

2017 Gwich'in Tribal Council Post-Secondary Academic Conference



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“YI'EENODÀI' YEENDOO GWIZHIT GWITÈE'AH”
“LONG AGO WILL BE IN THE FUTURE”



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CONFERENCE EVENT KEY AND SCHEDULE

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The conference is structured to integrate international scholarly research activity with ongoing aboriginal political leadership activity and undergraduate and graduate education. The mixture of individuals and institutions involved in the project is ambitious and complex. To meet this challenge, the conference is structured in terms of a daily rotation of specifically defined events:

Gwich'in Testimonial: An address by a Gwich'in or other aboriginal leader delivered primarily to Gwich'in youth and other participants. A reflection of their personal and professional education experience and anecdotes. Testimonial speakers:
- Elaine Alexie, Jacey Firth-Hagen, Alestine Andre, Crystal Fraser, Mary-Anne Hoggarth

Life Skills Workshop: Delivered by Dene Nahjo Indigenous Leadership to Gwich'in youth and participants. A focus on the practical skills required to succeed in post-secondary education, especially when living away from home. Facilitators: Dēneze Nakehk'o & Mandee McDonald

Research Paper Presentations: Research presentations will be by invited professors and graduate students to Gwich'in youth and participants. Discussion will also take place. Presenters are: Elaine Alexie, Stephanie Irlbacher-Fox, Peter Trnka, Alestine Andre, Crystal Fraser, Patricia Louie, David Wright & Diane Baxter

Post-Secondary Presentations: Universities/Colleges will be invited to provide information to Gwich'in youth and participants on the opportunities/programs and support systems they have in place for students wishing to pursue post-secondary education. Presenters are: Mary-Anne Hoggarth (Trent University), Patricia Fontaine, Elaine Alexie & Roger Epp (UAlberta North)

Cultural Workshops: Workshops will be held with Gwich'in youth and participants in drum making, head band making and basic language lessons and will be led by Doronn Fox, Thaeron Green, Heather Dickson and Annie Smith. Such sessions will take the form of tutorial classes in the evenings. Multiple sessions.

Keynote Conference Presentation: Delivered by leading national and international scholars and aboriginal political leaders to Gwich'in youth and participants and members of the general public. Keynote speakers: Tony Penikett and Chief Lee Crowchild

Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Delivered by President Bobbi-Jo Greenland-Morgan & Vice-President Jordan Peterson.

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Conference Program – Day One

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Location: Midnight Sun Complex – Main Hall

8:30-9:00 AM **Registration**

Masters of Ceremonies: Tony Devlin/Vice-President Jordan Peterson

9:00 – 9:15 AM **Opening Ceremony/Prayer: Elder/Drummer Randall Tetlitchi**

9:15 – 10:15 AM **Welcome, introductions & Testimonial: President Bobbie-Jo Greenland-Morgan**

10:15-10:30 AM **BREAK (SNACKS)**

10:30-12:00 PM **Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial: Elaine Alexie, MA**

12:00 -1:00 PM **LUNCH**

1:00 – 2:30 PM **PRESENTER – Elaine Alexie, MA “Nakhwanh Gwich'in Khehłok Iidilii - We Are Our Own People” Teetł'it Gwich'in Practices of Indigeneity: Connection to Land, Traditional Self-Governance, and Elements of Self Determination”**

2:30 – 2:45 PM **BREAK (SNACKS)**

2:45 – 4:00 PM **PRESENTER - Crystal Fraser PhD**

4:00-5:00 PM **KEYNOTE – Chief Lee Crowchild**

5:00 PM **SUPPER**

Location: Midnight Sun Complex – Curling Club Lounge

EVENING **CULTURAL ITEM MAKING – Doronn Fox, Thaeron Green (Drum Making), & Annie Smith (Language)**

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Conference Program – Day Two

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Location: Midnight Sun Complex – Main Hall

