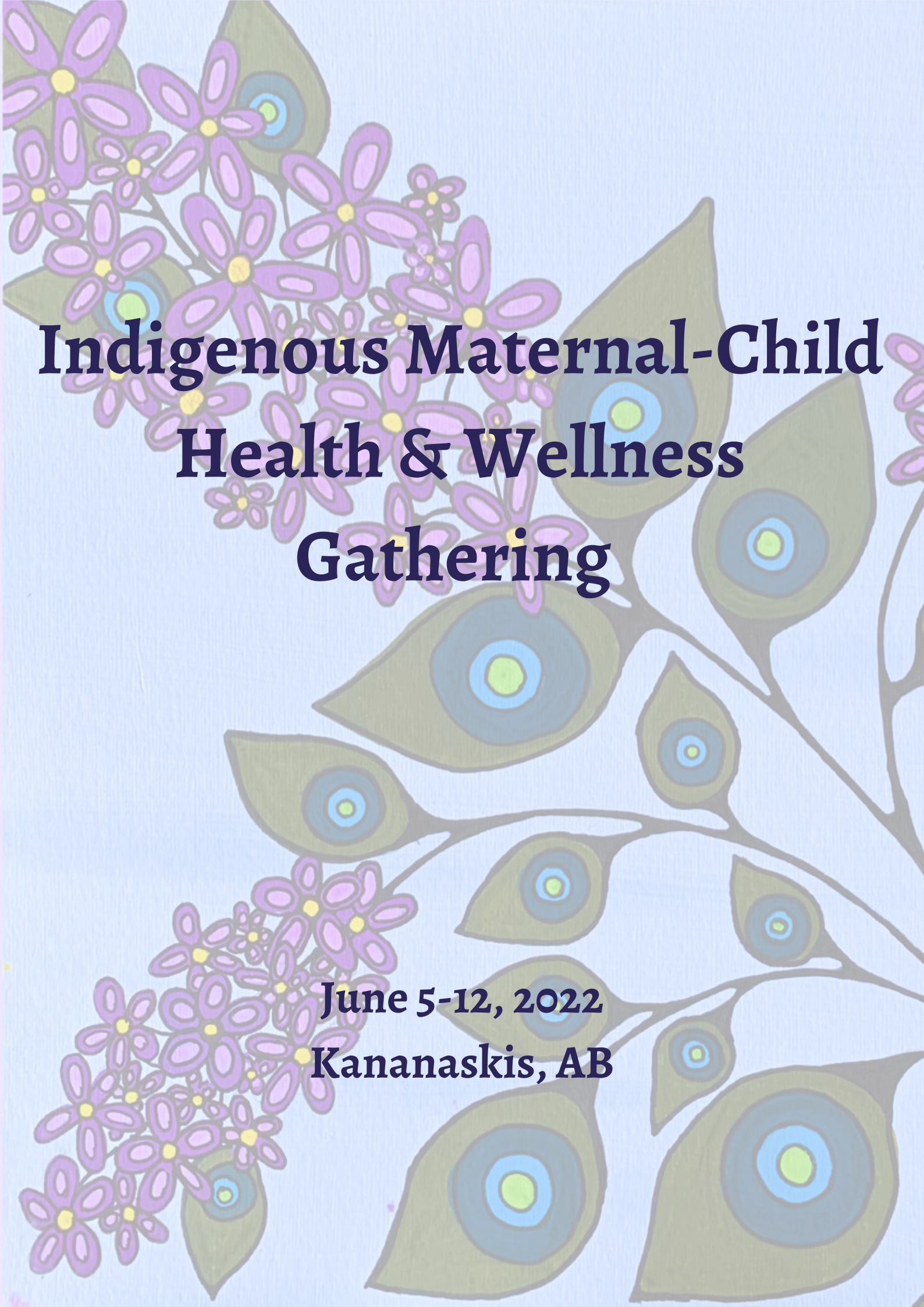


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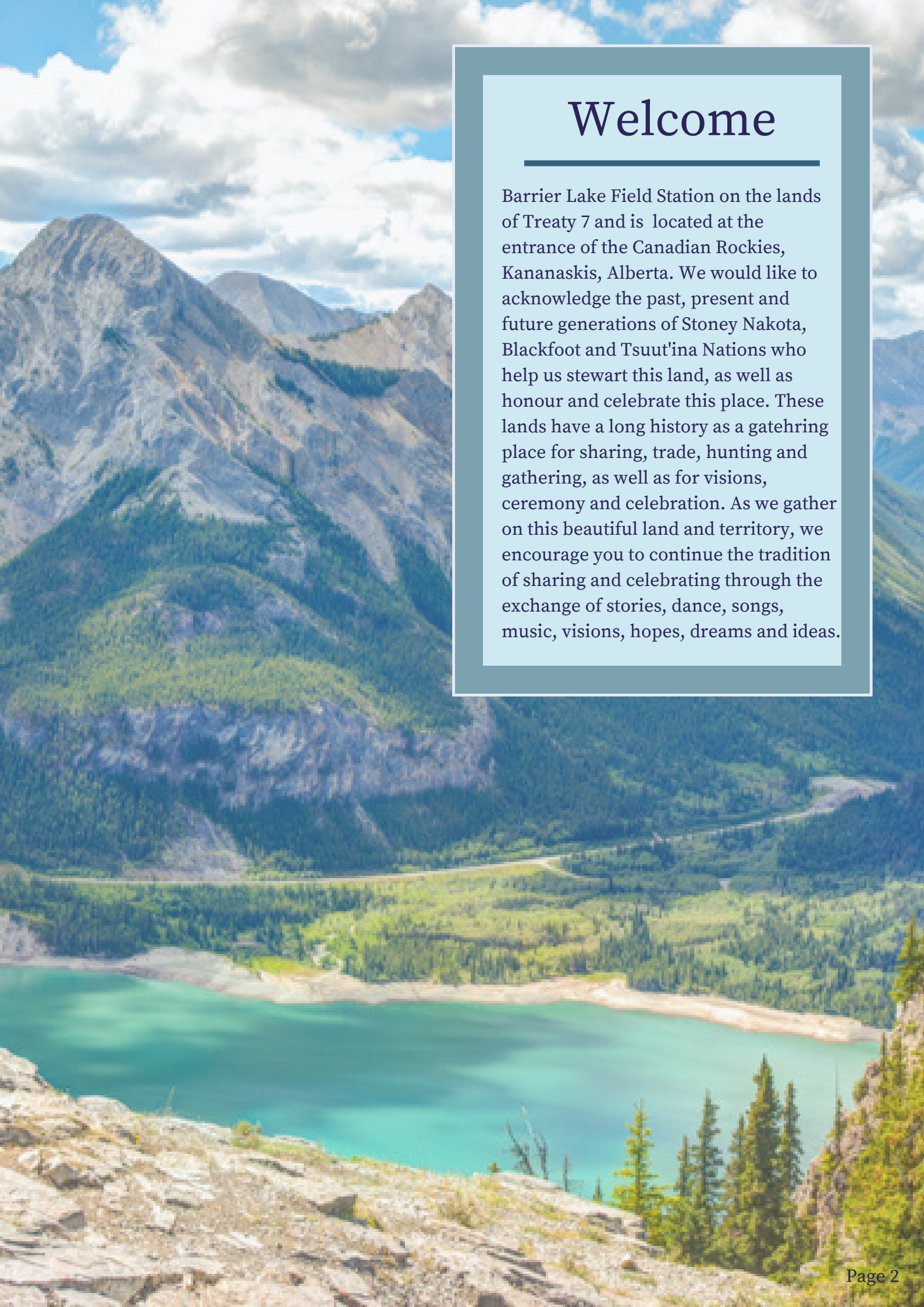
Indigenous Maternal-Child Health & Wellness Gathering

**June 5-12, 2022
Kananaskis, AB**

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Welcome

Barrier Lake Field Station on the lands of Treaty 7 and is located at the entrance of the Canadian Rockies, Kananaskis, Alberta. We would like to acknowledge the past, present and future generations of Stoney Nakota, Blackfoot and Tsuut'ina Nations who help us steward this land, as well as honour and celebrate this place. These lands have a long history as a gathering place for sharing, trade, hunting and gathering, as well as for visions, ceremony and celebration. As we gather on this beautiful land and territory, we encourage you to continue the tradition of sharing and celebrating through the exchange of stories, dance, songs, music, visions, hopes, dreams and ideas.

