

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Indigenous Cultural Awareness Pre-Conference Workshop

This pre-conference workshop, taught by Sharon Morin and Daryl Kootenay, will bring together two half-day sessions to teach about the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada and to teach the specific history of Treaty 7 to create better awareness and empathy towards Canada's Indigenous peoples.

In the morning, Morin will walk participants through the Blanket Exercise. This Exercise is based on participatory popular education methodology. The goal is to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization, and resistance. Everyone is actively involved as they step onto blankets that represent the land, and into the role of First Nations, Inuit and later Métis peoples. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy.

In the afternoon, Kootenay will share the history of the Stoney Nakoda people and those of Treaty 7 prior to contact, during contact, and to present day. Part of the session is to encourage participants to be aware of their biases and stereotypes that might provide barriers to working collaboratively with Indigenous peoples and to consider what actions participants could take to begin work towards reconciliation. There will be an opportunity to participate in a smudge ceremony and to learn from an Elder.

Session 1: Keynote — Red Jenkinson: The Indigenous Influence on Archival Theory and Practice

Colonial first contact histories generally depict the traumatic impact of European systems of trade, technology, and knowledge on Indigenous communities. Many have described how the first contact experience replaced or even erased Indigenous knowledge models; however, the colonial impact on knowledge paradigms was reciprocal but unacknowledged. Indigenous methods of knowledge — its creation, sharing, and preservation — found its way into European approaches to managing information, including archives.

Session 2A: We Are Here, Sharing Stories at Library and Archives Canada

We Are Here, Sharing Stories is a three-year mass digitization initiative at Library and Archives Canada (LAC) that involves in-depth research into Indigenous archival content from all media held at LAC. An important element of the project entails the creation of culturally appropriate and socially inclusive metadata to facilitate online access to records pertaining to First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. This panel discusses various “gaps” in the collections and metadata, strategies to decolonize archival processes, and methods in the project to meet the needs of, and connect with, Indigenous peoples represented in the historical documentation.

Session 2B: Technology and Archives

One presentation explores issues in a project involving the digitization of the North West Company papers and the other presentation examines possible biases in the use of natural language processing in archival practice.

Session 3A: Student Session

Three student papers are presented in this session.

Session 3B: Missing Records

The session explores missing records from the viewpoint of an archives and from the perspective of a researcher. One paper looks at the history of institutional appraisal decisions and how those decisions have eliminated some records pertaining to marginalized groups. Another paper explores records missing from archival institutions that pertain to the Métis community from a researcher's viewpoint.

Session 4A: Alberta On Record Training

The AOR Training session is an introduction to contributing content to AOR. The training is intended for those with little to no experience using AOR or for those who would like a refresher on how to use the database. (Pre-registration required).

Cost: Included with conference registration and ONLY available to ASA Institutional Members.

Session 4B: Indigenous Archives Meeting

This meeting is only open to members of Indigenous communities that are working on or interested in establishing archival programs. Participants have the opportunity to discuss their successes and challenges.

Institutional Forum

The spring meeting for representatives of ASA institutional members only.

Session 5: Re-framing “Reconciliation” Work

The presentations in this session challenge certain ways of thinking. One presenter explores stepping outside the idea of inclusion in our holdings to focusing more on community archives. The other presenter examines the term “reconciliation” so it is not a check box on a to-do list but rather builds relationships of trust.

Session 6A: Addressing Hidden Histories and Inherent Bias: Gaps in Archival Description and Providing Access

Using specific examples from the archival collection at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, this panel includes discussions that address the challenges of description, gaps in access, reconciliation, building relationships with minority communities, and power dynamics. The panel also discusses initiatives such as *Recognizing Relations* which addresses gaps in archival description in photographs of Indigenous peoples take in the early 20th century.

Session 6B: Issues in Institutional Recordkeeping Practice

One presentation explores how the Office of Vital Statistics of the Government of Alberta kept its records over time; how and why it segregated vital statistics records about Indigenous individuals; and the impacts that these practices have on the provision of access by Provincial Archives. The other presentation examines the relationship between archives and records management at Encana.

Session 7A: Hidden Indigenous Stories and Reconciliation

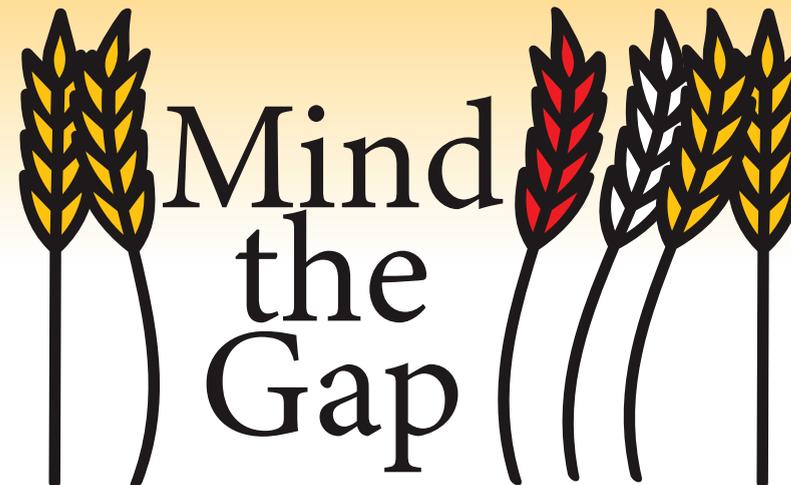
One presentation at this session looks at the challenge of not being able to access Cree oral histories embedded in archival records which have authorized access by a Blackfoot community. The other session provides a practical example of reconciliation in its discussion of developing an exhibit with an enfranchised Indigenous community.

