing laughter and meaning to audiences with the creation of "Bunnuck," a weekly show that aired on TVO and TVNC for several seasons.

Since then, for over 20 years, Stan has engaged and entertained audiences with his unique style of fun and depth in presentations, keynotes, emcee and facilitation services. Stan speaks on a variety of issues with a focus on celebrating success and advancing good, healthy relations among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

Stan has worked at the local, regional, provincial and national levels. With his high energy, sincere professional approach, he is considered by many to be one of the top speakers in the country today.

Stan currently lives in Toronto with his wife, Mandy and their daughter Maya