

SPEAKER SERIES

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The Aboriginal Services Department cordially invites you to attend our Speaker Series that brings our communities and cultures together in a shared space. We welcome all students, staff, faculty, and the public to attend our event.

This year, our series focuses on connecting our communities — not just within the Aboriginal community, but with non-Aboriginal groups as well. Learn how our leaders build those strong relationships to bridge these cultural gaps.

Live Streaming Available

If you are unable to attend in person, we are pleased to provide you with a live streaming option, where you will be able to watch the series from the comfort of your home or office. Please contact Aboriginal Services for details.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

THE BC ABORIGINAL MINE TRAINING ASSOCIATION

What is the BC Aboriginal Mine Training Association and how does it benefit both First Nations and non-First Nations communities?

Laurie Sterritt, CEO

BC Aboriginal Mine Training Association

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

BCIT Burnaby Campus, SE2–213, Town Square C



LAURIE STERRITT is a member of the Kispiox Band of the Gitskan Nation and grew up in Campbell River, BC. Laurie earned her Bachelor of Commerce degree at UBC and was certified as a Professional Fundraiser by the University of Indiana. Laurie Sterritt joined the BC Aboriginal Mine Training Association as its founding Executive Director in 2009.

Her commitment to community service includes roles with the Minerva Foundation, BCIT Board of Governors, and the BC Mining HR Task Force.

TRANSFORMATION GLOBAL BUSINESS MODEL

From problem to empowerment, the Transformation business model focuses on increasing the capacity of individuals, communities, organizations and governments. Learn how the Transformation model promotes economic growth, a healthy environment and vibrant communities, now and into the future.

Ainjil Hunt, Principal Owner

Transformation

Thursday, January 31, 2013

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

BCIT Burnaby Campus, SE2–213 Town Square C



AINJIL HUNT is Kwakwak'wakw from the Namgis First Nation as well as Tlingit from Alaska. She is principal owner of Transformations, leading change strategist, speaker, and international facilitator. As owner of Transformation since 2004, Ainjil has seen success in developing the Transformation business model to parallel social and economic development in First Nation communities, organizations, and businesses. Ainjil's group of companies also includes Quickening (Training Company) and Native Access (US economic development).

Ainjil has a Bachelor degree from the University of Victoria in Social Work, Public Sector Management, and Indigenous Governance through the School of Public Administration.

INSIGHT INTO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MÉTIS FEDERATION

Find out how the BC Métis Federation came to be, and what current issues they face today.

Keith Henry, President and CEO

KCD Consulting Inc. and President of the BC Métis Federation

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

BCIT Burnaby Campus, SE2–213, Town Square C



KEITH HENRY is a Métis person who was born in Thompson, Manitoba and raised in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where he attained his B.Ed. from the University of Saskatchewan in 1995.

Keith is the President and CEO of KCD Consulting Incorporated that specializes in human resource development, project delivery, strategic planning, negotiations, and leadership development.

Keith also volunteers his time in the Aboriginal community and maintains several Board positions including the Industry Council for Aboriginal Business as President and founding President of the British Columbia Métis Federation.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND RECONCILIATION

Gerry will walk you through life at a residential school, the journey he took to overcome the struggles of being at school, and how he uses this experience to live a happy and positive life.

Gerry Oleman

BCIT Aboriginal Services

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

BCIT Burnaby Campus, SE2–213 Town Square C



SAA HIIL THUT (Gerry Oleman) is a member of the Seton Lake Band in the Stl'atl'imc Nation. From 1993-1997, he worked as a Cultural Advisor for BCIT. In 1997, he took on the new role of working with the Residential School Survivors Society. Since 1993, Gerry has been running the Sweat lodge at BCIT and is also a private consultant in many areas of wellness. He has come full circle and is now one of the Elders in Residence at BCIT. In his spare time, Gerry can be found training for marathons.

FIRST NATIONS 101

The author will be discussing her book, First Nations 101. Leave with a better understanding of the shared history of First Nations and non-First Nations people and how we all have a role to play in creating harmony between our cultures.

Lynda Gray, Author and Executive Director

Urban Native Youth Association

Thursday, March 14, 2013

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

BCIT Burnaby Campus, SE2–213, Town Square C



LYNDA GRAY is the Executive Director of Vancouver's Urban Native Youth Association and sits on many community Boards and Steering Committees. Her work is grounded in a strong belief in community development, youth empowerment, and culture as therapy. She is the proud mother of two adult children and an active member of the First Nations Community. She was born in Prince Rupert, B.C., is a member of the Tsimshian Nation, and was raised in East Vancouver.

Lynda has an undergraduate degree in Social Work from UBC, is the founder of Adaawx Publishing, and released her first book and national best seller, First Nations 101 in June, 2011.

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