



# Truth(s), Indigenous Peoples and Public Policy

## PROGRAM

**2014 SUMMER INSTITUTE**

Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa

Osoyoos, British Columbia

12-16 May 2014

**Monday 12 May 2014**

7:30 – 8:30 am: **Breakfast**

Talon's Restaurant, Spirit Ridge Resort

8:30 – 10:15 am: **Trudeau scholars' workshop: Working Group on Canada's Role in International Development**  
(open to all)

NK'MIP Conference Centre, Spirit Ridge Resort

*With the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set to expire at the end of 2015, the United Nations and member states have engaged in considerable debate over the future of international development. This new working group will explore Canada's role in advancing the post-2015 development agenda, with a focus on health, education, poverty, inequality, climate change, gender equality, governance, security, and other key MDG issue areas.*

9:00 – 12:30 pm: **Induction of new Trudeau scholars** (2014 scholars only)

Spirit Room, Spirit Ridge Resort

10:15 – 10:45 am: **Coffee break**

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10:45 am – 12:30 pm: **Trudeau scholars' workshop: Social Repair From Violence: Perspectives from Canada and Abroad** (open to all)

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*This working group is interested in exploring how Indigenous individuals and communities in Canada and abroad conceptualize and practice social repair during and after episodes of violence, oppression, and exclusion, in order to reclaim and re-establish their basic human rights and dignity.*

12:30 – 1:30 pm: **Lunch**

Talon's Restaurant, Spirit Ridge Resort

1:30 – 3:00 pm: **Choice of workshop** (open to all)

- **Writing an op-ed, sharing your ideas with the wider world**

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*Trudeau mentor and former CTV national news journalist Rosemary Thompson will conduct a workshop on how to engage with the media in Canada. Learn how to write an opinion piece that editors will notice in the digital and conventional media; discuss writing style, voice, media outreach, and the pros and cons of getting involved in a public debate. The workshop will be repeated at 3:30 pm.*

- **Creating a digital voice, harnessing the power of social media**

Spirit Room, Spirit Ridge Resort

*Trudeau scholar Mélanie Millette will conduct a workshop on how researchers and intellectuals can disseminate their research and build a social media profile to share their ideas with the world. Learn how to make the most of popular communication tools when taking a public position; explore ethical issues associated with using social media and discover the breadth of the civil discourse that new media can allow. The workshop will be repeated at 3:30 pm.*

3:00 – 3:30 pm: **Coffee break**

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**Monday 12 May 2014 (con't)**

3:30 – 5:00 pm: **Choice of workshop** (open to all)

- **Writing an op-ed, sharing your ideas with the wider world**  
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*Repeat of workshop that took place at 1:30 pm*
- **Creating a digital voice, harnessing the power of social media**  
Spirit Room, Spirit Ridge Resort  
*Repeat of workshop that took place at 1:30 pm*

5:30 pm: **Registration**

NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre, Spirit Ridge hotel/NK'MIP Resort

6:00 pm: **Buffet dinner and performance**

NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre, Spirit Ridge hotel /NK'MIP Resort

**Tuesday 13 May 2014**

7:30 – 8:30 am: **Breakfast**

Spirit Room and Vineyard Patio, Spirit Ridge Resort

9 – 9:15 am: **Opening of the Summer Institute**

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Okanagan welcome by NK'MIP elder

Opening words by Tim Brodhead, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation

9:15 – 10:30 am: **Reconciliation, Recognition and Resurgence: Understanding the post-assimilation policy framework for Indigenous-state relations in Canada** (panel)

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*Since the shelving of Pierre Elliott Trudeau's White Paper on Indian Policy in 1969, Canada's official Aboriginal policy objective has shifted away from assimilation toward recognition and reconciliation within a rights framework. By discussing the background considerations that inform government policy initiatives and/or community action, these presenters will speak to the tensions encountered when recognizing inherent Aboriginal rights within a liberal rights framework.*

**MODERATOR:** Jessica McDonald, Trudeau Mentor and expert in the relationships between government, the private sector and Indigenous communities

**PANELISTS:** Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Chair of the BC First Nations Health Council and President of the Sto:lo Tribal Council

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President, Union of BC Indian Chiefs

Marie Wilson, Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission

10:30 – 11:00 am: **Coffee Break**

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11:00 – 11:45 am: **Reconciliation, Recognition and Resurgence** (breakout sessions)

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*In this part of the session, the participants will form three groups headed by the three panelists. They will discuss the panelists' comments in light of their own experiences before sharing their insights with the larger assembly.*

**Tuesday 13 May 2014 (con't)**

11:45 am – 1 pm: **Lunch**

Desert Suites Rooftop, Spirit Ridge Resort

1 – 1:45 pm: **Indigenous Education as Canada's Biggest Social Policy Challenge** (panel)

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*What is the state of education in Indigenous communities in Canada today? Are curricula bridging the divide between Western education and Indigenous knowledge? What solutions are Indigenous communities finding for the shortage of teachers, insufficient funding, sometime low parent involvement?*