WELCOME MESSAGE

Aniin Boozhoo, Âba wathtech, Danit'ada, oki, tansi, tanshi, halu tungasugit, Weyt-kp xwexweytec, hello,

The last two years of the pandemic have undoubtedly disrupted, challenged, and contributed to feelings of fear, loss, grief, and disconnection. It has been a time of unprecedented and profound change. When we were given the green light to reopen and resume face-to-face meetings, I was so excited to bring everyone together! I have missed seeing your smiling faces, and our hugs and handshakes. We have been working tirelessly together online over the last two years and imagine we are all zoom fatigued. We are so excited that you have accepted our invitation to gather in person for our Indigenous Maternal Child Health and Wellness Gathering. I cannot wait to see you!

The purpose of this gathering is to bring together people, communities, leaders, students, artists, philosophers, dreamers, singers, and educators to reflect on the current state of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit maternal-child health and wellness. We are so honored that you have taken time away from your families, communities, busy schedules, and many commitments to share the week together.

The purpose of our gathering is to:

- Bring people together and strengthen RELATIONSHIPS, CONNECTION, REST, RELAXATION, LAND-BASED LEARNING, and CEREMONY;
- Honor, appreciate and celebrate the contributions of all participants for their love, hard work, and strength;
- Celebrate and share our successes;
- Understand the threads that weave us together;
- Seek direction, and input on maternal-child health (what are our hopes and dreams?);
- Have the generosity and curiosity of spirit to listen, gift, share, continually improve and grow;
- Paise for thought. It is a time for introspection, a time to identify what is working well, and what isn't working well.
- Have fun!

Thank you, che miigwetch for your attendance and participation! We cannot wait to welcome you and hope you enjoy your time.

All my relations,

Jen Leason

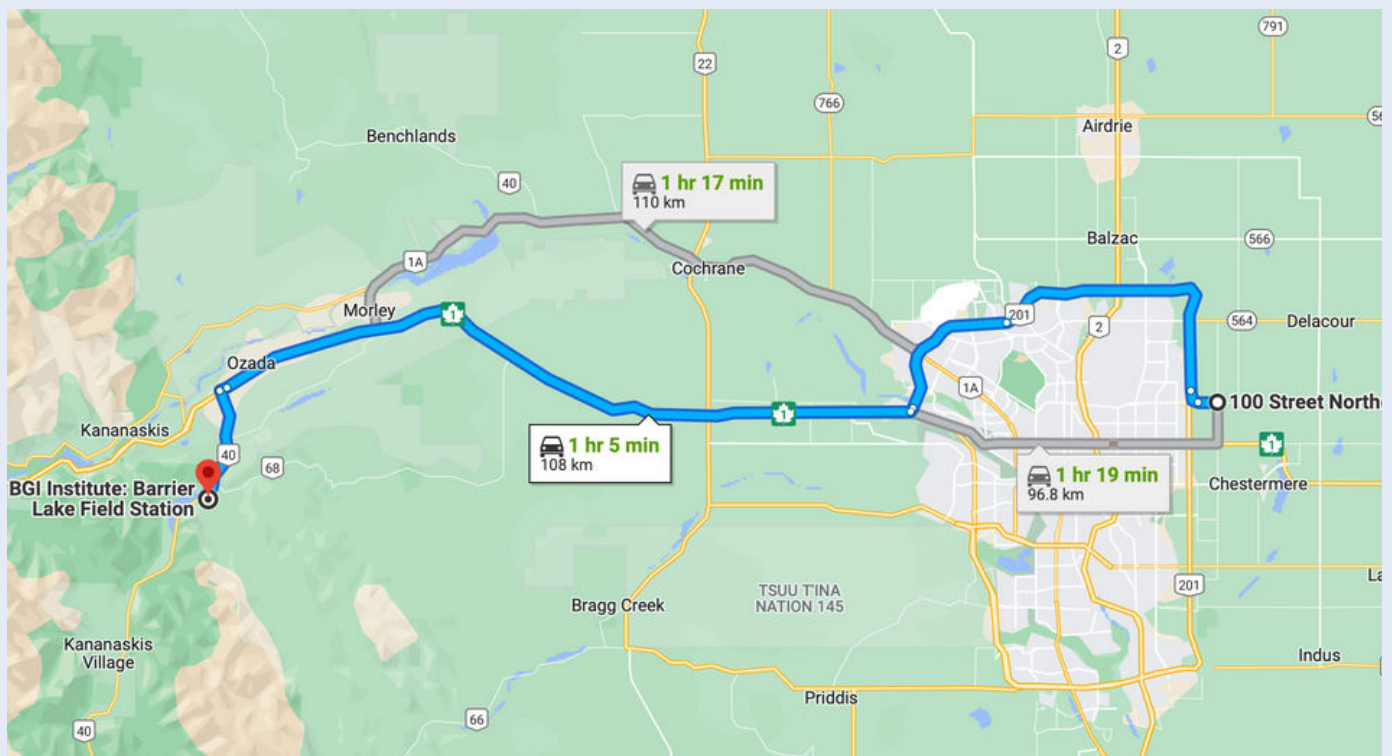
Associate Professor, University of Calgary

