

Activating the Heart: Storytelling, Knowledge, and Relationship Workshop

18 – 20 June 2012

Yellowknife & Dettah, NWT

Organizers: Julia Christensen, Christopher Cox, Andrée Boisselle, and Lisa Szabo-Jones

WORKSHOP DAYTIME SESSIONS LOCATION will be held at Dettah, a Yellowknives Dene (Weledeh) community (27 km outside of Yellowknife). A bus will transport participants to and from the Explorer Hotel each day. See the schedule for pick-up times.

WORKSHOP EVENING SHARED PUBLIC SESSIONS will be held in Yellowknife – see the schedule for the specific locations, as they are at different sites each night.

*** A light breakfast will be available each morning before the sessions begin ***

MONDAY 18 JUNE 2012

8:30 am – BUS PICK-UP at the **Explorer Hotel** for ride to Dettah

9:20 – 10:20am – Welcome and Opening Prayer & Storytelling by an Elder

10:20 – 11:15 am – FRED SANGRIS – Introduction to Yellowknives Dene History

11:15 - 11:30 - coffee/tea break

11:30 – 1:00 – ROUNDTABLE 1: TRANSMISSIONS: STORIES FROM THE HEART

- **MARIA CAMPBELL:** Cree/Michif Narrative and Storytelling
- **MARGERY FEE:** Harry Robinson on Reading: Reading Harry Robinson
- **SALLY RICE:** Why Stories Matter
- **DEANNA REDER:** Acimisowina: Cree-ative Non-fiction

1:00 – 2:00 – Lunch Break (Catered)

2:00 – 4:00 – ROUNDTABLE 2: PEDAGOGY AND ALTERNATIVE ARTICULATIONS

- **STEPHANIE IRLBACHER-FOX:** Ethnographic Writing: Enlarging Knowledge, Narrative, and Action
- **CINDY ALLEN:** Yamozha Stories
- **KEAVY MARTIN:** Relationality in the Literature Classroom
- **SARAH JEROME:** Telling Stories in Our Language: Gwich'in Storytelling and Language Revitalization

- **MILLIE THRASHER/ZOE TODD:** Respecting Inuvialuit Ways of Knowing

4:15 – PICK-UP at Chief Drygeese Centre and return to Yellowknife

4:45 – 7:15 – Dinner Break (On your own)

7:30 – 9:30 pm – SHARED PUBLIC EVENT: THEATRE AND STORYTELLING

Location: Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre

- **Diane Conrad and the iHuman Youth Society Project “High Risk Youth Uncensored”**
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TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2012

8:30 am – PICK-UP at Explorer Hotel for bus to Dettah

9:20 – 10:20 – Storytelling by an Elder

10:30 – 12:30pm – ROUNDTABLE 3: HEALTH AND HEALING

(There will be a coffee/tea break during this session)

- **DIANE CONRAD:** High Risk Youth Uncensored
- **RICHARD VAN CAMP:** Storytelling as Healing
- **RITA WONG:** Re-Storying Our Bodies of Water
- **LYANA PATRICK:** From Medicine to Planning: Healing Stories Across Disciplines
- **SARAH DE LEEUW:** The Hearts of Medicine, Health, Literary Arts, and Social Justice

12:30pm – 1:30 – Lunch Break (Catered)

1:30 – 3:30 – ROUNDTABLE 4: RELATIONALITY AND REVITALIZATION

- **MARY ROSE SUNDBERG:** The Work of Goyati Ko Language Society
- **MEGAN LUKANIEC:** The Role of Traditional Narratives in Contemporary Wendat Language Revitalization
- **BREN KOLSON:** A Comparative Analysis of Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Literature and Literary Conventions
- **ALESTINE ANDRE:** Digitizing Gwich'in Stories from the Stone Age
- **MARIE-CLAIRE BELLEAU:** Dissent and Alternative Ways of Articulating Judgement
- **JO-ANN EPISKENEW:** Activating the Heart: Storytelling, Knowledge Sharing and Relationship

3:45 – PICK-UP from Chief Drygeese Centre for return to Yellowknife

4:15 – 7:15pm - Dinner Break (On your own)

7:30 – 10pm SHARED PUBLIC EVENT: FILM

Location: Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre

- Warren Cariou’s short film “Overburden” [15 minutes]
 - Leonie Sandercock’s feature-length film “Finding Our Way” [90 minutes]
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WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2012

8:30am – PICK-UP at Explorer Hotel for bus to Dettah

9:20 am – 10:20 – Storytelling by an Elder

10:30am – 12: 30pm– ROUNDTABLE 5: LISTENING WITH OUR SENSES: VISUAL AND AURAL STORYTELLING

(There will be a coffee/tea break during this session)

- **WARREN CARIOU:** Film and Storytelling
- **CHRISTINE STEWART & JACKIE LEGGAT:** From Under Mill Creek Bridge
- **REBECCA JOHNSON:** Strange Encounters and Emancipatory Practices in Cinematic Legal Thought
- **LEONIE SANDERCOCK:** Finding Our Way: Using Film in Community Healing and Community Development

12:30pm – 1:30 pm - Lunch Break (Catered)

1:30 – 3:00 – ROUNDTABLE 6: PROCESSES FOR ACTIVATING THE HEART

For this roundtable all participants are encouraged to express their thoughts on the Workshop highlights and challenges, particularly as they relate to the themes and issues developed over the course of the past three days. The organizers will also share their thoughts and seek feedback on a future collaborative multi-media project and edited publication to emerge from the workshop.

3pm - 4pm – THANKS AND CLOSING PRAYER

4 – 8pm (wear appropriate shoes for walking)

– **OUTDOOR WALK AND STORYTELLING WITH ELDERS**

– **COMMUNAL DINNER:** Fish Fry at B Dene Cultural Camp - 20 minute walk from Dettah