



Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia and Society

About the Conference Founder & Organizer



Dr. Neyooxet Greymorning earned his Ph.D. from University of Oklahoma in 1992. He began his academic career at the University of Alberta and is a full professor in the departments of Anthropology and Native American Studies at the University of Montana. He has conducted language teacher training workshops in Australia, Canada, Germany, and the United States, and maintains an active research and teaching agenda that includes Indigenous sovereignty issues, *Contemporary Issues of Indigenous Peoples*, *Indigenous Health and Wellbeing*, and created a certificate for *Native Language Rejuvenation*. Professor Greymorning served as the Acting Director of the Indigenous Governance Programs at the University of Victoria in British Columbia from 2001-2002. He was also a visiting scholar at Southern Cross University in Australia, 2009 – 2012, and New England University, also in Australia, 2014, and 2018. Neyooxet's work in developing strategies toward strengthening and sustaining Native languages led to him developing Accelerated Second Language Acquisition (ASLA[®]). He is the founder and Executive Director of Hinono'eitiino'oowu' – Arapaho Language Lodge and was named three times to Who's Who Among America's College and University Teachers. In 2018, Dr. Greymorning was the recipient of a Life Achievement Award for his work in Anthropology, and in 2019 he delivered a President's Distinguished lecture about his work that tests dolphins for language cognition. Most recently Neyooxet's work with the Gumbaynggirr in Australia was instrumental in creating several highly proficient speakers of Gumbaynggirr that in 2022 enabled the creation of the first Indigenous language school in the state of New South Wales.



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About the Keynote Speakers

September 6, 7, & 8, 2023



Marie Battiste is Mi'kmaq, a member of the Potlotek First Nation, and a member of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in Maine. After 28 years teaching at University of Saskatchewan, she retired as Professor Emerita but returned to service and is now a Special Advisor to the Vice President Academic, Provost at Cape Breton University on Decolonizing the Academy in her home territory in the Maritimes. A graduate of Harvard and Stanford Universities, her passion, research and scholarly work in decolonizing education, cognitive justice through balancing diverse knowledge systems and languages, and protecting Indigenous knowledges have earned her five honorary degrees, as well she was appointed an Officer to the Order of Canada, and elected Fellow in the Royal Society of Canada. She has published widely, notably *Decolonizing Education: Nourishing the Learning Spirit* and co-authored with J. Youngblood Henderson on *Protecting Indigenous Knowledge and Heritage: A Global Challenge*, and edited several collections, including *Visioning Mi'kmaq Humanities: Indigenizing the Academy* (CBU Press, 2016); *Living Treaties: Narrating Mi'kmaq Treaty Relations* (CBU Press, 2016); *Reclaiming Indigenous Voice and Vision* (UBC Press, 2000) and *First Nations Education in Canada: The Circle Unfolds* (UBC Press, 1995).



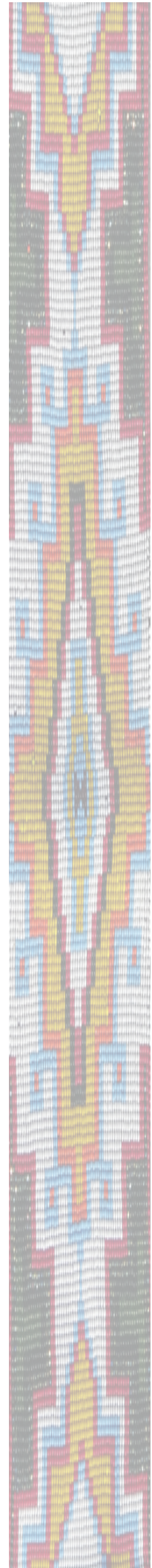
H. Russell Bernard is a cultural anthropologist specializing in technology and social change, language death, and social network analysis. He has done research or taught at universities in the U. S., Mexico, Greece, Japan, Cameroon, and Germany. Bernard's books include "Research Methods in Anthropology," "Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches", "Analyzing Qualitative Data: Systematic Approaches" (with Amber Wutich and Gery Ryan), and "Native Ethnography" with Jesús Salinas Pedraza. Bernard was the 2003 recipient of the Franz Boas Award from the American Anthropological Association and is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.



The Honorable Tina Dion, was appointed a judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia in May, 2019 with chambers in Surrey, BC. Judge Dion obtained her undergraduate degree in 1994 from the University of Alberta and her law degree from UBC Allard Law School in 1997. She was the first Canadian law clerk to the Navajo Supreme Court, in Window Rock, Arizona. As a lawyer, she worked for over 20 years in criminal, civil, administrative, regulatory, environmental and Aboriginal law. Judge Dion was an adjunct professor over a 12 year period at Allard Law. Judge Dion earned her S.J.D. in 2008 and she was appointed King's Counsel in December 2016. She is a member of the Kehewin Cree Nation, located in northeast Alberta. During her academic life, Judge Dion attended five universities in three countries. She is an avid traveler, having reached all the continents of the world.



Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia and Society Key Invited Speakers' Abstracts



Mi'kmaq scholar **Dr. Marie Battiste** will deliver Monday's, September 6, talk
Decolonizing Education: Nourishing the Learning Spirit

This Dr. Battiste's talk will explore the nature and effects of Eurocentric colonialism and cognitive imperialism in education, the decolonization of Canada, beginning with the affirmation of aboriginal and treaty rights and the acceptance of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the contemporary influences of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on education system today. It will explore decolonization and its approaches that nourish the learning spirit of all youth through inclusive and balanced language and knowledge systems.

Anthropology scholar **Dr. H. Russell Bernard**, will deliver Tuesday's September 7, talk
Completing the Gutenberg revolution: The power of print in language revitalization

At least 60% of the world's 7,000 or so languages are spoken by only 3% of the world's population. Flip it over to see the scope of the problem: 97% of the world's linguistic diversity is under the stewardship of 3% of its people and is rapidly disappearing. The extinction of language is nothing new. Hundreds of historically well-documented languages have died over the 3,500 years for which we have historical records. What is new today is the rate and extent of language extinction, which increased dramatically after 1500 CE, coinciding with the rise of European colonial powers, and the consequent abandonment of heritage languages by the indigenous peoples of the whole world, in favor of the languages of the colonial powers. Recently, indigenous peoples around the world have struggled to revive their traditional cultures, including their languages. From recent experience, we know that two things work in language revival movements. (1) language nests and (2) publishing in indigenous languages. Dr. Bernard's talk will focus on the latter -- on completing the Gutenberg Revolution.

Cree scholar and Honorable Judge **Tina Dion** will deliver Friday's September 8 talk
Academia and the Unknown Roads Ahead

Judge Tina Dion will discuss how academia provided a path forward to reconciliation through a legal and judicial lens. She will discuss approaches to the provision of legal services to Indigenous Peoples in British Columbia as a means of broadening their participation within the Canadian criminal judicial system. She will also discuss how the Provincial Court of British Columbia has adapted the court's approach to the sentencing of Indigenous Peoples having taken into consideration the role the criminal justice system has had on them within the broader Canadian society context.