

2018 Gwich'in Tribal Council Post-Secondary Academic Conference



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March 5-9, 2018

**Hosted by:
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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 and University of Alberta faculty and students. A reflection on the concept of nationhood, reconciliation and treaties by way of personal and professional anecdotes and their experiences in achieving their education.

Life Skills Workshop: Delivered by the Student Success Centre and Career Success Centre with a focus on the practical skills required to succeed in post-secondary education, especially when living away from home.

Nationhood, Reconciliation & Treaties Presentations: Research presentations will be by invited professors and graduate students to Gwich'in and University of Alberta students and faculty, as well as plenary delegates.

Research Paper Discussion Session: Discussion sessions with Gwich'in and University of Alberta students on research presentations will be lead by the speakers who presented research papers and other facilitators. The sessions will discuss further the Nationhood, Reconciliation and Treaties Research Presentations.

Keynote Conference Presentation: Delivered by leading national and international scholars and aboriginal political leaders to Gwich'in and University of Alberta faculty and students, as well as plenary delegates.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Travel Day & dinner with Ovide Mercredi & Allan MacDonald upon arrival.

MONDAY, MARCH 5: Auditorium – Maple Leaf Room, Lister Hall

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

Masters of Ceremonies: Adrian LaChance, University of Alberta (U of A)

9:00 – 9:30 am **Opening Ceremony/Prayer**
Elmer Ghostkeeper, Metis Elder
Sarah Jerome, Gwich'in Elder

9:30 – 10:45 am **Welcome and introductions** (15 mins each includes intro of person)

Chris Andersen, Dean Faculty of Native Studies, U of A
Jordan Peterson, Vice-President, GTC
Allan MacDonald, DG, INAC

David Turpin, President, U of A
Bobbie-Jo Greenland-Morgan, Grand-Chief/President, Gwich'in Tribal
Council (GTC)
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10:45-11:00 am BREAK

11:00 am–12:00 pm Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial: Crystal Fraser, PhD Candidate, U of A

12:00 -1:00 pm LUNCH – – Prairie Room – Core Group Only

1:00-2:00 pm **Keynote Presentation:** Ovide Mercredi

2:00-3:00 pm **The State of Reconciliation – The Current Legal and Political
Landscape:** Maxime Faille and Kennedy Bear Robe, Gowling WLG

3:00-3:20 pm BREAK

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Research Paper Presentation and Discussion:

3:15-4:30 pm **A Way to Self-Government:** Bertha Rabesca- Zoe, Legal Counsel, Tlicho Government

7:00 pm-11:00 pm Reception & Old Time Dance: Maple Leaf Room

Old Time Dance Musicians: Brandon Firth & Eric Blake

Student performances:

 Tianna Frank- Little Pine First Nations, Old Style jingle

 Samantha and Jacqueline Gibbon -Métis jigging

 Samantha and Sadie Roan- from Big Grassy River Ojibwe Nation and Cree Camp, Jingle Dress Dancers

Tlicho Drummers

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TUESDAY, MARCH 6: *Auditorium – Maple Leaf Room*

9:00-10:00 am **Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial:** Sarah Jerome, Gwich'in Elder

10:00-10:20 am BREAK

10:20-11:30 am **Section 25 & 35 of the Constitution: Treaties, Claims, Implementation**
Catherine Bell, University of Alberta
Janna Promislow, Thompson Rivers University, Faculty of Law (via Skype)

12:00 -1:00 pm LUNCH – Prairie Room – Core Group Only

Research Paper Presentation and Discussion:

1:00-1:45 pm **Education, Nationhood:** Matthew Wildcat, University of Alberta

1:45- 2:30 pm **Indigenous Law/Legal Traditions:** Kris Statnyk, Lawyer; Mandell Pinder,
Vancouver, BC

2:30-2:45 pm BREAK

2:45-3:45 pm **Keynote:** Richard Nerysoo, past GTC President

3:45-4:15 pm Socialize with Attendees & Check-In and Wrap-Up

4:15-4:30 PM **Closing Ceremony/Prayer:**
Sarah Jerome, Gwich'in Elder

**5:30-8:00 pm DINNER ITH NORTHWESTEL & FUN ACTIVITY:
Youth & Staff, Venue TBD
(Escape Room, Axe Throwing, etc. Location TBD)**

