

**CENTRE OF CANADIAN STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH**

30TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

FIRST NATIONS - FIRST THOUGHTS

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Please note that the programme may be subject to change

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY

14.00 – 17.00 **REGISTRATION OPEN**
Centre of Canadian Studies,
21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD

THURSDAY 5 MAY

09.00 – 12.00 **REGISTRATION OPEN**
Centre of Canadian Studies
21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD

09.00 – 09.30 **COFFEE AND WELCOME**
Adam Ferguson Building, Room 125

09.30 – 11.00 **PARALLEL SESSION 1**
Adam Ferguson Building and David Hume Tower

11.00 – 11.30 **Refreshment Break**
Adam Ferguson Building, Room 125

11.30 – 13.00 **PARALLEL SESSION 2**
Adam Ferguson Building and David Hume Tower

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**
Adam Ferguson Building, Room 125

14.00 – 16.00 **PARALLEL SESSION 3**
Adam Ferguson Building and David Hume Tower

16.00 – 16.30 **Refreshment Break**
Adam Ferguson Building, Room 125

16.45 – 18.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Nora Sanders
(Deputy Minister, Department of First Nations and Métis
Relations, Government of Saskatchewan)
'Through Cultural Eyes: Perspectives on Aboriginal
Governance'
Law Lecture Theatre 175, Old College

18.00 – 19.30 **Reception**
Raeburn Room, Old College

FRIDAY 6 MAY

- 09.00 – 12.00** **REGISTRATION OPEN**
Centre of Canadian Studies
21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD
- 09.30 – 10.30** **PARALLEL SESSION 4**
Adam Ferguson Building and David Hume Tower
- 10.30 – 11.00** **Refreshment Break**
Adam Ferguson Building, Room 125
- 11.00 – 12.30** **PARALLEL SESSION 5**
Adam Ferguson Building and David Hume Tower
- 12.30 – 14.00** **Lunch**
Adam Ferguson Building, Room 125
- 14.00 – 16.00** **PARALLEL SESSION 6**
Adam Ferguson Building and David Hume Tower
- 16.00 – 16.30** **Refreshment Break**
Adam Ferguson Building, Room 125
- 16.45 – 18.00** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Professor Paul Chartrand, IPC
(College of Law, University of Saskatchewan)
'On Further Thought: Reflections on the Last Two
Decades in Canada'
Meadows Lecture Theatre
Medical School, Teviot Place
- 19.00 – 20.00** **Reception followed by Conference Dinner**
Pollock Halls, Holyrood Park Road

THURSDAY MAY 5

Sessions will be held in the Adam Ferguson Building (AFB) and David Hume Tower (DHT) in George Square.

09.30 – 11.00 PARALLEL SESSION 1

1. INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH

AFB 304

Chair: Roger Jeffery (University of Edinburgh)

Margaret Kovach (University of Victoria)

Indigenous Knowledge(s) and Research: Creating Space for Different Ways of Knowing within the Academy

Linda Sue Warner (Tennessee Board of Regents)

Native Ways of Knowing: Let Me Count the Ways

David Newhouse (Trent University)

Hidden in Plain Sight: Aboriginal Contributions to Canada and Canadian Identity
Creating a New Indian Problem

2. HEALTH AND WELFARE HISTORY

DHT 12.18

Chair: Andrew Thompson (University of Edinburgh)

Peter Twohig (Saint Mary's University)

Health Care, Aboriginal People and the States, 1845-1900: A Case Study of the Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia

Frank Tester and Paule McNicholl (University of British Columbia)

Inuit Health and Welfare, 1900-1939: Social Construction and State Formation

Emily Cowall Farrell (University of Toronto) and **Meeka Alivaktuk** (Cultural Specialist)

The Work We Have Done: Relationship, Investment and Contribution – The Inuit Workers of St Lukes Mission Hospital, Pannirtuuq, 1930-1972

3. EDUCATION

AFB 109

Chair: Dai Hounsell (University of Edinburgh)

Linda-Ruth Dyck (University of Lethbridge)

Redefining Rhetorics: Academic Discourse and Aboriginal Students

Laara Fitznor (University of Manitoba)

Aboriginal Educational Teaching Experiences: Foregrounding Aboriginal/Indigenous Knowledges and Processes

Jean L Manore (Bishop's University)

Professing an Interest in First Nations History: Reflections on Teaching Native/Settler Relations in a Canadian University

4. LITERATURE

AFB 122

Chair: Charlie Mansfield (University of Edinburgh)

