Graduate Seminar
Conformity and Refusal, Post-Queen’s: Reflections of a Former Graduate Student

Hayden King

Friday, November 2, 2018
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Mackintosh-Corry Hall, Room B313

About the Speaker: Hayden is Anishinaabe from Beausoleil First Nation on Gchi’mningen in Huronia, Ontario. He is the Executive Director of the Yellowhead Institute and Advisor to the Dean of Arts on Indigenous Education at Ryerson University. Hayden is also an adjunct professor of research at Carleton University and a Senior Fellow at Massey College. Hayden’s analysis and commentary on Indigenous nationhood and settler colonialism in Canada is published widely. He is a prolific thinker and contributor to the national conversation on Indigenous issues. Previously, Hayden has served as the Senior Policy Advisor to the Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, the Director of Research at the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, and Scholar-in-Residence at the Conference Board of Canada. He is also the co-founder of the Anishinaabe language-arts collective Ogimma Mikana Project.

About the Seminar: Through an informal conversation followed by a Q&A session, Hayden King will discuss his atypical path through the academy, which led him from McMaster and Queen’s to his current position as Executive Director of the Yellowhead Institute at Ryerson. This advice-based seminar will address confronting university disciplinary tendencies as a student, working as an over-burdened junior Indigenous academic, navigating a government job, and rejecting the “publish or perish” mentality of the tenure-track.