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

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

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