CIHR, Canada Research Chair Tier II Indigenous Maternal Child Wellness

BARRIER LAKE FIELD STATION

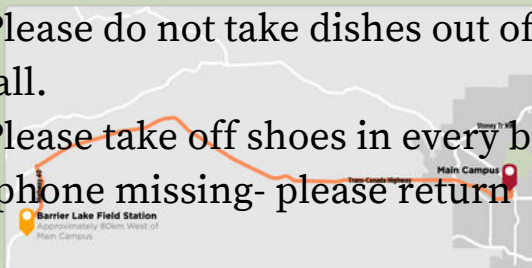
Barrier Lake Field Station is located approximately one hour west of Calgary, Alberta. Please take the TransCanada Highway #1 West and take the exit towards Highway #40 (at the Stoney Nakota Casino and Resort). Follow Highway #40 for approximately 20 km and turn left at Barrier Lake towards the University of Calgary Barrier Lake Field Station.

For more info about our accommodations and workshop facility, please visit:
<https://research.ucalgary.ca/biogeoscience-institute/facilities/barrier-lake-station>



General Housekeeping

- Everyone gets one set of sheets/towels.
- Brown dishes stay in the dorm. Please return white dishes to the dining hall.
- Please smoke (use cannabis) away from buildings (youth on-site). No cigarette/cannabis butts on the ground.
- Septic sensitive (only toilet paper).
- NO FOOD in bedrooms (mice).
- Please do not take dishes out of the dining hall.
- Please take off shoes in every building.
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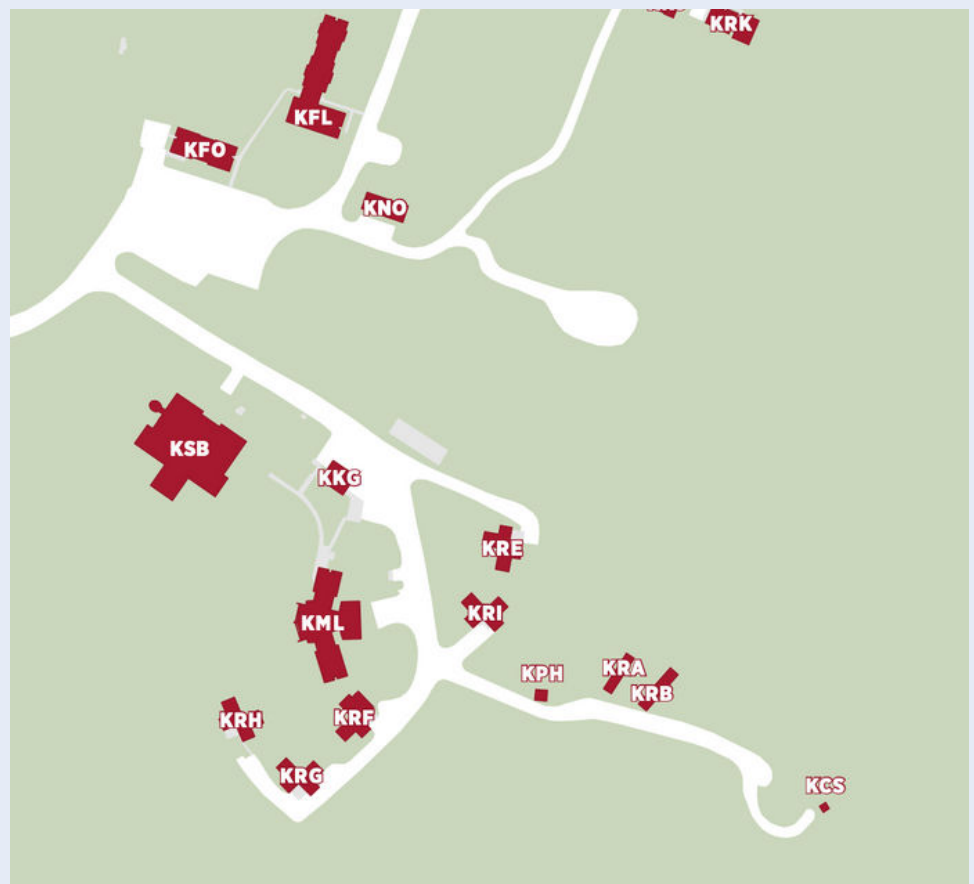
KFL Forestry Lodge	KML Kananaskis Main Lodge	KRA Trailer A	KRE Duplex 1	KRI Duplex 5	KSB Science Station Lab
KFO Forestry Office	KNO North Shop	KRB Trailer B	KRF Duplex 2	KRIC Interpreters Cabin	KSTC Chemical Lab
KKG Garage	KPH Pump House	KRC Trailer C	KRG Duplex 3	KRJ Residence	Storage
KLS Lift Station			KRH Duplex 4	KRK Site Manager	KUB Utility Building