MODERATOR: Robyn Sneath, Trudeau Scholar and doctoral candidate in education, University of Oxford

PANELISTS: Deborah Jeffrey, Executive Director, First Nations Education Steering Committee, British Columbia  
Mary Simon, Trudeau Mentor and Chair of the National Committee on Inuit Education, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami  
Verna St-Denis, Professor and Graduate Chair, Educational Foundations, College of Education, University of Saskatchewan

1:45 – 2:45 pm: **Coffee Break and Breakout Sessions**

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*In this part of the session, the participants will form three groups headed by the three panelists. The panelists will answer their questions and the participants will discuss the issues.*

2:45 – 3:30 pm: **Plenary Discussion**

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*The participants reconvene in a plenary session during which the groups report on their discussions and the panelists respond.*

6:00 pm: **Dinner**

NK'MIP Cellars Winery, Spirit Ridge / NK'MIP Resort

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: John Borrows, Trudeau Fellow; Law Foundation Chair of Aboriginal Justice and Governance, University of Victoria; and Robina Chair in Law, Public Policy and Society, University of Minnesota

INTRODUCTION: Louise Charron, Trudeau Mentor and former Supreme Court Justice

**Physical Philosophies: Freedom and Indigenous Peoples**

*Indigenous peoples' lives are severely constrained by philosophies that define, describe, and categorize them according to pre-existing norms, fixed forms, and fundamental characteristics. These views must give way to practices that treat Indigenous peoples' as contemporary, flexible, and fluid societies, capable of resisting and adapting to change according to their needs and desires. When Indigenous peoples are freed to live in complex, multi-faceted and variable ways, they will be better empowered to enhance their own and others' lives, in accordance with their wide-ranging and ever-changing legal, moral, ecological, economic, political, and social practices and views. This talk will address these ideas through the lens of Indigenous mobility, civil disobedience, constitutional formation, constitutional interpretation, legislative initiative, and violence against Indigenous women.*

**Wednesday 14 May 2014**

7:30 – 8:30 am: **Breakfast**

Spirit Room and Vineyard Patio, Spirit Ridge Resort

9:00 – 10:30 am: **Indigenous Communities and Economic Development**

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*Whether from an urban community where Indigenous history is obscured, a geographically remote band that has had to negotiate far-reaching resource development agreements, or a Metis or non-Status community without formal legal recognition, these panelists will expose some of the political and economic considerations facing Indigenous communities in the context of economic development.*

MODERATOR: Zoe Todd, Trudeau Scholar and doctoral candidate in social anthropology, University of Aberdeen

PANELISTS: Caleb Behn, JD, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria and articulated student at the Law Society of British Columbia  
Lewis Cardinal, Former Chair of the Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee  
Clarence Louie, Trudeau Mentor and Chief of the Osoyoos Indian Band

10:30 – 11:00 am: **Coffee Break**

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11:00 am – 12:30 pm: **Remembering and Forgetting: The Role of Reconciliation**

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*Over 100,000 applications for compensation and thousands of testimonies have been received since the implementation of the residential schools settlement agreement in 2007 – the largest class action lawsuit in Canadian history and the origin of the country's first Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Has the TRC fulfilled its early promise, what challenges to reconciliation can it still hope to accomplish, and what are the implications of its work for reconciliation going forward?*

MODERATOR: Jeremy Webber, Trudeau Fellow and Dean of Law, University of Victoria

PANELISTS: Phil Fontaine, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations  
Chuck Strahl, Trudeau Mentor and former Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: **Lunch to go**

Terrace, NK'MIP Conference Centre, Spirit Ridge Resort

1:00 – 4:00 pm: **Organized free-time activities**

- Wine tour: Meet at the teepee statue in front of the main lodge
- Bicycle Tour: Meet in the north parking lot in front of the Desert Cultural Centre
- Horseback riding: Meet outside in front of the NK'Mip Conference Centre
- Canoe and kayak: Meet outside in front of the NK'Mip Conference Centre

5:30 pm: **Departure by bus for Miradoro Restaurant**

Meeting point: Teepee statue in front of the main lodge

6:00 pm: **Gala dinner for the graduation of the 2010 Trudeau scholars**

Miradoro Restaurant, Tinhorn Creek Winery, Oliver, BC

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Daniel Werb, Trudeau scholar and postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, San Diego

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Wab Kinew, Director of Indigenous Inclusion, University of Winnipeg; host and broadcaster, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

INTRODUCTION: Steven Loft, Trudeau Fellow and Coordinator, Aboriginal Arts Office, Canada Council for the Arts

**Thursday 15 May 2014**

7:30 – 8:30 am: **Breakfast**

Spirit Room and Vineyard Patio, Spirit Ridge Resort

9:00 – 10:30 am: **Indigenous Law in Canada** (small sessions)

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*The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognizes the right to Indigenous legal authority. What is the status of Indigenous legal traditions in Canada today? The moderator will introduce four experts on the question before inviting the assembly to divide into four groups, each headed by one of the experts who will explain his or her experience before taking part in a general discussion. The groups will then report to the assembly.*

