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Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 4-5, 2018

AGENDA



DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00AM - 12:00PM	REGISTRATION	COMMONWEALTH FOYER
12:00PM - 12:15PM	FEAST OPENING MASTER OF CEREMONIES DARREN GOOGOO OPENING PRAYER & SMUDGE JOHN JEROME PAUL GREETINGS CHIEF LEROY DENNY PREMIER MCNEIL MAYOR SAVAGE	COMMONWEALTH B
12:15PM - 12:30PM	PERFORMANCE MI'KMAQ DRUMMING EASTERN EAGLES DRUMMING GROUP	COMMONWEALTH B
12:30PM - 1:15PM	LUNCH	COMMONWEALTH B
1:15PM - 2:00PM	KEYNOTE & PERFORMANCE BERNIE FRANCIS	COMMONWEALTH B
2:00PM - 2:30PM	BREAK AND TRANSITION	COMMONWEALTH FOYER
2:30PM - 4:30PM	BLANKET EXERCISE INTERACTIVE CULTURAL ACTIVITY JUDE GERRARD	ATLANTIC BALLROOM
4:30PM	CLOSING OF DAY 1	ATLANTIC BALLROOM
7:00PM - 7:15PM	RECEPTION OPENING GREETINGS MINISTER LEO GLAVINE MINISTER TONY INCE	ATLANTIC BALLROOM

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DAY 1 CON'T WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30PM - 8:00PM	RECEPTION KEYNOTE SENATOR DAN CHRISTMAS	ATLANTIC BALLROOM
8:00PM - 8:30PM	RECEPTION PERFORMANCE REBECCA THOMAS FORMER HALIFAX POET LAUREATE	ATLANTIC BALLROOM



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DAY 2 THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00AM - 9:00AM	BREAKFAST	COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM
9:00AM - 9:15AM	WELCOME FLOYD MARTENS, CSBA	ATLANTIC BALLROOM
9:15AM - 10:15AM	KEYNOTE CANDY PALMATER COMEDIAN AND BROADCASTER	ATLANTIC BALLROOM
10:15AM - 10:45AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK	ATLANTIC FOYER
10:45AM - 12:00PM	WORKSHOP SESSION #1	SEE WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & LOCATIONS
12:00PM - 1:30PM	LUNCH	ATLANTIC BALLROOM
1:30PM - 2:45PM	WORKSHOP SESSION #2	SEE WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & LOCATIONS
2:45PM - 3:45PM	PANEL DISCUSSION CONTRIBUTING AUTHORS OF MARIE BATTISTE'S BOOK, "LIVING TREATIES" ELEANOR BERNARD, DANIEL PAUL, STEPHEN AUGUSTINE JAMIE BATTISTE- MODERATOR	COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM
3:45PM - 4:00PM	CLOSING REMARKS	COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM

