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THEME: INDIGENOUS CLIMATE JUSTICE

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SCHEDULE

Friday, November 5 th 2021		
Time	Presentation	Presenter(s)
1:00 – 1:15	Welcoming and Opening Ceremonies	
1:15 – 1:45	Keynote	Winona LaDuke
1:45 – 2:00	Discussion	
4:00 – 4:45	Roundtable Discussants	Dr. Kim TallBear, Dr. Karen Lawford, & Tasha Beeds Ph.D.(c)
5:00 – 5:30	#NotInvisible: Indigenous Women’s Resistance to Sexual Assault and Environmental Racism	Gabrie’l J. Atchison, Ph.D., Wells College
5:40 – 6:10	Breastfeeding and Environmental Justice: Breastfeeding for the Health of the People and Mother Earth	Sara Maracle, IBCLC, <i>Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory</i>
Saturday, November 6 th 2021		
Time	Presentation	Presenter(s)
9:00 – 9:15	Welcoming	
9:15 – 9:45	Keynote	Autumn Peltier
9:45 – 10:00	Discussion	
10:00 – 10:30	Rhythm of Aki	Dr. Joey Lynn Wabie <i>Algonquin from Wolf Lake First Nation, Laurentian University</i>
10:30 – 11:00	“Men of Large Means”: Moose Deer Point First Nation, The Tadenac Club, and Environmental Colonialism in the Early 20 th Century	Aaron St. Pierre, <i>Associate Director – Office of Indigenous Initiatives, Moose Deer Point First Nation</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Indigenous Resurgence and the Cultural and Generational Dimensions of Climate Crisis	Lewis Williams, <i>Associate Professor, Indigenous Studies and Geography, UWO</i>
11:30– 12:00	Dalit Environmentalism and Performance of Gambhira of North Bengal, India	Dolon Sarkar <i>Jawaharlal Nehru University</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Closing Remarks	

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Winona LaDuke

Keynote Speaker

Winona LaDuke, a Native American activist, economist, and author, has devoted her life to advocating for Indigenous control of their homelands, natural resources, and cultural practices. She combines economic and environmental approaches in her efforts to create a thriving and sustainable community for her own White Earth reservation and Indigenous populations across the country.

Autumn Peltier

Keynote Speaker

Autumn is a Canadian water activist, and she advocates for clean drinking in First Nations communities and across Mother Earth. She comes from Wikwemikong First Nation/Manitoulin Island and is from Ojibway/Odawa heritage. Autumn has travelled far and wide to carry the message of the importance of clean water and the Sacredness of Water. She has spoken at the United Nations World Water Day on March 22, 2018(link is external), been honoured by the Assembly of First Nations as a water protector, and recently travelled to Stockholm, Sweden, for World Water Week in August 2018, invited by the United Nations as a Keynote speaker. Autumn has also been honoured by the Ontario Lieutenant Governor with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers for her exceptional advocacy and being an exceptional conservationist.

Dr. Kim TallBear

Roundtable Discussant

Kim TallBear is Associate Professor, Faculty of Native Studies, University of Alberta, and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Peoples, Technoscience & Environment. She is building a research hub in Indigenous Science, Technology, and Society. Follow them at www.IndigenousSTS.com and [@indigenous_sts](https://twitter.com/indigenous_sts). TallBear is author of *Native American DNA: Tribal Belonging and the False Promise of Genetic Science* (University of Minnesota Press, 2013). Her Indigenous STS work recently turned to also address decolonial and Indigenous sexualities. She founded a University of Alberta arts-based research lab and co-produces the sexy storytelling show, *Tipi Confessions*, sparked by the popular Austin, Texas show, *Bedpost Confessions*. Building on lessons learned with geneticists about how race categories get settled, TallBear is working on a book that interrogates settler-colonial commitments to settlement in place, within disciplines, and within monogamous, state-sanctioned marriage. She is a citizen of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate in South Dakota. She tweets [@KimTallBear](https://twitter.com/KimTallBear) and [@CriticalPoly](https://twitter.com/CriticalPoly).