Session 7B: Red Crow Community College — Archives in the Making

Red Crow Community College of the Blood Reserve will discuss their experiences developing an archival program at the College.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

For all members of the ASA.



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HOW TO REGISTER

Please mail, email or fax your registration form to the ASA:

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If you have any enquiries, please contact Ericka Chemko at conference@archivesalberta.org.

Full payment must accompany registration.

A separate form is required for each registration.

Registration forms can be found on the ASA website at

<http://archivesalberta.org/professional-development/conference/>

REGISTRATION COSTS INCLUDE

Thursday, May 23rd

- Opening Reception

Friday, May 24th

- Keynote address
- Mid-morning break
- Concurrent Sessions
- Lunch
- Database workshop
- Mid-afternoon break

Saturday, May 25th

- Mid-morning break
- Concurrent Sessions
- Lunch
- AGM

CANCELLATION POLICY

Refund requests will be accepted until March 20, 2019 at 4:30pm. A \$50.00 cancellation fee will be applied.

Conference Travel Grants will be available to current (2019/2020) Individual members who register with a full conference registration package and attend the AGM. Travel grant amounts will be pro-rated, subject to the number of applications received and the budget available for travel grants.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for the conference is at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, 107 Tunnel Mountain Drive, Banff, AB, T1L 1H5. A room block has been reserved for the conference consisting of single rooms at a rate of \$185.00/night for single or double occupancy, plus additional taxes and daily fees. Additional occupants will carry an additional charge. Please note that this rate does not include the cost of meals that do not fall under your conference registration fees. You may ask to book nights for three nights prior to and after the conference for the conference rate, subject to availability.

If you have any questions related to the hotel and meals, please call the reservation number below.

To reserve your hotel room, you may do this in two ways:

1. **Calling by Telephone** — Please call Banff Centre Reservations at 1-800-884-7574 and use the code ASA1905 and booking name, *Archives Society of Alberta*.
2. **Registering Online** — To reserve your room online under the ASA1905 block, please click on this link, <https://book.b4checkin.com/chameleon/banffcentre/rlp/ASA1905>



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE, MAY 23 – 25, 2019

Thursday, May 23

Kinnear Centre (KC) 101	
9:00-16:30	Workshop – Indigenous Cultural Awareness
12:00-13:00	Lunch – Vistas Restaurant (on campus)
17:30-18:30	Conference Registration
18:30-19:00	Cocktails – KC 200 Galleria North (2 nd floor foyer), Banff Centre
19:00-21:00	Opening Reception – KC 200 Galleria North (2 nd floor foyer), Banff Centre

Friday, May 24

	Kinnear Centre (KC) 101	Kinnear Centre (KC) 105	Vistas Restaurant (3 rd floor, Sally Borden Building)
8:30-9:00	Conference Registration		
9:00-10:00	Session 1 Keynote – Raymond Frogner		
10:00-10:30	Health Break		
10:30-12:00	Session 2A <i>We Are Here, Sharing Stories at LAC</i> — Marie Blake, Beth Greenhorn, Anna Heffernan	Session 2B <i>Technology and Archives</i> — Devon Mordell, Elis Ing	
12:00-13:00			Lunch
13:00-14:30	Session 3A <i>Student Session</i> — Kristine Lehew, TBD	Session 3B <i>Missing Records</i> — Michael Gourlie, Nathalie Kermaal, Leah Hrycun	
14:30-15:00	Health Break		
15:00-16:30	Session 4A AOR Training (ASA Institutional Members only)	Session 4B Indigenous Archives Meeting	
16:30-17:45		Institutional Forum (for ASA Institutional Members)	
Free Evening			

Saturday, May 25

	Kinnear Centre (KC) 101	Kinnear Centre (KC) 105	Vistas Restaurant (3 rd floor of Sally Borden Building)
8:30-9:00	Conference Registration		
8:45-10:15	Session 5: <i>Re-framing "Reconciliation" Work</i> — Erica Hernández-Read, Greg Bak		
10:15-10:30	Health Break		
10:30-12:00	Session 6A <i>Addressing Hidden Histories and Inherent Bias: Gaps in Archival Description and Providing Access</i> — Nicole Ensing, Lindsay Stokalko, Brittany Watson	Session 6B <i>Issues in Institutional Recordkeeping Practice</i> — Glynys Hohman, Catherine Jackson, Kayla McAvena	
12:00-13:00			Lunch
13:00-14:30	Session 7A <i>Hidden Indigenous Stories and Reconciliation</i> — Judy Half, Vino Vipulantharajah, Jia Jia Yong	Session 7B <i>Red Crow Community College: Archives In the Making</i> — Mary Weasel Fat, Calvin Williams, Jonathan Weiss	
14:30-15:30	AGM		