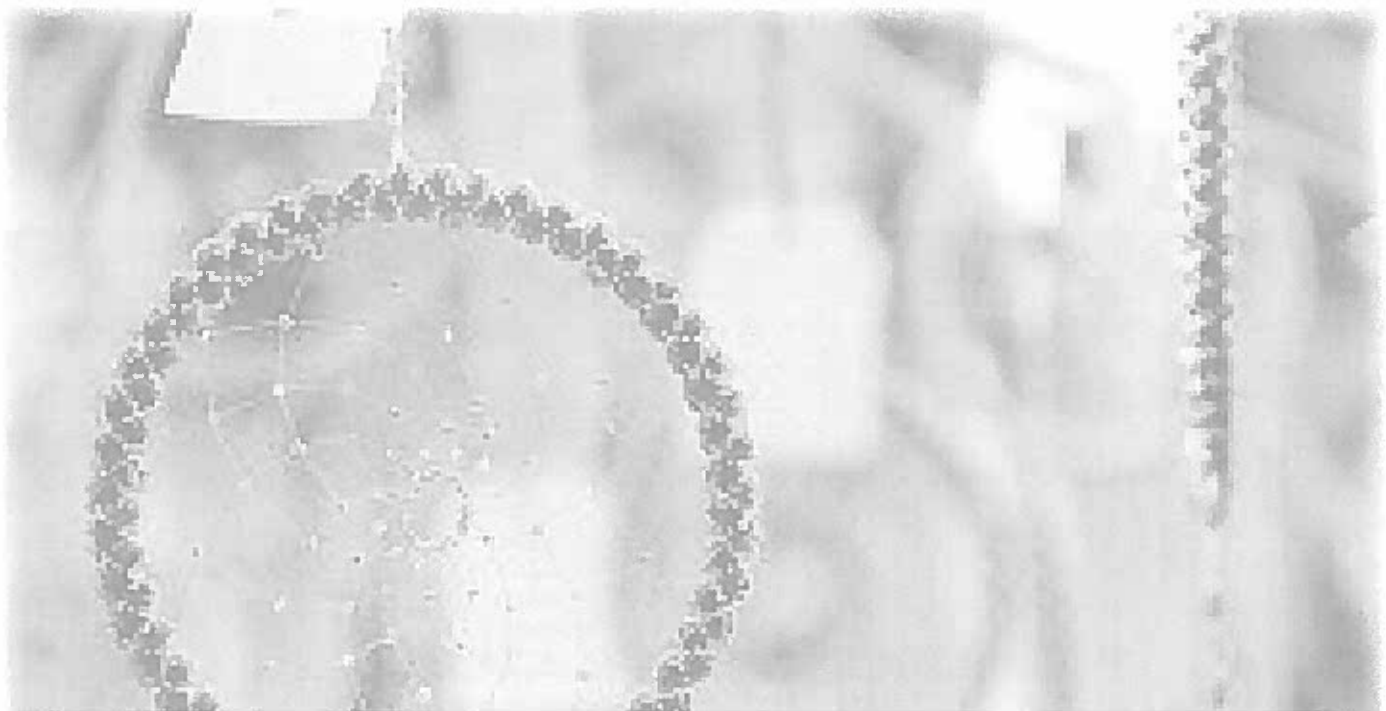


WORKSHOP SESSIONS DESCRIPTIONS & LOCATIONS



WORKSHOP SESSION #1 10:45AM - 12:00PM

WORKSHOP TITLE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
WORKSHOP 1A	Youth Panel: Identity and Language in Education Facilitated by: Wyatt White	COMMONWEALTH A
WORKSHOP 1B	Aboriginal Voice in Education: Is representation enough? Presenter: Darren Googoo Director of Education, Membertou	LUNENBURG ROOM
WORKSHOP 1C	Indigenous Language: Promote, Preserve, Revitalize Presenters: Chief Leroy Denny Chair, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey Assembly First Nations Language Centre Blair Gould, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey	ATLANTIC BALLROOM



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WORKSHOP SESSION #2 1:30PM - 2:45PM

WORKSHOP TITLE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
WORKSHOP 2A	Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey: How to maintain autonomy while maintaining and building relationships Presenters: John Jerome Paul Elizabeth Cremo Director of Education, Eskasoni Darren GooGoo Director of Education, Membertou	COMMONWEALTH A
WORKSHOP 2B	Treaty Education Advocacy: The Nova Scotia Experience Presenter: Jaime Battiste Treaty Education Nova Scotia Lead Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey	LUNENBURG ROOM
WORKSHOP 2C	Indigenous Knowledge: Two-eyed seeing and governance Presenter: Albert Marshall Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources	ATLANTIC BALLROOM



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & PERFORMERS



BERNIE FRANCIS

Bernie Francis, DLitt, grew up on the Maupeltu (Membertou) First Nation community in Cape Breton, NS. From 1970-1974, he worked as the Director of the Court Worker Program for the federal court system, a program that ensures fair and proper treatment for Mi'kmaw people including access to a translator.

After leaving the court system, Bernie began his training in linguistics with linguist Doug Smith from the University of Toronto. Bernie completed that training in 1980, having developed a new orthography of the Mi'kmaw language with Professor Smith. The Smith/Francis orthography is now officially recognized by the Mi'kmaw chiefs in Nova Scotia, as well as by the Canada-Nova Scotia-Mi'kmaq Tripartite Forum.



With linguist John Hewson (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Bernie co-edited and updated *Leçons grammaticales théoriques et pratiques de la langue micmaque* of Rev. Father Pacifique Buisson, ofmcap, published in 1939, a vast and important collection of information on the Mi'kmaw language. Dr. Francis received an honorary doctorate from Dalhousie University in October, 1999. With Trudy Sable (Saint Mary's University), he published *The Language of This Land, Mi'kma'ki* (CBU Press 2012). Bernie continues to work on many projects including the *Pjila'si Mi'kma'ki: Mi'kmaw Place Names Digital Atlas and Website Project*.

BLANKET EXERCISE

INTERACTIVE CULTURAL ACTIVITY FACILITATED BY JUDE GERRARD



Fifteen years ago, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition worked with Indigenous elders and teachers to develop an interactive way of learning the history most Canadians were never taught. The Blanket Exercise was the result. The Blanket Exercise is designed to deepen participants' understanding of the Indigenous peoples' experience upon European contact and throughout Canadian history. It explores the major themes and recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, examines how federal policies and programs impact the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada, and discusses what Indigenous peoples and their allies are doing to bring about positive change through reconciliation, all in a participatory way.