MODERATOR: Jean Leclair, Trudeau Fellow and Professor of Law, University of Montréal

EXPERTS: Kahente Horn-Miller, Coordinator, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission, Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke  
Tracey Lindberg, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, Legal Orders and Laws, University of Ottawa  
Johnny Mack, Trudeau Scholar and doctoral candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria  
Val Napoleon, Law Foundation Professor of Aboriginal Justice and Governance, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

**Choice of break-out session**

<p>Professor <b>Horn-Miller</b> will talk about her experience in Kahnawake putting theories of Indigenous governance and legislative development into practice. She will invite participants to reflect with her on the kind of governance the community needs to complement the community decision-making process and the degree to which this expression of self-determination is not working well with the system put into place by the Indian Act.</p>	<p>Professor <b>Lindberg</b> will establish the parameters for discussion of Cree legal orders and begin to engage the participants in the development of a framework for comparative Indigenous legal theory/laws discussion. Building upon notions of relationships and reciprocity, Professor Lindberg will look to the ability of ancient Cree/Indigenous legal orders to address contemporary concerns.</p>
<p>Trudeau Scholar <b>Johnny Mack</b> will refer to the Nuu-chah-nulth/Maa-nulth context to identify some of the challenges and opportunities encountered when engaging a community to consider the rules and normative framework they wish to be bound to. If law is a stable but provisional phenomena that must be responsive to change, then deliberation and disagreement are necessary as peoples consider competing concerns and multiple pathways in generating law.</p>	<p>Professor <b>Napoleon</b> will reflect on the lessons learned from the Indigenous Bar Association's Accessing Justice and Reconciliation Project, which drew law from the stories of seven Indigenous communities and synthesized them into bodies of law within six Indigenous legal orders across Canada. She will discuss lessons learned and invite participants to consider questions still outstanding on such topics as ways to create spaces for respectful debate about hard issues in Indigenous laws, and strategies for maintaining societal integrity while resisting fundamentalism.</p>

10:30 – 11:00 am: **Coffee Break**

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**Thursday 15 May 2014 (con't)**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Indigenous Experiences Within Canadian Law**

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*Many inquiries and courts have found that the Canadian justice system has failed Aboriginal people and is in crisis as a result. This panel will examine the causes of those failures and explore what must be done.*

**MODERATOR:** Michelle Lawrence, Trudeau Scholar and doctoral candidate at the School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University

**PANELISTS:** Patti LaBoucane-Benson, Trudeau Scholar and Director of Research and Evaluation, Native Counselling Services of Alberta

David Milward, Professor of Law, University of Manitoba

Kent Roach, Trudeau Fellow and Prichard-Wilson Chair of Law and Public Policy, University of Toronto

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch**

Vineyard Patio at Talon's Restaurant, Spirit Ridge Resort

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Imagining the Future**

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*As we deal with the ongoing impacts of colonialism in Canada, how do Indigenous and non-Indigenous actors build capacity and relationships in inter-generational and inter-cultural (inter-national) contexts? What role can art, business, education, and creative processes play in envisioning and building the future of Indigenous peoples within Canada, and how can these processes and relationships be used to re-imagine Canada as a whole?*

**MODERATOR:** Sandy Martin, Trudeau Mentor and Vice President (East Coast), Suncor Energy

**PANELISTS:** Stephen Foster, Director, Centre for Indigenous Media Arts, University of British Columbia (Okanagan Campus)

Kyla Kakfwi, Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Social Services, Government of the Northwest Territories

Jason Edward Lewis, Trudeau Fellow and Professor of Computation Arts at Concordia University and Co-Director of Aboriginal Territories in Cyberspace

Dallas Smith, President, N̄nwaᓵkolas Council Board of Directors

**3:00 – 3:30 pm: Coffee Break**

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**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Forging a New Relationship**

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**MODERATOR:** Rita Shelton Deverell, Trudeau Mentor, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Society, theater artist, broadcaster, professor, and producer

**PANELISTS:** Caleb Behn, JD, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria and articulated student at the Law Society of British Columbia

Kerri Froc, Trudeau Scholar and doctoral candidate in law, Queen's University

Kyla Kakfwi, Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Social Services, Government of the Northwest Territories

Logan Mardhani-Bayne, Trudeau Scholar and doctoral candidate in history, Yale University



**Thursday 15 May 2014 (con't)**

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm: **Closing of the Summer Institute**

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Closing address by Tim Brodhead, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation

8:00 pm: **Film screening: *Hi Ho Mistahay!***

Spirit Room, Spirit Ridge Resort

*In this feature-length documentary, Trudeau mentor Alanis Obomsawin tells the story of Shannen's Dream, a national campaign to provide equitable access to education in safe and suitable schools for First Nations children.*

**Friday 16 May 2014**

7:30 – 8:30 am: **Breakfast**

Spirit Room and Vineyard Patio, Spirit Ridge Resort

Departure