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

AUGUSTANA VISIT

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| 8:00 am | Depart U of A |
| 9:45 am | Arrive and settle at Augustana |
| 10:00 am | Welcome from the Dean's Office, Karsten Mundel, Assistant Dean Academic
Augustana Aboriginal Students Office Introduction, Megan Caldwell,
Indigenous Student Services Coordinator
Augustana Services & Opportunities - Vanessa Torkelson |
| 10:40 am | Faculty Member Presentation, Erin Sutherland, PhD Cultural Studies, Métis |
| 11:20 am | Current Student Session (Fun & Interactive Session) |
| 12:00-12:45 pm | LUNCH - Cafeteria |
| 12:45 pm | Campus Tour |
| 1:30 pm | Advising Session (Q&A), Vanessa Torkelson |
| 2:00 pm | Final Thoughts, Elder Mary Moonias, Louis Bull Tribe |
| 2:15 pm | Depart Augustana |
| 4:00 pm | Arrive at U of A (Prepare for supper) |
| 5:00-9:00 pm | DINNER: Youth & Staff
(Bourbon Street in West Edmonton Mall), shopping and/or a movie? |

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8:

Location: Aurora Room

CORE GROUP ONLY

- 9:00 – 9:50 am Gwich'in Testimonial: Lois Edge, PhD
- 9:50 – 10:00 am Walk to
- 10:00 – 10:50 am Indigenous Recruitment Presentation, Administration Building, Crystal Swan, Jade Brown, Lyndsey Chamberlain, Lori Myers & Courtney Wagner
- 10:50 – 11:00 am BREAK**
- 11:00 – 12:30 pm Aboriginal Campus Tour
- 12:30-1:00 pm LUNCH – Cafeteria**
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Gwich'in Testimonial: Crystal Norris, University of Regina Student
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm Tour of SWAMP Labs-Bill Shotyk and Mark Donner
- 3:00 - 3:15 pm BREAK**
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm Visit to Indigenous teaching space at the Faculty of Extension
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Library Services Tour & Information on Programs
Kayla Lar-Son, BA Hon FNS, MLIS Candidate, Indigenous Intern U of A Libraries
- 7:00 pm HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA!  VS. 

Students pack as checking out Friday morning and moving to Executive Royal Hotel by the airport Friday night after the closing feast.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Location: Aurora Room

CORE GROUP ONLY

- 9:00-10:00 am Gwich'in Education Department, Anna Leon
- 10:00-12:00 pm University Experience Roundtable Discussion with UAlberta Indigenous Students and Alumni.
Chelsea Vowel, FNS MA Student and Faculty of Law Alumni
Jade Brown, FNS Alumni
Jordan Koe, FNS Alumni
- 12:00-2:00 pm LUNCH – Aurora Room**
(Research Presentations during lunch)
Suzanne Tank, Assistant Professor Faculty of Science
Knowledge Translation Lead with CANHelp, Amy Colquhoun, MSc, PhD Candidate
Rob McMahon & Michael McNally, Digitization
Teet'it Gwich'in Land Based Project, Liza Piper and Molly Swain
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm University Lecture session - Liza Piper, History and Classics
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm BREAK**
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm Visit with Aboriginal Student Services Centre, 2nd Floor, Room 2-400 SUB (Students Union Building): Tricia Beaudry
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm University of Alberta Career Centre Information Session – 2nd Floor, Room 100 SUB: Angela Johny
- 4:30 – 5:00 pm Student Success Centre Information Session, 1st Floor, Room 80 SUB: Sharon Stearns
- 5:30-7:30 pm CLOSING FEAST: Core Group Only**
Closing Comments:
Bobbi-Jo Greenland-Morgan, Grand Chief/President, GTC
Roger Epp & Trish Fontaine, University of Alberta TBC
Youth Round Table - Final Thoughts

