



**'Aboriginal Citizenship  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
A Time of  
Challenge and Possibility'**

**March 23-27 2015**

**Hosted by:  
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# 2015 Gwich'in Tribal Council Post-Secondary Academic Conference

## Conference Event Key

The conference is structured to integrate international scholarly research activity with ongoing aboriginal political leadership activity and undergraduate and graduate education. The mixture of individuals and institutions involved in the project is ambitious and complex. To meet this challenge, the conference is scheduled in terms of a daily rotation of specifically defined events.

*Some sessions are restricted to students and indigenous youth – primarily Gwich'in and Labrador Inuit - registered in the conference (indicated by italic type in the schedule); **other sessions are open to all registrants (bold type in the schedule):***

### *SESSIONS EXCLUSIVELY FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH AND STUDENTS:*

*Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial:* An address by a Gwich'in leader. Invited guests only. Maximum seating 20. A reflection on aboriginal citizenship by way of personal and professional anecdotes. Testimonial speakers:

Mrs. Amy Amos, Director Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board  
Ms. Diane Baxter, Manager Land Claims Implementation, GTC  
Mr. Richard Francis, Gwich'in Professional Chef  
Mr. Norman Snowshoe, Vice President GTC  
Mr. James Wilson, President GTC

*Life Skills Workshop:* Delivered by MUN Aboriginal Resource Office personnel. Maximum seating 30. A focus on the practical skills required to succeed in post-secondary education, especially when living away from home.

Workshop leaders:

Ms. Caitlyn Baikie, Geography, MUN  
Ms. Sonya Clarke-Casey, Aboriginal Resource Office, MUN  
Ms. Denise Hooper, Arts, MUN

*Philosophy of Aboriginal Rights (PHIL 3950):* Lecture and seminar delivered by Dr. Peter Trnka. Maximum seating 30. Questions to be explored: What are aboriginal rights and how do they cohere with the western European traditions of political philosophy? Are aboriginal philosophies required to think aboriginal rights?

*Graduate Humanities M. PHIL Lectures:* Delivered by Mr. Patrick Tomlinson. Maximum seating 30. Graduate lectures focusing on the topics of aboriginal identity and aboriginal literature.

*Research Paper Discussion Sessions:* Discussion sessions with indigenous youth and students on research presentations lead by the research speakers, that is, tutorials on the Citizenship Research Presentations. Multiple sessions. Maximum seating 15.

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## OPEN SESSIONS

**Citizenship Research Paper Presentations:** Research presentations will be by invited Professors, political leaders, and graduate students. Maximum seating 50. Two 30 minute presentations per session, with 15 minutes of discussion per paper. Speakers are encouraged to use experimental and participatory modes of delivery. Research speakers:

Dr. Francis Abele, Public Policy & Administration, Carleton U.  
Dr. Tom Cooper, Business, MUN  
Dr. Craig Cramm, Philosophy, MUN  
Dr. Chris Dunn, Political Science, MUN  
Mr. Morley Hanson, Nunavut Sivuniksavut  
Ms. Amy Hudson, Interdisciplinary Ph.D. candidate, MUN  
Mr. Ovide Mercredi, former National Chief, Assembly of First Nations  
Dr. Lisa Rankin, Anthropology, MUN  
Mr. Patrick Tomlinson, Director Intergovernmental Relations GTC &  
MUN Professional Associate  
Dr. Peter Trnka, Philosophy, MUN

**Keynote Conference Presentation:** Delivered by leading national and international scholars and aboriginal political leaders. Maximum seating 75. Keynote speakers:

Dr. Francis Abele, Public Policy & Administration, Carleton U.  
Dr. Trevor Bell, Geography, MUN  
Ms. Marilyn Jensen, Yukon College  
Mr. Ovide Mercredi, former National Chief, Assembly of First Nations  
Mr. Dan Pottle, Minister of Finance, Nunatsiavut Government  
Mr. James Wilson, President GTC  
Mr. John B. Zoe, Tlicho Government

**Opening and Closing Ceremonies, including MUN-GTC MOU Signing Ceremony:**

Dr. Gary Kachanoski, President, MUN  
Mr. Norman Snowshoe, Vice President GTC  
Mr. James Wilson, President GTC  
Dr. Doreen Neville, Associate Vice President Academic, MUN  
Dr. Cecilia Reynolds, Deputy Provost of Students, MUN

## REGISTRATION

Registration is FREE for indigenous people and students; registration for non-indigenous people is \$30 per day and \$75 for the whole conference (on-site and virtual).

