



SHARING THE LAND SHARING A FUTURE

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Welcome

Welcome Honoured Guests, Elders, Youth and Colleagues, who have come from many directions and different distances to this Forum on *Sharing the Land, Sharing a Future*.

Twenty years ago this month the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples put before governments and Canadians a bold new plan to renew the relationship between Aboriginal peoples and Canadian society. Recommendations carefully mapped the changes in knowledge, institutions and policy that were possible. The RCAP body of research and recommendations quickly disappeared from public view but the issues RCAP addressed did not disappear.

Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission underline the urgency of charting a better future guided by Indigenous knowledge and insightful research. This Forum, convened to mark the 20th Anniversary of the RCAP Report, will examine the current relevance of the RCAP legacy, the challenges before us, and the central importance of citizen engagement in achieving the fundamental change necessary to reconciliation.

Marlene Brant Castellano and **Fred Wien**

Co-chairs of the Oversight Committee

Sharing the Land, Sharing a Future

Agenda

Day 1

November 2, 2016

Mauro Hall, Caboto Centre
1055 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Registration

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Youth Café - Hosted by 4Rs Youth Movement

Starting at 1:00 PM, the 4Rs Youth Movement invite all students and youth attending the Forum to an informal meet and greet. Food and light refreshments will be available.

4:00 – 7:00 PM

Opening prayer and welcome to territory

First Nation, Inuit and Métis Elders

Greetings from the Government of Canada, local dignitaries, **David Barnard**, President, University of Manitoba, **Jill Scott**, Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning), Queen's University

The Forum in Context: RCAP 20th Anniversary and Reconciliation

Marlene Brant Castellano and **Fred Wien**

Keynote Address : ***Negotiating Nation-to-Nation Relations Over 400 Years***

Speaker: **Mark Dockstator**, President, First Nations University of Canada

Reflections Panel: ***Are we at a moment in history when a mutual, principled relationship is possible?***

Panellists: **Scott Serson**, youth representatives from ITK and the 4Rs Youth Movement

Reception

Day 2

November 3, 2016

Mauro Hall, Caboto Centre

1055 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast and Registration
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Opening and Announcements
8:45 – 10:15 AM	<i>Sharing the Land: Perspectives on Nation to Nation</i> Kevin Hart , Manitoba Regional Vice-Chief, Assembly of First Nations, Natan Obed , President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Clément Chartier , President, Métis National Council. Moderator: David Newhouse , Professor, Trent University
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45-12:15 PM	<i>Dialogue Session on Indigenous Communities in a New Relationship</i> Francyne Joe , President, Native Women’s Association of Canada, Erin Corston , Executive Director, National Association of Friendship Centres, Robert Bertrand , National Chief, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples. Moderator: David Newhouse , Professor, Trent University
12:15 – 12:45 PM	<i>Launch of RCAP Publications, Testimony and Research</i> Normand Charbonneau , ADM and COO, Library and Archives Canada. Remarks from René Dussault , Co-Chair, Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. Moderator: Ry Moran , Director, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
12:45 – 2:00 PM	Lunch
2: 00 – 2:30 PM	<i>Sharing a Future</i> Michael Adams , President, The Environics Institute, Wilton Littlechild , Commissioner, The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TBC), Marie Wilson , Commissioner, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Moderator: Katherine Ghaham , Professor Emerita, Carleton University
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Introduction to the goals and process of semi-structured break-out sessions featuring highlights of background papers and dialogue among diverse participants.
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 – 5:00 PM	A series of break-out sessions exploring critical questions on the themes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nation to Nation• Closing the Gap• Powerful Communities, Healthy Communities
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Honouring Ceremony Hosts: Marlene Brant Castellano and Fred Wien A tribute to the Commissioners of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
6:30 PM	Remarks by the Hon. Carolyn Bennett , Minister, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
	Reception

Day 3

November 4, 2016

Mauro Hall, Caboto Centre
1055 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg

Moving to Action

The theme of activity on Day 3 will be to gather and focus learning, ideas and opportunities to advance reconciliation in three arenas accessible variously to participants: Individual, Institutional, and Policy

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:00 – 8:30 AM

Speaker

Perry Bellegarde, National Chief, Assembly of First Nations

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Sharing Knowledge, Sharing a Future

Dominique Bérubé, Vice President Research Programs, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, **Alain Beaudet**, President, Canadian Institutes for Health Research, **Richard Florizone**, President, Dalhousie University. Moderator: **Gauri Sreenivasan**, Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences

9:30 – 9:45 AM

Break

9:45 - 11:45 AM

Working Session

A series of break-out sessions to develop critical policy recommendations towards right relationships and reconciliation.