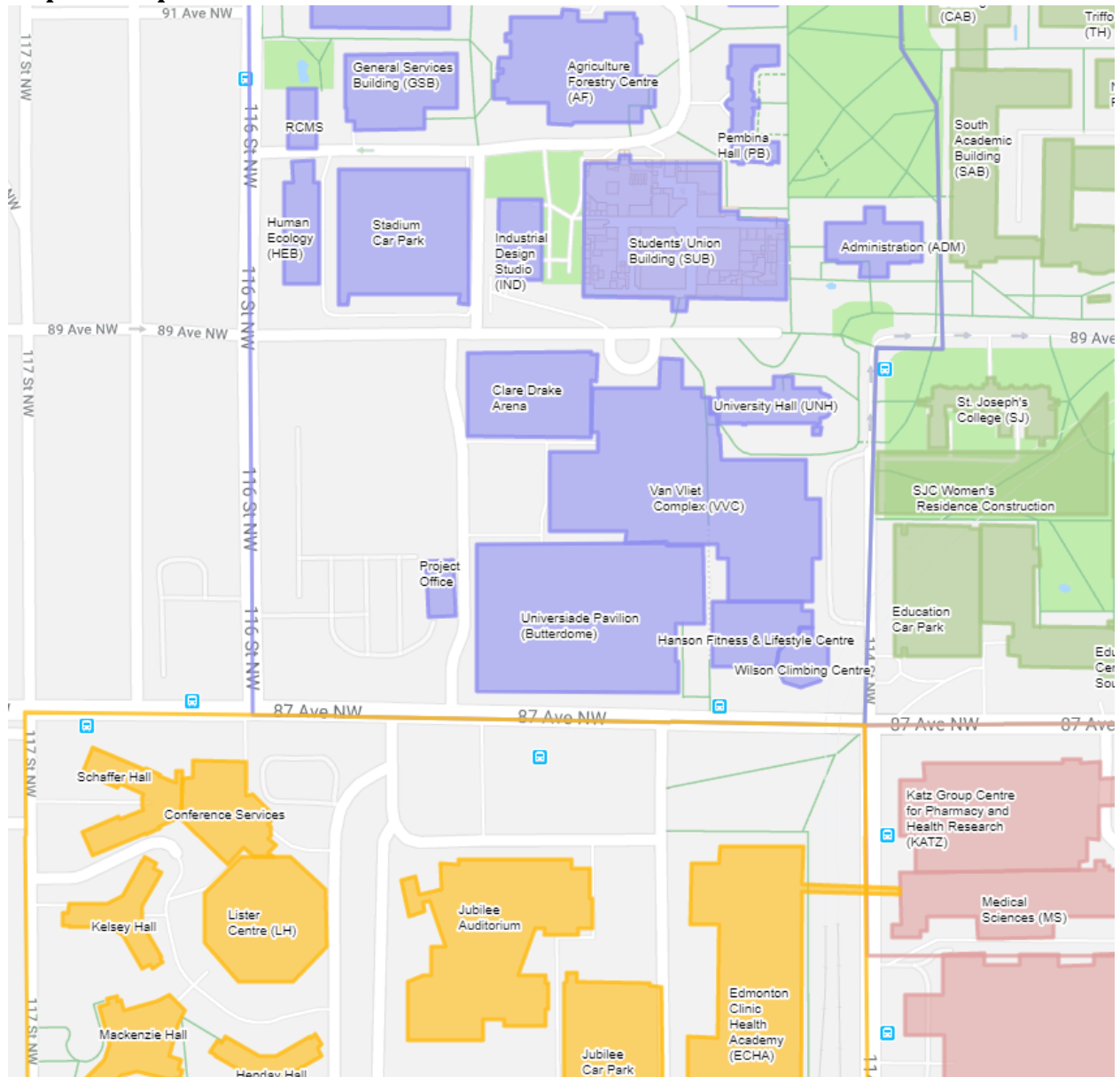
Students and staff check into Executive Royal Hotel by the airport as their flight leaves early Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Travel Day

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Map of Campus



Places to get food:

- Lister Hall Cafeteria
- Students Union Building
- CAB – Central Academic building
- HUB Mall –
- ECHA – Edmonton Clinic Health Academy

Parking:

- Jubilee Car Park
- Stadium Car Park
- Education Car Park