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Main Gathering
& Activities: KSB

Dining: KML

Accommodations:
KFL, KML, KRE,
KRI, KRF, KRG
KRH



COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Your health and safety are our priority. We will be providing level 3 medical-grade masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. COVID-19 PCR tests will also be made readily available. We will ensure all facilities adhere to public health measures and recommendations. If at any time you require additional support or measures to feel safe, please do not hesitate to let us know.

For more information on the University of Calgary COVID-safe campus, please visit: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/covidsafe-campus>



Updated April 2, 2022

Masks will no longer be required on UCalgary campuses, starting May 1.

Masks still required in some settings

As we have throughout this pandemic, the University of Calgary is taking a campus-wide approach to required health and safety measures. As such, there are a few specific instances where masks will still be required. They include:

- Clinical settings required to follow Alberta Health Services masking requirements.
- Transportation in university vehicles to align with City of Calgary bylaws for mask use on public transportation

Masks are still recommended

Masks are still strongly recommended for use on campus, and everyone should feel comfortable continuing to wear a mask.

While individuals are not permitted to create masking mandates, they may invite others to wear a mask when entering an enclosed research, work, study or teaching space. Continuing to respect and support people's decision to wear a mask is strongly supported and encouraged.

The University of Calgary wholeheartedly embraces the value of vaccination in keeping you, your loved ones, and our broader community healthy. Everyone is urged to keep up with booster vaccinations as they become available, and follow recommended health guidelines. This combined with regular handwashing, physical distancing and keeping rooms well ventilated can together help limit virus transmission.

And as always, continuing to remain home when sick remains a key method to help keep the campus community safe.

We will be continuing to watch the public health situation closely and will keep you up to date on any further changes.

Mask FAQ

COVIDSafe Campus

If you have questions or concerns as a visitor on campus, please email covid19comms@ucalgary.ca

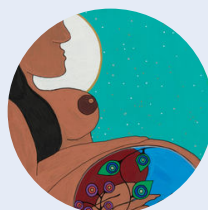
If you have questions or concerns as a contractor on campus please email contractorcovid19@ucalgary.ca



"Dreaming of Lilacs" - J. Leason

AGENDA

PRE-GATHERING: JUNE 3-5, 2022



Sacred Bundles Unborn Book Launch & Art Exhibit

June 4th, 2022
12:00-5:00 PM
Taylor Institute, University of Calgary

MONDAY, JUNE 6TH

9:00-5:00 **ARRIVAL DAY & CHECK IN**
8:00-9:00 Breakfast
12:00-1:00 Lunch

PROJECT UPDATES

1:00-2:00 Midwifery Project
2:00-3:00 Honouring Voice & Vision
3:00-4:00 Digital Stories Project
5:30-6:30 Dinner & Entertainment

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:00-9:30 Welcome & Opening
Alice Kaquitts
Lizzie Epoo-York
9:30-10:30 Spider Web Introductions
10:30-11:00 Nutrition & Land Break
11:00-12:00 Agenda & Overview
Jen Leason & Mark Belanger
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Ceremony (Gifting)
Eyahey Nakoda Drum Group
Entry & Circle
Gifting Participants
Shawl (Blanket) Ceremony
Honoring the Children
3:00-3:30 Nutrition & Land Break
3:30-5:00 Fun/Cultural Activity)
Melinda Good Will: Amulets
Lisa Poulin: Bonnets/Onesies
Emily Fox: Dolls
Jen Leason: Deer Hide Rattles
5:30-6:30 Dinner
7:30+ Visit, Storytelling & Rest
Star Stories

