

# Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia and Society

A Conference Acknowledging the Contributions of Indigenous Peoples at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada: September 6, 7 & 8, 2023

**RIVAS 2023 supports the intellectual scholarship of Indigenous academics and speakers whose cultures help shape archeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, and more.**

## Featured Speakers

Micmac scholar **Marie Battiste** – *Decolonizing Education: Nourishing the Learning Spirit*,

Anthropology scholar **H Russell Bernard** – *Completing the Gutenberg revolution: The power of print in language revitalization*

The Honorable **Judge Tina Dion** – *Academia and the Unknown Roads Ahead*

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## **The aims of the RIVAS 2023 conference are to promote spaces**

- 1) for rising Indigenous scholars to share their work and connect with a wider scholarly network
- 2) for speakers to exchange ideas and constructive debate within the field of global Indigenous studies
- 3) for speakers to come together to explore past, present, and future Indigenous experiences in both academic and non-academic contexts
- 4) for Indigenous scholars and communities to present their viewpoints on local and global phenomena, histories, and issues
- 5) for speakers to discuss and raise awareness about positive trends as well as the obstacles that still hamper the participation of Indigenous scholars within an arena of global academic discourse

The RIVAS 2023 conference also aims at being innovative and inclusive of different Indigenous realities not only in its content, but also in its format.

Papers are welcome from Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars working on a diversity of topics and disciplines that involve Indigenous individuals, Indigenous communities and their experiences. Since a goal of the conference is to encourage participants to engage in constructive and meaningful discussions, only a limited number of papers will be accepted for RIVAS 2023. In keeping RIVAS 2023 small and intimate, **only 30 abstracts will be selected, so please submit well ahead of the deadline date of July 18, 2023. Please refer back to the top of the registration/submission form for details on submission deadline dates.**

Presentations may include, but are not limited to topics such as: cultural resource management; climate change; multispecies entanglements; fossil fuels and Indigenous communities; boarding schools and Indigenous education; missing and murdered Indigenous women and children; ethnobotany; language maintenance, revitalization, or linguistics; political, policy or legal issues; Indigenous identities; archeology; water and gas preservation and resistance; land claims and territorial disputes; and sovereignty. Open discussion between speakers and attendees is a fundamental aspect of the conference.