Evelyne Méron (Bar Ilan University)

Les Amerindiens dans la Litterature Canadienne Française et Québécoise

Deena Rymhs (St Francis Xavier University)

'Mongrelized Aesthetics': Tomson Highway's *Kiss of the Fur Queen*

Renée Hulan (Saint Mary's University)

Poetry in the Archives: Armand Garnet Ruffo's Grey Owl: *The Mystery of Archie Belaney* and *At Geronimo's Grave*

5. GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

DHT 8.13

Chair: Henrietta Lidchi (National Museums of Scotland)

Kathryn Beattie (Concordia University)

Out of the Shadows: The Story of the NGC Haida Crest Pole

Siobhán N Smith (York University)

The Art of Exclusion: The Status of Aboriginal Art in the McMichael Canadian Art Collection

Stephanie Bolton

The Task Force on Museums and First Peoples, A Decade Later:
A Case Study of the McCord Museum of Canadian History

11.30 – 13.00 PARALLEL SESSION 2

1. RESEARCH APPROACHES

AFB 109

Chair: Margaret Mackay (University of Edinburgh)

Leslie J McCartney (Trent University)

That Albert Johnson Story: Aboriginal Oral History Inclusion in Canadian Archives

Terry Reilly (University of Calgary)

From Provenance to Practice: Archival Theory and “Return to Community”

Hugh Shewell (York University)

What is Truth? Farrell Toombs and the National Seminar on Indian Research, 1960

2. HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

DHT 8.13

Chair: Alex Murdoch (University of Edinburgh)

David Anderson (University of Aberdeen)

Good People with Good Things: The Cultural History of Russian and Scottish Trade along the Yukon River

Kallen Martin (St Lawrence University)

Life Along the Line: Landscape Contestation and Place Among the Mohawks of Akwesasne

Richard Overstall (Buri, Overstall, Barristers and Solicitors, Smithers, B.C. Canada)

Kindreds and States: Using Anglo-Saxon and Gitksan Law to Help Reconcile Aboriginal and Crown Sovereignty

3. LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND THE CHARTER

AFB 122

Chair: Wilson McLeod (University of Edinburgh)

David Leitch

Canada's Native Languages: Wrongs from the Past, Rights for the Future

Annis May Timpson (University of Edinburgh)

Mother Tongues/Government Speak: Language Politics in Nunavut

Bill Rafoss (Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission)

First Nations' Government and the Charter of Rights: In Defense of the Charter

4. ABORIGINAL JURISPRUDENCE

AFB 304

Chair: Stephen Tierney (University of Edinburgh)

Kiera L Ladner (University of Western Ontario)

Reconciling the Irreconcilable: Indigenous Constitutional Visions, Canadian
Constitutional Visions & Cultural Pluralism

Özlem Ülgen (University of Sheffield)

Two Legal Traditions: Any Room for Integration?

Michael Temelini (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

The Haida, Wittgenstein and the Aspects of Justice: James Tully's Post-Imperial
Constitutionalism

5. MEDIA AND THE PRESS

DHT 12.18

Chair: John Shaw (University of Edinburgh)

Kelly Harrison (Trent University)

Sharing our Stories: Cross-cultural Programming on the Aboriginal Peoples' TV
Network

Robert Harding (Simon Fraser University)

News Discourse about Aboriginal Self-Governance in 1990s British Columbia

14.00 – 16.00 PARALLEL SESSION 3

1. THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES

AFB 109

Chair: Annis May Timpson (University of Edinburgh)

Robin Jarvis Brownlie (University of Manitoba)
First Nations Perspectives and Historical Thinking in Canada

Frances Widdowson (University of New Brunswick at Saint John)
The Killing of Political Economy: How the Inclusion of 'Aboriginal Perspectives' is
Murdering our Understanding of Canadian Development

Michael A Murphy (University of Otago)
Civilizationism

2. FAMILIES, HEALTH AND WELFARE

AFB 122

Chair: Lorraine Waterhouse (University of Edinburgh)

Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Native Counselling Services of Alberta)
A Complex Ecological Framework of Aboriginal Family Resilience

Dan Allman (University of Edinburgh)
Comparing Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Community-Based Research in
Canada

Fiona MacDonald (University of British Columbia)
Progress or Regress: A Critical Examination of the Canadian Government's Shift to
'Autonomous' First Nations Child Welfare

