

Public Talk

Tānima'yikohkēskamik kēhtē-iyinowâk kapīkiskātamok ōma āsay kanotehēsimo'yā kayās-isīhcikēwin: Lovelorn Ancients but for Workworn Antiquities

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Today, many Indigenous Peoples are experiencing an uneasy rub between ancients and antiquities. Our longing for former ages, institutions, customs and relationships heralds and collides with the remains of the old; the formerly worn; the now out-of-date. We yearn for belonging to a great age and the way we were and we pine for instructive invocations and healing interventions that will take us there sooner than later. Although we are buoyed by our longevity, continuous existence and ancientness, we feel forsaken by our unrequited love for the ideal of living true Indigenous lives well. If suffering from our love for ancient ways and voices is taking us down, then we have to lean heavily on wāhkotāhmowin, kindred spirits with kinship ties and on omanitēwāhk, our revered travelers who have carried us from times long ago past. To ease the rub between ancients and antiquities further, we have to carve out a taskam highway, a cut-across highway between the two ends of the spectrum while negotiating both sides of the middle where both perils and prizes lie. To get to the journey's end, we'll have to labor together ceaselessly.

**September 26, 2019
Richcraft Hall, 2nd floor
conference rooms**

**Reception/food at 6 p.m.
followed by the lecture and
Q&A from 6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**RSVP to Donna Malone
by September 13, 2019**