The Blanket Exercise highlights the true meaning behind Treaty Education in a Nova Scotia context and raises awareness of the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. It will be an impactful and educational experience for all participants.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & PERFORMERS



SENATOR DAN CHRISTMAS



Mr. Christmas has served in various leadership positions in the Mi'kmaw Nation of Nova Scotia. After serving five years as the Band Manager for the Community of Membertou, Mr. Christmas worked for the Union of Nova Scotia Indians for 15 years - the last 10 as its Director. He was actively involved in the recognition and implementation of Mi'kmaw aboriginal and treaty rights in Nova Scotia.

From 1997 to 2016, Mr. Christmas held the position as Senior Advisor with Membertou and had assisted the Chief and Council and its Management Team with the day-to-day operations of the Community of Membertou. Dan also served as elected councilor for Membertou for 18 years.

Mr. Christmas has been active in a number of international, national, provincial and local agencies in a wide range of fields including aboriginal & treaty rights, justice, policing, education, health care, human rights, adult training, business development and the environment.

In 2005, Mr. Christmas was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University and an honorary diploma from the Nova Scotia Community College in 2016. In 2008, he was the recipient of the National Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Award from the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada.

In December 2016, Mr. Christmas was sworn in as an Independent Senator for Nova Scotia. Senator Christmas is the first Mi'kmaw senator to be appointed to the Senate of Canada.

REBECCA THOMAS FORMER HALIFAX POET LAUREATE

Rebecca Thomas is a Mi'kmaw woman living in Mi'kma'ki (Nova Scotia). She is the daughter of a residential school survivor whose family is rooted in Lennox Island First Nation, Prince Edward Island.



Rebecca is outspoken when it comes to confronting Indigenous stereotypes, as well as educating her colleagues and the general public about cultural safety and integrity. She is now Halifax's former Poet Laureate. As poet laureate, she served as an ambassador and advocate for literacy, literature, and the arts, and reflected the vitality of the community through appearances and readings of poetry at a number of civic events and other activities.

Most of her work focuses on the relationships between Canada's First Peoples, their relationship with the federal government, and how First Nations' people are perceived publicly. Rebecca is on a life long journey to promote understanding and empathy for Indigenous people and marginalized communities. "Listen to the First Peoples of Turtle Island. We've been here longer than you."

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & PERFORMERS



CANDY PALMATER COMEDIAN AND BROADCASTER



Candy is a recovered lawyer turned feminist comic. She is an actor, writer, columnist, international speaker, activist, comedian and multiple award-winning TV and radio personality, and has executive produced three films on Mi'kmaw culture.

Candy is the creator and star of her own national, multiple award-winning TV series, *The Candy Show* (APTN). She has a role on the *Trailer Park Boys S10* (NETFLIX), appeared in *Call Me Fitz* (HBO Canada) and *Sex and Violence* (OutTV), and received a Screen Nova Scotia nomination for her role on *Forgive Me* (Superchannel). She's a Broadcaster with CBC Radio One where Candy has hosted: *The Candy Palmater Show*, *Q*, *DNTO* and appears on *Because News* and *The Next Chapter*. You can hear Candy's voice as the Narrator of CBC

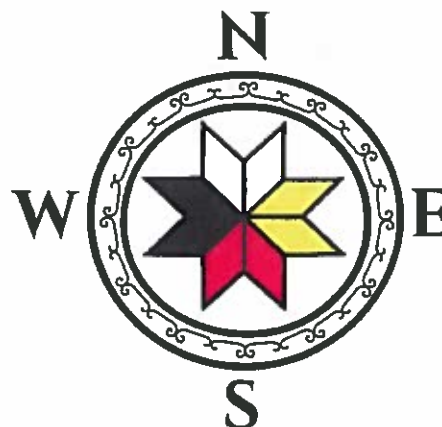
TV series *True North Calling*, and was a Panelist on *Canada Reads 2017*.

Candy has written and hosted many broadcasts including *Ab Day Live*, the *Indspire Awards*, and the *imagineNATIVE Film Fest Awards Show*.

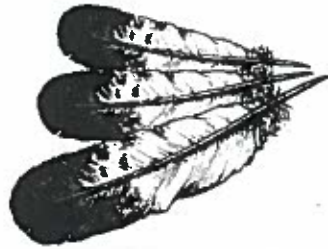
Candy was valedictorian of her class at Dalhousie Law School and went on to practice Labour and Aboriginal law in a large corporate firm until show biz came knocking.

Before pursuing entertainment full time, Candy directed First Nations education for the Nova Scotia Department of Education for a decade. She is currently working on a Masters of Education at St. Francis Xavier University and has taught in the Transition Year program at Dalhousie University.

Candy spends most of her time in airports and airplanes as she travels the globe speaking to audiences, large and small, about the power of love, kindness and self-acceptance. Candy believes we are more alike than different and that you can NEVER have too much Candy.



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