- 9:00-10:30 AM** **Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial: Crystal Fraser, PhD**
- 10:30-10:45 AM** **BREAK (SNACKS)**
- 10:45-12:00 PM** **PRESENTER – Greta Sittichinli (The Land is the Teacher)**
- 12:00 -1:00 PM** **LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:30 PM** **PRESENTER – Patricia Louie (Gwich'in Internship Project)**
PRESENTER – David Wright & Diane Baxter (Draft Gwich'in Self-Government AiP)
- 2:30-2:45 PM** **BREAK (SNACKS)**
- 2:45-4:00 PM** **PRESENTER – Dr. Roger Epp, Elaine Alexie & Patricia Fontaine UAlberta North**
- 4:00-5:00 PM** **KEYNOTE – Tony Penikett**
- 5:00 PM** **SUPPER**

Location: Midnight Sun Complex – Curling Club Lounge

EVENING **CULTURAL ITEM MAKING – Doronn Fox, Thaeron Green (Drum Making), Heather Dickson (Craft) & Annie Smith (Language)**

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Conference Program – Day Three

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Location: Midnight Sun Complex – Community Lounge

9:00 – 10:30 AM **Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial: Jacey Firth-Hagen**

10:30 – 10:45 AM **BREAK (SNACKS)**

10:45 -12:00 PM **PRESENTER: Mary-Anne Hoggarth, Trent University**

12:00-1:00 PM **LUNCH**

1:00-2:00 PM **PRESENTER – Dr. Roger Epp “Studying Politics, Power, Community and Authority”**

2:00-3:15 PM **PRESENTER - Peter Trnka (??)**

3:15 – 3:30 PM **BREAK (SNACKS)**

3:30-5:00 PM **UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE Information Session with Verna Pope/Cheryl Wright**

5:00 PM **SUPPER**

Location: Midnight Sun Complex – Curling Club Lounge

EVENING **CULTURAL ITEM MAKING – Doronn Fox, Thaeron Green (Drum Making), Heather Dickson (Craft) & Annie Smith (Language)**

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Conference Program – Day Four

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Location: Midnight Sun Complex – Community Lounge

- 9:00-10:00 AM** **Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial: Mary-Anne Hoggarth**
- 10:00-10:15 AM** **BREAK (SNACKS)**
- 10:15 -12:00** **Life Skills Workshop I - Dene Nahjo (Dëneze Nakehk'o & Mandee McDonald)**
- 12:00-1:00 PM** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 3:00 PM** **Life Skills Workshop II - Dene Nahjo Indigenous Leadership Workshop (Dëneze Nakehk'o & Mandee McDonald)**
- 3:00-3:15 PM** **BREAK (SNACKS)**
- 3:15-4:00 PM** **PRESENTER – Stephanie Irlbacher-Fox “Finding Dahshaa”**
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM** **PRESENTER – Mandee McDonald (Dechinta - Rivers Project)**
- 5:00 PM** **SUPPER**

Location: Midnight Sun Complex – Curling Club Lounge

EVENING **CULTURAL ITEM MAKING – Doronn Fox, Thaeron Green (Drum Making) & Annie Smith (Language)**

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Conference Program – Day Five

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Location: Freddy Jerome's Camp

9:00 AM TRAVEL TO CAMP

TIME TBD: Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial: Alestine Andre

TIME TBD: PRESENTER – Alestine Andre (Ethnobotany)

TIME TBD ON-THE-LAND ACTIVITIES: Setting tent, brush, cutting wood, getting ice, making tea, making stove bannock, making soup, learning how to set rabbit snares, identify tracks, traditional medicine

TIME TBD LUNCH

TIME TBD ON-THE-LAND ACTIVITIES: Setting tent, brush, cutting wood, getting ice, making tea, making stove bannock, making soup, learning how to set rabbit snares, identify tracks, traditional medicine

TIME TBD Closing & Testimonial: Vice-President Jordan Peterson

7:00 PM Movie Premiere – The Sun at Midnight