- Youth Engagement
- Citizen Engagement
- Moving to Action

11:45 – 12:30 PM

Report Back: Sharing proposed recommendations for action

Moderator, **Ry Moran**, Director, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

12:30 – 12:45 PM

Closing Ceremony

12:45 PM

Forum ends

Background Papers by Theme

Nation to Nation

- Paper 1 Negotiating Nation-to-Nation Relations Over 400 Years - **Mark Dockstator**, President, First Nations University of Canada
- Paper 2 RCAP and a Nation-to-Nation relationship – **Frances Abele**, Carleton University, **Catherine McQuarrie**, Institute of Public Administration of Canada, **Satsan (Herb George)**, First Nations Centre on Governance
- Paper 3 Indigenous and Canadian Laws - **Dale Turner**, Dartmouth University (deferred)
- Paper 4 Health Law and Governance –**Yvonne Boyer**, CRC in Aboriginal Health and Wellness, Brandon University, **Josée Lavoie**, University of Manitoba, **Derek Kornelson**, University of Manitoba, **Jeff Reading**, Simon Fraser University

Closing the Gap

- Paper 5 Indigenizing Education - **Jo-ann Archibald**, UBC, **Jan Hare**, UBC
- Paper 6 Resource sharing and economic well-being – **Wanda Wuttunee Charles**, University of Manitoba
- Paper 7 Approaches to Community Development in First Nation Communities: Poverty Action Research Project - **Jennifer Dockstator** and the Project Team, Trent University

Youth Engagement

Dialogue Session: 4Rs Youth Movement, Katimavik and ITK Youth Council

Citizen Engagement

- Paper 8 Fostering Citizen Engagement in Indigenous/Non-Indigenous Relations – **Lynne Davis**, Trent University
- Paper 9 Advocacy on Ecology, Justice, and Indigenous Rights – **Ed Bianchi**, KAIROS Canada
- Paper 10 Non-Indigenous Attitudes towards Indigenous Peoples - **Michael Adams**, The Environics Research Institute

Powerful Communities, Healthy Communities

- Paper 11 Arts and Creativity - **Jonathan Dewar**, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Paper 12 Health and the North – **Chris Furgal**, Trent University (deferred)
- Paper 13 Fostering Cultural Safety – **Carrie Bourassa**, Health Sciences North Research Institute
- Paper 14 Mental Health - **Caroline Tait**, University of Saskatchewan
- Paper 15 Child Well-Being – **Cindy Blackstock**, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society

Moving to Action

- Paper 16 The Role of Research and Research Brokers in Reconciliation – **Aaron Franks**, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, **David Newhouse**, Trent University
- Paper 17 Levers for Policy Change - **Daniel Salée**, Concordia University, **Carole Lévesque**, INRS (deferred)

Speaker and Author Biographies, RCAP 20 Forum - Day 1



David Barnard is President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba. His career includes serving at the University of Regina as President and Vice-Chancellor (1998-2005) after being Vice-President (Administration) and Controller (1996 -1998). He previously spent 19 years at Queen's University where he was a Professor of Computing and Information Science and assumed several increasingly senior administrative roles, including Associate to the Vice-Principals Research, Human Services and Resources.



Jill Scott is the Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning) and Professor in the Department of Languages, Literature and Cultures at Queen's University. She has been engaged in Indigenous studies since 2006, teaching and researching in the areas of Indigenous legal traditions and the role of cultural revitalization to redress and reconciliation. She is a co-founder of the BA General program in Indigenous Studies and is currently part of an initiative to develop certificates in Mohawk Language and Indigenous Languages. Dr. Scott is currently serving as co-chair of the Task Force on Truth and Reconciliation at Queen's University.



Marlene Brant Castellano is a Mohawk of the Bay of Quinte and Professor Emerita of Trent University where she provided leadership in the development of the emerging discipline of Indigenous Studies (1973-96). She served as Co-Director of Research with the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1991-96). She also served on the Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE); specifically she chaired the Panel working groups in developing a chapter devoted to research involving First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples in the updated version of ethics policy (TCPS2) adopted in 2010 by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).



