



# From Truth to Reconciliation: Towards a Just Future for the Indigenous Peoples of Canada

## PROGRAMME

Tuesday, March 8

NCDH 202

Faculty of Law, McGill University

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4:30-5:00

### **Conference introduction**

Conference Chair **Professor Payam Akhavan**, Faculty of Law

#### **With welcoming remarks from**

- **K.M. Greg Sarkissian**  
President, International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights  
Studies & Conference Co-Organizer
- **Angela Campbell**  
Associate Provost, McGill University
- **François Crépeau**  
Director, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

5:00-6:30

### **Opening Panel** chaired by **Marika Giles Samson**,

Executive Director, Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism

#### **From Truth to Reconciliation: Experiencing the TRC**

- **Aimée Craft**  
Research Director, National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation
- **David MacDonald**  
Associate Professor, University of Guelph and consultant to the  
Truth & Reconciliation Commission
- **Michael Loft**  
Faculty of Social Work, McGill University and Intergenerational  
Residential School Survivor

**Wednesday, March 9**  
**Moot Court Room, NCDH 100**  
**Faculty of Law, McGill University**

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- 8:30-8:45     **Opening Remarks**  
Conference Chair **Professor Payam Akhavan**, Faculty of Law
- 8:45-10:15     **Panel** chaired by **Professor Ronald Niezen**, Faculty of Law  
***A New Relationship with History: Confronting “Cultural Genocide”***
- **David MacDonald**  
Associate Professor, University of Guelph and consultant to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission
  - **Maureen Hiebert**  
Associate Professor, University of Calgary
  - **Roger Smith**  
Professor *Emeritus*, College of William & Mary
- 10:15-10:45     **Break** (Atrium, Faculty of Law)
- 10:45-12:15     **Panel** chaired by **Professor Kirsten Anker**, Faculty of Law  
***A New Relationship with the Land***
- **Aaron Mills**  
Trudeau Scholar and Doctoral Candidate, University of Victoria
  - **Aimée Craft**  
Research Director, National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation
  - **Anthony Hall**  
Professor of Globalization Studies, University of Lethbridge and author of *Earth into Property*
- 12:15-1:00     **Lunch** (Atrium, Faculty of Law)

- 1:00-2:30 **Public Keynote by Phil Fontaine**  
President of Ishkonigan Inc. and former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations
- 2:30-3:00 **Break**
- 3:00-4:30 **Panel** chaired by **Professor Colleen Sheppard**, Faculty of Law  
**A New Relationship Between Nations**
- **Armand MacKenzie**  
Legal Consultant to the Innu Nation and Senior Director of Government & Stakeholder Relations for Tata Steel Minerals Canada
  - **Bob Watts**  
Vice-President (Government and Corporate Relations) of First Peoples Group and Former Chief Executive Officer of the Assembly of First Nations
- 4:30-5:15 **Closing Keynote by Douglas White**  
Director of the Centre for Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation at Vancouver Island University, and former Chief of the Snuneymuxw First Nation
- 5:15-5:30 **Closing Remarks**  
Conference Chair **Professor Payam Akhavan**, Faculty of Law
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