FIRST NATIONS - FIRST THOUGHTS

May 5/6, 2005

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

Chair: Charlie Mansfield (University of Edinburgh)

**Evelyne Méron** (Bar Ilan University)  
Les Amerindiens dans la Litterature Canadienne Francaise et Quebecoise

**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*

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5. GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

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 Contestion 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 Gitxsan 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

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

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  
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  
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)  

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

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)
Ilagtit and Tuqluratuq: Inuit Understandings of Kinship and Social Relatedness

2. PUBLIC SPORT

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

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

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 (Dànojà 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

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)

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

2. INUIT APPROACHES TO GOVERNMENT IN NUNAVUT

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

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

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 Igloolik, 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)

François 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

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

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