Tasha Beeds, Ph.D.(c)

Roundtable Discussant

Tasha Beeds grew up with her mother's nêhiyaw and Métis family in the territories of Treaty 6 and recently returned after living in the Anishinaabe territory of the Mississauga Nation (Peterborough, Ontario) for the past 10 years. She received numerous grants and scholarships for her academic research including a Gabriel Dumont Scholarship and SSHRC grants for both her Master's, A Cartography of nêhiyawî-mâmitonêyihcikan (Cree Consciousness): Edward Ahenakew & the âtayôhkêwina, (Sacred Stories) and her Ph.D. tentatively titled: Living Water: The Movement of Ceremony.

Tasha's research interests encompass Indigenous literatures; Indigenous knowledges; traditional nêhiyaw/Anishinaabe narratives and their positive impact on Indigenous communities; community based pedagogical strategies relating to Indigenous students including land and water-based education methods; the relationship between land, water, history, stories, identity, and Indigenous health and wellbeing; Anishinaabeg/nêhiyaw relationships with Water/Water Knowledge; and Indigenous methods of reconciliation.

Dr. Karen Lawford

Roundtable Discussant

Dr. Karen Lawford (Ph.D., R.M., A.M.) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Gender Studies. She is the first registered midwife and Indigenous midwife in Canada to obtain a doctoral degree and hold a university appointment. She advocates for maternity care that allows community members to give birth in their communities and on the land and has explored the resiliency and resistance of women evacuated from their communities for birth. She is a founding member of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives. Karen is also an Indspire Laureate for Health in 2020 and became a member of the Royal Society of Canada in 2021.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS – CONT'D

Gabrie'l J. Atchison, Ph.D

Gabrie'l J. Atchison, Ph.D. is an Adjunct Professor in the Women's, Transgender, Queer Studies Program at Wells College and an administrator for the Episcopal Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania. She is the series editor of *Environment and Religion in Feminist-Womanist, Queer, and Indigenous Perspectives* for Lexington Books.

Sara Maracle

Sara Maracle is from the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. Sara became an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant in 2013 following many years working as a pharmacy technician. Sara is proud to have worked as the Lactation Consultant sharing her knowledge in her home community. Sara is a proud Mohawk woman, wife, and mother of three active children. In her down time Sara can be found cheering on her children at their sporting events, gardening and enjoying time with her family.

Dr. Joey-Lynn Wabie

Joey-Lynn Wabie is an Algonquin Anicinabe ikwe from Mahingan Sagahigan (Wolf Lake) First Nation in Quebec. She is an assistant professor in Indigenous Social Work at Laurentian University located on Atikameksheng Anishnawbek territory (Sudbury, Ontario). Joey-Lynn works in community at the grassroots level focusing on wellness, culture, and bringing people together. Her research interests are Indigenous youth's perspectives on Truth & Reconciliation, spiritual wellness/healing, and land-based teaching/learning.

Joey-Lynn takes the role of sister, auntie, cousin seriously and is dedicated to ensuring her culture and traditions are passed on through storytelling, ceremony, and the occasional latte.

Aaron St. Pierre

Aaron is the Associate Director for the Office of Indigenous Initiatives. Aaron is Potawatomi and Ojibwe, of the Sturgeon Clan, and from Moose Deer Point First Nation. Aaron grew up and lived on the Moose Deer Point First Nation reserve, before moving to Sudbury for university studies. Aaron was raised by his grandmother, who was an Ojibwe language teacher and elder of his community, and he continues to be involved in his community as a member and chair of Moose Deer Point First Nation's Governance Committees.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS – CONT'D

Lewis Williams

Lewis Williams is an interdisciplinary, Indigenous, feminist scholar-practitioner of Ngāi Te Rangi (Māori) descent. Her scholarship and practice centre on Indigenous resurgence and reconciliation as key means of addressing Indigenous disparities and human-planetary wellbeing. She is the author of the recently released book “Indigenous Intergenerational Resilience: Confronting climate and ecological crisis” published as part of Routledge’s Indigenous Peoples and Policy Series. Lewis is the Founding Director of the Alliance for Intergenerational Resilience (AIR), a Canadian-based international not-for-profit organization whose aim is strengthening human-ecological resilience through the resurgence of Indigenous knowledges and lifeways within all peoples. She is also an Associate Professor, Indigenous Studies Program and Department of Geography and Environment, University of Western Ontario, Turtle Island / Canada.

Dolon Sarkar

Dolon Sarkar is a PhD Student in Theatre and Performance Studies at the School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India. His areas of interest are Dalit Theatre, folk theater, ritual and environment. He is currently working on his doctoral thesis on Gambhira of North Bengal.

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