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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013

- 4:30pm-6:00pm: Opening Reception & Book Reading with Joseph Boyden (*Through Black Spruce*, 2008 Giller Prize Winner)
- 6:00pm–8:00pm: Opening Dinner & Conversation with the Rt. Hon. Paul Martin on the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative (MAEI)

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

- 8:15am-9:00am: Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00am-9:15am: Welcoming Remarks
  Speakers: James Bartleman, Brian LaForme, Pamela Palmater
- 10:45am–11:00am: Refreshment break
- 11:00am-12:30pm: Concurrent Panels I
  - *Session A – A Non-Indigenous Stake in Reconciliation, Chair:* Kate Daley
    - Ravi de Costa, “Reconciliation, Democracy and the Challenges for Indigenous-Settler Engagement”
    - Jeff Denis, “Pathways to Being an Ally: How Some Non-Indigenous Canadians Embrace Reconciliation”
    - Chris Hiller, “Unsettling Our Home on Native Land: Narratives of White Settler Activists Coming to Grips with Indigenous Sovereignty, Title and Rights”
  - *Session B – Defining Identities and Recognizing Cultural Heritages, Chair:* H. Thomas Wilson
    - Katherine Morton, “Canadian Heritages: Difference and Recognition of Aboriginal and Immigrant Communities within the Discourse of Cultural Heritage”
    - Snezana Ratkovic and Catherine Longboat, “Reconstructing ‘Aboriginal’ and Immigrant Identities in Canada”
    - Rebecca Beaulne-Stuebing, “Doing Research Matters: Anishinabe Methodology at the Roots of Who We Are”
- 12:30pm-1:45pm: Luncheon and Keynote Presentation with James Laxer
- 1:45pm-3:15pm: Concurrent Panels II
Presentation by Amar Bhatia, Minnawaanigoiizhigok/Dawnis Kennedy and Nadia Verrelli, Chair: Bonnie McElhinny

Session B – Rights and Recognition: Comparing Indigenous Peoples and Immigrant Communities in Canada, Chair: Ravi de Costa

Sean Rehaag, “The Substantive Content of ‘Every Citizen of Canada’ in the Charter: Are Citizens Whomever Parliament Says They Are?”

Jean-Sebastien Blais, “Recognizing the Human Right of Canadian First Nations: The Impact of the Repeal of Section 67 of the Canadian Human Right Act for Yukon First Nations”

Vicki Trerise, “Colonialism Extinguishes Consent: Why Canada Must Surrender Decision Making Authority Over Indigenous Peoples”

Session C – Belonging and Defining: Indigenous Encounters within Circles of Time, Chair: Colin Coates

David McNab, “A Broken Métis Treaty and Resistance”

Maureen Riche, “Canine Colonial Encounters in Canada: Past and Present”

Karen Travers, “Defining ‘Indian’: Quakgwan’s Settlement and the Language of Exclusion in the Western District of Upper Canada”

• 3:15pm-3:30pm: Refreshment Break

• 3:30pm-5:00pm: Concurrent Panels III

Session A – Building Knowledge and Finding Allies through Education, Chair: Victoria Freeman

Sarah Ling, Amy Perreault and Hanae Tsukada, “Critical Engagement in an International Learning Space”

Chelsea Gabel and Jean Michel Montsion, “The Tale of Two Students: Canadian Universities and the Recruitment of Aboriginal and International Students”

H. Tom Wilson, “Adequate Evidence in Program Evaluations”


FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013

• 8:15am-8:55am: Registration and Continental Breakfast

• 8:55am-9:00am: Introductory remarks

• 9:00am-10:45am: Plenary Session – Reflecting on the Future of Canada: Governance, Borders and Relationship-Building, Chair: H. Thomas Wilson

Speakers: Dr. Phil Bellfy, Dr. David McNab and Prof. Peter Russell

• 10:45am-11:00am: Refreshment Break

• 11:00am–12:30pm: Concurrent Panels IV

Session A – Urban Identities, Encounters and Relationship-Building, Chair: Clarence Bolt

Joanne Heritz, “Aboriginal Political Representation in Urban Centres in Canada”

Laura Murphy, “At the Core—Urban Housing Trends for Newcomer Immigrants and Indigenous Peoples in Canada”

Mai Nguyen, “Building Relationships or Building Roadblocks? – A Look at the Winnipeg Urban Aboriginal Strategy”
Session B – Resource Development, Health and Wellbeing, Chair: Christa Scholtz


Session C – Considering the Impact of History: Possibilities for Reconciliation, Chair: Ute Lischke

Renate Eigenbrod, “One Native Life: Place and Displacement in Richard Wagamese’s For Joshua”

Derek Kornelsen, “Postcolonial Citizenship: Reconsidering Indigenous Political Belonging and Authority in Settler Societies”

William Westerman, This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land: Are Immigrant Rights and Indigenous Rights Categorically Irreconcilable?

• 12:30pm–1:45pm: Luncheon and Keynote Presentation with Dean Jacobs

• 1:45pm–3:15pm: Concurrent Panels V

Session A – The Future of Colonialism, Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, Chair: Maggie Quirt

Sarah Ling, “Rooted in the Land: Revitalizing Stories of Chinese and Musqueam Relations”

David MacDonald, “Multiculturalism, Aboriginal Peoples, and the Search for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada”

Sylvia Kasparian, “Where Do Aboriginal-Immigrant Relations Stand Today?”

Session B – Borders and Migration: Confronting Limits and Seeking Justice, Chair: Jennifer Dalton

Rahat Naeem, “Causes and Consequences of Migration in Indigenous Communities in Northern Ontario”

Tanya Mpala, “Barriers Accessing Justice for Aboriginal peoples and Asylum seekers in Canada: A Comparative Analysis”

Harini Sivalingam, “Migration and Nation Building: Comparing Canada’s Policies Towards Indigenous Peoples and Asylum Seekers”

• 3:15pm–3:30pm: Refreshment Break

• 3:30pm–5:00pm: Concurrent Panels VI

Session A – Defining Home, Place and Identity: Examining the Lived Experiences of Indigenous Peoples and Immigrant Communities, Chair: Phil Bellfy


Michael Posluns, “First Nations Relations in Canada”

Charlotte Henay, “Incommensurabilities and Decolonization for Community Futures”

Session B – Identities and Pluralism: Considering Literary, Artistic and Virtual Conceptions, Chair: Gayle Comeau

Samantha Mackinnon, “A Better Ending: Legal Pluralism in Atanarjuat the Fast Runner”

Jeffrey Canton, “Children’s Literature, Ethics and Genocide: An Examination of the Indian Residential School Experience in Canadian Children's Picture Books and Young Adult Fiction”

Dan Bousfield, “Canadian Cyber Diplomacies: The Challenges of Virtual Identities in Canada”
Session C – Community Engagement and Relationship-Building through Storytelling, Chair: Mona Brash

Umbreen Ashraf, “Decolonizing Potential of Dialogues and Storytelling Between Indigenous and Immigrant Communities: A Case of the City of Vancouver's Dialogues Project”