Fred Wien has an Honours B.A. in Political Studies and Spanish, Queen's University (1962-66), and an M.A. and PhD. in Development Sociology, Government and Latin American Studies, Cornell University (1966-71). He served as Deputy Director of Research at the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, and currently holds a professor emeritus appointment, Dalhousie University.



Mark Dockstator is a member of the Oneida Nation of the Thames and currently the President of the First Nations University of Canada, one of the first Indigenous-controlled post-secondary institutions in Canada. In 1994, Dr. Dockstator became the first...First Nations person to graduate with a doctorate in law. His dissertation, entitled "Toward an Understanding of Aboriginal Self Government," was one of the first academic papers to blend Indigenous and Western knowledge systems utilizing the Teachings of Elders and Traditional knowledge holders. His academic career includes his experience as an Associate Professor of Indigenous Studies at Trent University, where he has also served as Departmental Chair and Director of the PhD program.



Scott Serson is a former federal Deputy Minister who spent much of his career working on issues related to First Peoples. As Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet from 1985 to 1987 and Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet in 1989, Scott was responsible for federal participation in the Aboriginal constitutional process. He also co-chaired the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples Rights that led to the Charlottetown Accord. In 1995, Mr. Serson was appointed Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In that role he was instrumental in the development of the government's response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. He also provided public service leadership in the final stage of the creation of Nunavut. After retiring from the public service in 2003, Scott served as a policy advisor to the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Phil Fontaine for five years. During that time he helped conceptualize and negotiate the Kelowna Accord.

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Speaker and Author Biographies, RCAP 20 Forum - Day 2

Sharing the Land: Perspectives on Nation to Nation



Clément Chartier was elected President of the Métis National Council in 2003, and is currently serving his fourth-term. He is a lawyer, writer, lecturer and activist and has served in both political and administrative capacities with numerous Indigenous peoples organizations nationally and internationally. A seasoned political figure and recipient of a Queen's Counsel distinction for his work in law, he has pushed the Métis Nation's rights agenda at various levels of Canada's judicial system and continues to provide counsel in on-going Métis-specific cases.



Kevin Hart was elected AFN Regional Chief for Manitoba in July 2015, and is a proud member of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. Previously, Regional Chief Hart worked with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. on files including the co-ordination of a regional conference of the western treaty nations, which focused on the Natural Resource Transfer Agreement. Regional Chief Hart's priorities include working with authorities to create good relationships, as well as helping the families of missing and murdered indigenous women.



Natan Obed is the President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the national voice of Canada's 60,000 Inuit. He is originally from Nain, the northernmost community in Labrador's Nunatsiavut region, and now lives in Ottawa. For 10 years he lived in Iqaluit, Nunavut, and worked as the Director of Social and Cultural Development for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the organization that represents the rights of Nunavut Inuit. He has devoted his career to working with Inuit representational organizations to improve the well-being of Inuit in Canada.



David Newhouse is Onondaga from the Six Nations of the Grand River community near Brantford, Ontario. He was the first Principal of the new Peter Gzowski College at Trent University and Chair of the Department of Indigenous Studies. He served as founding editor of the *CANDO Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development*, the first peer-reviewed academic journal devoted to Aboriginal economic development issues. He is the past Chair and a current member of the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO) Standing Committee on Education. He also served as a member of the Policy Team on Economics for RCAP. His research interests are focused on the way in which Aboriginal traditional thought and western thought are coming together and creating modern Aboriginal societies.

Dialogue Session on Indigenous Communities in a New Relationship



Robert Bertrand, was elected National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples in September 2016. Bertrand spent the past five years as President Grand Chief of the Alliance Autochtone du Quebec Inc.



Erin Corston was and raised in Treaty 9 Territory, and is an active member the Chapleau Cree First Nation (CCFN) located in Northeastern Ontario. She is Executive Director at the National Association of Friendship Centres, volunteers as a community trustee, and has dedicated her professional career to Indigenous specific issues and is a passionate advocate for Indigenous women's equality rights and ending violence against women and girls. She has a background in environment and public health and specializes in Indigenous-specific Policy, Program Management, and Administration and Human Resource Management.