3. TRANSMITTING ABORIGINAL NARRATIVES

DHT 12.18

Chair: Andrew Taylor (University of Edinburgh)

Katarzyna Juchnowicz (Universität Greifswald)
Transmitting Cultural Knowledge in Ruby Slipperjack's Narratives

Alison Calder (University of Manitoba)
Aboriginal Form and Content in Prairie Deep Mapping Narratives

Eileen M Antone (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto)
Reconciling Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Perspectives in Aboriginal Literacy Practice

Tania Córdoba (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto)
Aboriginal Literacy and Education: A Wholistic Perspective that Embraces
Intergenerational Knowledge

4. ABORIGINAL JURISPRUDENCE

AFB 304

Chair: Annika Bergman (University of Edinburgh)

Shelley Hulan (University of Waterloo)

Who Brings “The Good Tidings of Peace and Power”? Early Native Interventions in Canadian Legal Discourse

Jean Leclair (Université de Montréal)

Federal Constitutionalism and Aboriginal Difference

Tracie Scott (University of London)

Indigenous Indeterminacy: Auditioning Post(-)coloniality in Canadian Aboriginal Land Claims

Natalia Loukacheva (University of Toronto)

The Northern Challenge: Indigenous Autonomy and the Governance of Nunavut

5. VISUAL CULTURE

DHT 8.13

Chair: Jonathan King (The British Museum)

Laura Peers (University of Oxford) and **Alison Brown** (Glasgow Museums)

Colonial Photographs and Post-Colonial Histories: The Kainai-Oxford Photographic Histories Project

Gertrude C Nicks (Royal Ontario Museum and McMaster University)

Colonial/post-colonial: The Long Relationship Between the Royal Ontario Museum and the Six Nations of the Grand River at Brantford

Colleen Skidmore (University of Alberta)

Touring An Other’s Reality

Patricia Vervoort (Lakehead University)

A Visual Autobiography: The Self-Portraits of Carl Beam

FRIDAY 6 MAY

09.30 – 10.30 PARALLEL SESSION 4

1. INUIT LAW AND KINSHIP

AFB 109

Chair: Janet Carsten (University of Edinburgh)

Frank Tester and **Zoë Jackson** (University of British Columbia)
Contributions to Canadian Pluralism: Foundations for Inuit Common Law

Christopher G Trott (University of Manitoba)
Ilagit and *Tuqluratuq*: Inuit Understandings of Kinship and Social Relatedness

2. PUBLIC SPORT

DHT 8.13

Chair: John Horne (University of Edinburgh)

Cath Ellis (University of Wollongong)
Representations of Indigenous Sovereignty in Olympic Games Ceremonies
Hosted in Canada, the United States of America and Australia

Michael A Robidoux (University of Ottawa)
From the Sweat Lodge to the Hockey Rink: Saturday Night Ice Hockey in the
Esketemc First Nation

3. CHALLENGES OF URBANISATION

DHT 8.16

Chair: Bob Morris (University of Edinburgh)

Tim W Patterson (Calgary Board of Education) and **Martin J D Whittles** (Thompson
Rivers University)
Nápi and the City: Blackfoot Creation Revisited

Yale D Belanger (University of Lethbridge)
The Politics of Accommodation in Winnipeg: The Dynamics Involved in
Developing a Policy of Aboriginal Inclusion

4. PUBLIC SPACES: PARKS AND CULTURAL CENTRES

AFB 122

Chair: Nick Prior (University of Edinburgh)

A J B Johnston (Parks Canada)
Marked by the State: Canada's Commemoration of Aboriginal History, 1867-2004

David Neufeld (Parks Canada) with **Freda Roberts** (Dänojä Zho Cultural Centre)
First Nations and National Commemoration - Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Heritage
Programming

11.00 – 12.30 PARALLEL SESSION 5

1. QUESTIONING SELF-GOVERNMENT

DHT 8.16

Chair: Nicola McEwen (University of Edinburgh)

Daniel Salée (Concordia University) and **Carol Lévesque** (Institut national de la recherche scientifique [Urbanisation, Culture et Society], Montréal, Québec)
Québec's 'Approche commune': The Politics of Indigenous Land Rights and the Imperatives of Multicultural/Multinational Citizenship

Ian Peach (Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy) and **Merrilee Rasmussen** (Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan)
Federalism and the First Nations: Making Space for First Nations' Self-Determination in the Federal Inherent Right Policy

Christy R Bressette (University of Western Ontario)
Post-colonial Insight for Success in Self-Government