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### Schedule of Daily Events

#### MONDAY, MARCH 23

- 9:00-10:15am *Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial, The Landing:  
Mr. Norman Snowshoe, VP GTC: 'Becoming a Leader'*
- 10:30-12:00am *Life Skills Workshop I, The Landing: 'The Leadership Adventures  
of Caitlyn Baikie,' Ms. Caitlyn Baikie, Geography, MUN &  
Aboriginal Resource Office (ARO) MUN*
- 12:00-1:30 pm *Lunch for Indigenous Students: The Landing, Hosted by ARO*
- 1:30 -3:00 pm **Citizenship Research Paper Presentations, ED 3023:**  
  
**A) Dr. Peter Trnka, Philosophy, MUN: 'Treaty Nationhood  
and Arts of Negotiation'**  
**B) Dr. Tom Cooper, Business, MUN: 'Aboriginal Finance  
and Banking: Rights and Issues Emerging'**
- 3:30-4:30pm *Research Paper Discussion Sessions:  
Dr. Trnka (Arts 3068) & Dr. Cooper (Arts 3081)*
- 5:30-7:00pm **GTC-MUN MOU Signing Ceremony, INCO Atrium:  
Welcome MUN President Dr. Gary Kachanoski  
Introduction Mr. Norman Snowshoe, VP GTC  
Keynote Conference Presentation:  
'Indigenous Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'  
Mr. John B. Zoe, Tlicho Government  
Mr. Dan Pottle, Minister of Finance, Nunatsiavut  
Government  
Ms. Marilyn Jensen, Yukon College**
- 7:00-8:00pm **Opening Reception**

## 2015 Gwich'in Tribal Council Post-Secondary Academic Conference

### TUESDAY MARCH 24

- 9:00-10:15am      *Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial, SN 4087:*  
  
*Mrs Amy Amos, Executive Director, Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board: 'Returning Home to Work for My People'*
- 10:30-12:00am      *Life Skills Workshop II, Arts 4049D: Financial Literacy for Students, Ms. Sonya Clarke-Casey, ARO, MUN*
- 12:00 -1:00 pm      Lunch
- 1:00-2:30pm      **Citizenship Research Paper Presentations, CHEM 2033:**  
  
**A) Dr. Chris Dunn, Political Science, MUN: 'Aboriginal Scholarship in Newfoundland and Labrador: Retrospective and prospective'**  
**B) Ms. Amy Hudson, ID Ph. D., MUN: 'Women's Narratives: Life, history & culture in Southern Labrador'**
- 2:45-3:45pm      *Research Paper Discussion Sessions:*  
  
*Dr. Dunn (Arts 3068) & Ms. Hudson (Arts 3081)*
- 4:00-6:00 pm      *HUMN 6030 Graduate Class 'Philosophy: Identity', SN 4087:*  
  
*Mr. Patrick Tomlinson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, GTC and MUN Professional Associate: 'Mapping the Gwich'in Nation: A Look into the Many Layers of Gwich'in Identity'*
- 6:00-7:00      Supper
- 7:00-8:30pm      **Keynote Conference Presentation, CHEM 2004:**  
  
**Dr. Trevor Bell, Geography, MUN: 'Working with Labrador Inuit for Change: The Sustainable Communities Initiative in Nunatsiavut'**

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### WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