Francyne Joe is the current President of the Native Women's Association of Canada. A proud member of BC's Nlaka'pamux Nation, Francyne is committed to empowering Indigenous women and girls. While she worked for CBSA for 5 years, she is most proud of her work with First Nation groups in human resource management, economic development, entrepreneurship and insurance, in an effort to educate and encourage Aboriginal people to pursue their aspirations.



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Launch of RCAP Publications, Testimony and Research



Normand Charbonneau is Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Operating Officer at Library and Archives Canada since April 2015. He was Québec provincial archivist from 2012 to 2015. He taught at the Université du Québec in Montréal, and at Université Laval in Quebec City. He was also actively involved in the Association des archivistes du Québec (AAQ), the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA), the Association internationale des archivistes francophones (AIAF). He is presently Vice President at the International Council on Archives (ICA).



René Dussault was a judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal from 1989 to 2008. He co-chaired the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1991-1996). He obtained a Ph.D. in law from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1965 and has published extensively. He served as founding President of the Office des professions and as Deputy Minister of Justice of Quebec. Throughout his career, René Dussault has been recognized, both in Quebec and Canada, for his achievements in the area of public administration and his outstanding contribution to the advancement of law, the legal profession on the promotion of equality.



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Katherine Graham is Program Co-Chair of *Sharing the Land, Sharing a Future*. She is Professor Emerita in the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University and is a former Director of that school and Dean of the Faculty of Public Affairs. She has worked on northern development and Indigenous issues for over three decades. She served on the research staff of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples as Convener of the Urban Aboriginal Working Group and as Co-Director of research on governance. Katherine led development of the Carleton University Institute on Ethics in Research with Indigenous Peoples (CUIERIP). She also teaches in the Carleton University Graduate certificate in Indigenous Policy and Administration.



Wilton Littlechild has the distinction of being the first Treaty First Nation person to acquire his law degree from the University of Alberta in 1976. He holds a Master's Degree in Physical Education. In 2007, the University of Alberta bestowed upon him a Doctor of Laws Degree for his outstanding achievements, including his leadership in human rights, contributions to the world of sport and representation of Indigenous Peoples in the international community. Dr. Littlechild is a respected lawyer, and currently is a Commissioner with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. As a Member of Parliament from 1988 to 1993, Dr. Littlechild served on several senior committees in the House of Commons and was a parliamentary delegate to the United Nations. He currently serves as an Expert Member of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



Marie Wilson is a Commissioner with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Canada. She has more than 30 years of professional experience as an award-winning journalist, trainer, and senior executive manager. As a journalist, Ms Wilson worked in print, radio and television as a regional and national reporter, and later as the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's senior manager for northern Quebec and the three northern Territories. She was the first television program host of northern Canada's flagship weekly information program, *Focus North*. Her reports tackled complex issues, from the Quebec sovereignty referendum and national unity debates to the national Constitutional talks of the 1980's; from the settlement of historic aboriginal rights agreements to the state of health in First Nations and Inuit communities



Carolyn Bennett is Canada's Minister for Indigenous and Northern Affairs. She was first elected to the House of Commons in 1997, representing Toronto–St. Paul's. Dr. Bennett has previously served as the Critic for Public Health, Seniors, Persons with Disabilities, the Social Economy, and Aboriginal Affairs. In 2003, she was named Minister of State for Public Health. Prior to her election, Dr. Bennett was a family physician and a founding partner of Bedford Medical Associates in downtown Toronto. She was also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. Her fight to save the Women's College Hospital of Toronto inspired her to enter politics.

Speaker and Author Biographies, RCAP 20 Forum - Day 3



Perry Bellegarde was named AFN National Chief on December 10, 2014. Passionate about making measureable progress on the issues that matter most to First Nations people, National Chief Bellegarde is a strong advocate for the implementation of Inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. National Chief Bellegarde is from the Little Black Bear First Nation, Treaty 4 Territory. He served as Chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and Saskatchewan Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations. He has also served as the Tribal Chair of the Touchwood-File Hills-Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, Councillor for the Little Black Bear First Nation and Chief of Little Black Bear First Nation.

Sharing a Future



Dominique Bérubé was appointed Vice-President, Research Programs at SSHRC in October 2015 and is responsible for the agency's Talent, Insight and Connection programs as well as the suite of programs managed by the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat – the Canada Research Chairs, the Canada Excellence Research Chairs, the Canada First Research Excellence Fund as well as the Research Support Fund.