2. INUIT APPROACHES TO GOVERNMENT IN NUNAVUT

AFB 122

Chair: Annis May Timpson (University of Edinburgh)

Ailsa Henderson (Wilfrid Laurier University)
Qadlunaat Qaujimajatuqangit: Inuit Political Integration in the Northwest Territories, 1954-1978

Graham White (University of Toronto)
Culture Clash: Traditional Knowledge and Euro-Canadian Governance Processes in Northern Claims Boards

3. TREATIES

AFB 109

Chair: Stephen Neff (University of Edinburgh)

Michael R Hudson (Department of Justice Canada)
Reconciling Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Perspectives Through Negotiations of Modern Treaties

S Ronald Stevenson (Department of Justice Canada)
Sovereignty, Self-Government and Self-Determination of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada

Jean-Pierre Morin (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada)
Peace, Order and Good Government: Indian Treaties and Canadian Nation Building

4. CULTURAL APPROACHES TO EDUCATION

DHT 8.13

Chair: Janette Webb (University of Edinburgh)

Gord Bruyere (Anishnabe Nation/Nicola Valley Institute of Technology) and
Michelle Reid (Heiltsuk Nation/Thompson Rivers University)
Critical Indigenous Pedagogy in Social Work Education

Takako Takano (University of Edinburgh)
The Meaning of “Bonding with the Land”: An Attempt in Igloodik, Nunavut

Martina Tyrrell (University of Aberdeen)
Knowledge and Enskilment in a Northern Marine Environment

14.00 – 16.00 PARALLEL SESSION 6

1. ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

AFB 109

Chair: Tim Hayward (University of Edinburgh)

Eleonora Ceccherini (University of Siena)
The Rights of Indigenous Peoples: The Constitutional Issues

Andrée Lajoie (Université de Montréal)
First Nations' First Thoughts about Aboriginal Rights: A Preliminary Synthesis

Raymond Cardinal (Wapan Atahk)
Minority Rights and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada

Dwight G Newman (University of Oxford)
Toward a Cross-Cultural Moral Theorizing of Aboriginal Rights

2. HEALTH

DHT 12.18

Chair: Richard Freeman (University of Edinburgh)

Francois Haman, David Nishizaki, and Michael A Robidoux (University of Ottawa)
Investigating the Viability of Off-the-Land Food Practices: Moving Forward
Through the Past in the Esketemc First Nation

Colin Samson (University of Essex)
Environmental and Health Benefits of Hunting Lifestyles and Diets for the Innu of
Labrador

Robert Kristy (University of Maryland)
Gathering Strength: Canada's Will to Reconcile, Recover and Repair

3. ABORIGINAL CULTURAL PRODUCTION

DHT 8.13

Chair: Annis May Timpson (University of Edinburgh)

Mark Anderson (University of Regina)
Two Newspapers and One Solitude: Canada's First Nations in the 1873 Press

Carmen Robertson (First Nations University of Canada)
Trickster in the Press

Ken Wilson (University of Regina)
Tradition and Community in Shelley Niro's *Honey Moccasin*

Christine Ramsay (University of Regina)
Moccasin Flats: A Landmark in Canadian Television and Canadian Identity

4. INDIGENOUS MYTH, KNOWLEDGE AND ENVIRONMENT

DHT 8.16

Chair: Alan Barnard (University of Edinburgh)

Klára Kolinská (Masaryk University)

The Woman Underwater: Rhizomatic Body in Inuit Storytelling

Julia Christensen (University of Calgary)

Politics of Knowledge and Scale: Indigenous Knowledge, Political Change and Local Participation in Resource Management in the Northwest Territories, Canada

Gabrielle Slowey (York University)

Rethinking Development: Different Approaches Across Northern Canada

5. REFLECTIONS ON MOHAWK, MÉTIS AND MI'KMAQ COMMUNITIES

AFB 122

Chair: Andrew Newby (University of Edinburgh)

Kahente Horn-Miller (Concordia University)

Unity and Self-Determination: The Meaning of the 'Mohawk Warrior Flag'

Nathalie Kermoal (University of Alberta)

From 'Forgotten People' to Aboriginal People: Canada and the Métis

Suzanne Owen (University of Edinburgh)

Indigenous Knowledge and its Intertribal Transmission: Sources of Contemporary Mi'kmaq Traditional Practices

Helen Kristmanson (Parks Canada)

Taking Archaeology to Court: Aboriginal Rights and Title in Mi'kmaq Country