- 10:00-11:15am      *Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial, SN 4087:*  
*Ms. Diane Baxter, Manager of Land Claim Implementation,  
GTC: 'Post Secondary School as a Young Mother'*
- 11:30-12:30pm      *Philosophy of Aboriginal Rights (Phil 3950), Arts 3068:*  
*Dr. Peter Trnka, Philosophy, MUN, undergraduate lecture  
'Treaty Negotiation and Mutual Respect'*
- 12:30-1:30 pm      Lunch
- 1:30 -3:00 pm      **Citizenship Research Paper Presentations, CHEM 4011:**  
**A) Mr. Patrick Tomlinson, Director of Intergovernmental  
Relations, GTC: 'Aboriginal Self-Government and  
the Necessary Rethinking of the Categories of  
Political Experience in Canada'**  
**B) Mr. Ovide Mercredi, former National Chief, Assembly of  
First Nations: 'The Three Streams of Aboriginal  
Citizenship'**
- 3:30-4:30pm      *Research Paper Discussion Sessions:*  
*Mr. Tomlinson (Arts 3081) & Mr. Mercredi (Arts 3068)*
- 5:30-7:00pm      **Keynote Conference Presentation, CHEM 2004:**  
**Mr. Ovide Mercredi, former National Chief, Assembly of  
First Nations: 'Aboriginal Citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century'**

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## THURSDAY MARCH 26

- 9:00-10:15am      *Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial, SN 4087:*  
  
*Mr. Richard Francis, Gwich'in Professional Chef: 'Proud to be Gwich'in'*
- 10:30-11:30am      *Life Skills Workshop III, SN 4087: Presentation Skills*  
*Ms. Sonya Clarke-Casey, ARO, & Ms. Denise Hooper, MUN*
- 11:30-1:00pm      *Lunch with Mr. Ovide Mercredi & GTC President James Wilson*
- 1:00-2:30pm      **Citizenship Research Paper Presentations, CHEM 4036:**  
  
**A) Dr. Craig Cramm, Philosophy, MUN: 'Cultural Peace Making: Aboriginal Sovereignty As Restorative Justice'**  
  
**B) Dr. Lisa Rankin, Anthropology, MUN: 'Shifting Targets: The Impact of Ancient Inuit Settlement Strategies on Modern Land Claims'**
- 2:45-3:45pm      *Research Paper Discussion Sessions:*  
  
*Dr. Cramm (Arts 3081) & Dr. Rankin (Arts 3068)*
- 4:00-6:00pm      *HUMN 6020 Graduate Class 'Western Literature,' SN 4087:*  
  
*Mr. P. Tomlinson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, GTC & MUN Professional Associate: 'Robert A. Alexie's Porcupines and China Dolls: A Case of Fiction Revealing Powerful Truths of Lived Reality'*
- 6:00-7:00      Supper
- 7:00-8:30pm      **Keynote Conference Presentation, CHEM 2004:**  
  
**Dr. Francis Abele, Public Policy & Administration, Carleton University: 'Education and Democratic Development in Northern Canada'**

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### FRIDAY MARCH 27

- 10:00-11:15am *Gwich'in Citizenship Testimonial, Arts 3068:*  
*Mr. James Wilson, President GTC: 'The Value of Education'*
- 11:30-12:30 pm *Philosophy of Aboriginal Rights (Phil 3950), Arts 3068:*  
*Undergraduate student seminar on 'Treaty Negotiation and Mutual Respect' with Dr. P. Trnka, Philosophy, MUN*
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 -3:00 pm **Citizenship Research Paper Presentations, Arts 1045:**  
**A) Dr. Francis Abele, Carleton University: 'Learning About Indigenous Policy and Administration at Carleton University'**  
**B) Mr. Morley Hanson and Kayla Bruce, Nunavut Sivuniksavut: 'The Nunavut Sivuniksavut Experience'**
- 3:30-4:30pm *Research Paper Discussion Sessions:*  
*Dr. Abele (Arts 3068) & Mr. Hanson (Arts 3081)*
- 5:30-6:30pm **Closing Ceremony, Junior Common Room**  
**GTC President Mr. James Wilson,**  
**MUN Assoc. Vice President Academic Dr. Doreen Neville,**  
**Deputy Provost of Students, Dr. Cecilia Reynolds**  
**Keynote Conference Presentation:**  
**Mr. James Wilson, President GTC: 'The Value of Education'**  
**Closing remarks Gwich-in Youth Panel**  
**Announcement of 2016 Gwich'in Academic Conference Co-Hosts: Carleton University & Nunavut Sivuniksavut**
- 6:30-8:00pm Closing Reception: Aboriginal Menu Designed by Chef Mr. Richard Francis