Alain Beaudet is the President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) since July 2008. He held the position of President and CEO of the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ) between 2004 and 2008. Dr. Beaudet was also associate director (research) at the Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI) and Professor at McGill University's Neurology-Neurosurgery and Anatomy-Cell Biology departments. He is a member of the National Order of Quebec and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Beaudet earned a medical degree and a PhD in neuroscience from the Université de Montréal. He completed his postdoctoral training in France and Switzerland.



Richard Florizone began his term as Dalhousie's 11th president in July 2013. He earned his PhD in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has held leadership roles with the World Bank Group, Bombardier Aerospace, Cambridge University and the Boston Consulting Group. In addition to being the chief executive of Atlantic Canada's leading research-intensive university, Dr. Florizone currently serves on the boards of the Nova Scotia Research and Innovation Trust, the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies and Innovacorp.



Gauri Sreenivasan has been the Director of Policy and Programs at the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences since October 2014, bringing nearly 25 years of policy and programming experience in public, parliamentary, and non-profit sectors. She has an M.A. in International Affairs from Carleton University and a B.A (Honours) in Political Studies from Queen's University.

Sharing Proposed Recommendations for action



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Authors: Background Papers by Theme

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Paper 2 - RCAP and a Nation-to-Nation Relationship



Frances Abele is a Professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University. She was Deputy Director of Research for the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. A political scientist with strong interests in democratic development and the economy, Dr. Abele has been working with Indigenous organizations and communities in most parts of Canada, and in particular the North, for nearly forty years.



Catherine MacQuarrie is Senior Executive in Residence, Indigenous Government Programs at IPAC. Her varied federal government career includes seven years working in land claims and self-government. Catherine is Metis, raised in the NWT. She holds an MA in Public Administration with a specialization in public policy from the University of Ottawa.



Satsan (Herb George) is a Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chief of the Frog Clan and has been a long-time Speaker for the Wet'suwet'en Nation, which is located in BC. He previously served as Speaker for both the Gitksan and the Wet'suwet'en Nations. Satsan was a key figure and strategist in the 1997 *Delgamuukw* case. He served two terms as Regional Chief, representing B.C. at the Assembly of First Nations, and one term on the Executive of the First Nations Summit. Satsan was also Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Public Administration at the University of Victoria, and taught for several years in the University's Administration of Aboriginal Governments Program. Satsan is currently a Senior Associate for the Centre for First Nations Governance.

Paper 3 - Indigenous and Canadian Laws (deferred)



Dale Turner is a citizen of Temagami First Nation on Lake Temagami, Ontario. He is Associate Professor of Government and of Native American Studies at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. He is currently working on his second book, *Reveries of a Solitary Indian*.

Paper 4 - Health Law and Governance



Yvonne Boyer currently holds the Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Health and Wellness and is a Professor of Native Studies at Brandon University; an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa and an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Boyer is a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario and owns Boyer Law Office, where she specializes in providing legal holistic services that blend mainstream law with Indigenous laws. With a background in nursing, she received her Doctorate of Laws from the University of Ottawa and has nearly 20 years of experience practicing law and publishing extensively on the topics of Aboriginal health and how Aboriginal and treaty law intersects on the health of First Nations, Metis and Inuit.



Josée Lavoie is a Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences and Director of Manitoba First Nations Centre for Aboriginal Health Research at the University of Manitoba. Before beginning her research career, Josée spent 10 years working in Indigenous controlled health services. Her program of research is located at the interface between policy and Indigenous health services, with a focus on contracting, accountability and responsiveness. She maintains on-going partnerships across Canada, Australia, Colombia, New Zealand, and in circumpolar countries.



Derek Kornelson is an Assistant Professor at the Manitoba First Nations Centre for Aboriginal Health Research at the University of Manitoba. His current research areas are: examining the theory and practice of Settler Colonialism and the impacts on Indigenous Determinants of Health – especially relationships with land; and decolonizing civil institutions as a means toward Indigenous health and wellness.



Jeffrey Reading has more than two decades of experience enhancing knowledge in Indigenous health issues, both in Canada and globally. He obtained his Doctor of Philosophy (1994) in Community Health Sciences (now the Dalla Lana Faculty of Public Health), University of Toronto and was the founding Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research at the University of Victoria in British Columbia. As the inaugural Scientific Director of the Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health at CIHR from 2000 to 2008, Jeff led a movement calling for a national advanced research agenda in the area of Aboriginal peoples' health and led the CIHR cross-cutting initiative in rural and northern health research. Jeff held the first endowed research chair at the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Toronto.

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Paper 5 - Indigenizing Education



Jo-ann Archibald, Q'um Q'um Xiiem, from the Sto:lo and Xaxli'p First Nations, is a professor in the Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia. She received a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) degree from the University of British Columbia, a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree from Simon Fraser University.



Jan Hare is the Associate Dean for Indigenous Education at the University of British Columbia. As an Indigenous scholar and educator, she has sought to transform education in ways that are more inclusive of Indigenous epistemologies and languages. This work has a solid grounding in Aboriginal engagement with research conducted in the province and across the country. Her research is concerned with improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal learners and centering Indigenous knowledge systems within educational reform from early childhood education to post-secondary.

Paper 6 - Resource sharing and Economic Well-Being



Wanda Wuttunee Charles is an internationally known professor and researcher in the field of Aboriginal Community Economic Development. Dr. Wuttunee is Professor in the Department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba where she has played a critical role in training future Aboriginal leaders about economic issues for the benefit of their home communities, as well as the mainstream business community in working towards vibrant, sustainable and healthy communities. Dr. Wuttunee's research interests include Aboriginal economy, community economic development, social responsibility, and participatory research methodologies.

Paper 7 - Approaches to Community Development in First Nation Communities: Poverty Action Research Project



Jennifer Dockstator received a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan and both a Master in Environmental Studies and a Ph.D. from York University. Her dissertation, *Widening the Sweetgrass Road: Re/Balancing ways of knowing for sustainable living with a Cree-Nishnaabe Medicine Circle*, reflects upon Western and Indigenous approaches to sustainability, grounded in the Cree-Nishnaabe Medicine Circle. Since receiving her doctorate, Jennifer has been working at the interface of First Nations communities and Western society, primarily with a remote community in northern Ontario. The community-driven project of which she is a part aims to work with First Nations to build upon their strengths, seeking ways to implement a strategy to address challenges, create a sustainable economic base, adhere to principles of environmental stewardship, and provide a foundation for community health and well-being.

Citizen Engagement

Paper 8 - Fostering Citizen Engagement in Indigenous/Non-Indigenous Relations



Lynne Davis is a settler Canadian and Associate Professor, Indigenous Studies at Trent University. She worked for RCAP as a member of the research, policy and writing teams in Education. She is editor of *Alliances: Re/Envisioning Indigenous-Non-Indigenous Relationships* and teaches courses on the themes of Indigenous/Non-Indigenous alliances and "transforming settler consciousness".

Paper 9 - Advocacy on Ecology, Justice, and Indigenous Rights



Ed Bianchi is currently the Program Manager at KAIROS. He has worked for over 30 years with Indigenous peoples to educate and advocate on Indigenous history and rights. Ed coordinated KAIROS' Indigenous Rights Program from 2001 to 2012, and was National Coordinator of the Aboriginal Rights Coalition from 1995 to 2001. He has a Bachelor of Journalism from Ottawa's Carleton University, and a combined Masters degree (Fine Arts and Environmental Studies) from Toronto's York University.

Paper 10 - Non-Indigenous Attitudes Towards Indigenous Peoples



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Powerful Communities, Healthy Communities

Paper 11 - Arts and Creativity



Jonathan Dewar is a senior advisor at Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. He previously served as Director of the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre and Special Advisor to the President, Algoma University; Director of Research, Aboriginal Healing Foundation; and Director of the Métis Centre, National Aboriginal Health.

Paper 12 - Health and the North (deferred)



Chris Furgal is an associate professor in the Indigenous Environmental Studies program with a cross appointment in the Departments of Indigenous Studies and Environmental and Resources Studies/Science at Trent University. He completed his Ph.D. in Environmental Studies/Planning at the University of Waterloo and did Postdoctoral research training in Environmental Health at Laval University. His current research focuses on environmental health risk assessment, management and communication with communities from the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the western Arctic across Nunavut and Nunavik and into Nunatsiavut.

Paper 13 - Fostering Cultural Safety



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Paper 14 - Mental Health



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Paper 15 - Child well-being



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Paper 16 - The Role of Research and Research Brokers in Reconciliation



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Paper 17 - Levers for Policy Change (deferred)



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