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:00-10:30 Elders Panel: 4 words/teachings
Nakoda: Alice Kaquitts
Blackfoot: Rose Fox
Tsut'ina: Marie Crowchild
Inuit: Lizzie Epoo-York
Cowichan Doreen Peter & Lyia Seymour
Lakota-Dakota: Evelyn Good Striker
10:30-11:00 Nutrition & Land Break
11:00-12:30 Visioning Exercise
4 Directions
Anders Hunter & Jen Leason
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Vision: Hopes & Dreams
Mark Belanger
3:00-3:30 Nutrition & Land Break
3:30-4:30 Partner Identification
4:30-5:30 Fun/Cultural Activity)
Melinda Good Will: Amulets
Lisa Poulin: Bonnets/Onesies
Emily Fox: Dolls
Jen Leason: Deer Hide Rattles
5:30-6:30 Dinner
7:00 Innuksijit – Our Right – Inuit
Midwifery Videos Viewing

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:00-10:30 Summary & Next Steps
10:30-11:00 Nutrition Break
11:00-12:00 Closing & Thank you!
12:00-1:00 Lunch

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:00-10:30 Child Health Panel
Strengths & Priorities
NACM
Blackfoot Confederacy
Pauktuutit/Innultivik
10:30-11:00 Nutrition & Land Break
11:00-12:00 SWOT Analysis
Mark Belanger
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00 SWOT Presentations
3:00-3:30 Nutrition & Land Break
3:30-4:30 Quality Descriptors
4:30-5:30 Fun/Cultural Activity)
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WEEKEND: JUNE 11 & 12

Safe travels home!

NACM: National Aboriginal Council of Midwives



RIGHT RELATIONS AGREEMENT

LOVE

Approach the conversations, each other, and the community from a place of love and caring.

RESPECT

Be open and listen to each other as we explore conversations that are greater than all of us as individuals. Contribute to respectful environments.

HUMILITY

Acknowledge that struggles are different for everyone; use your best judgment and approach each interaction with kindness.

COURAGE

Not all conversations or interactions are easy and explore truths in an open space with an open mind and heart.

WISDOM

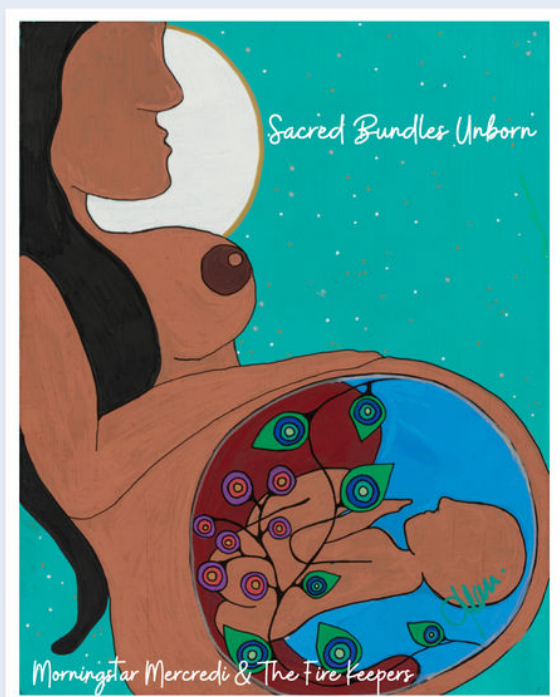
Be open to learning and listening to one another. Contribute your thoughts, ideas, emotions, and experiences to help build collective wisdom that encourages growth and transformation.

HONESTY

Take time to reflect on Individual experiences together and honor the silence as people take time and space to consider the questions and topics of discussion.

TRUTH

Approach what lies beneath the surface with an open mind. Speak your truth with an open heart.



"Sacred Bundles Unborn"

Morningstar Mercredi & The Fire Keepers

Saturday, June 4, 2022

12:00-5:00 PM

Book Launch & Exhibit

Taylor Institute Art Gallery

University of Calgary



Jennifer Leason, PhD

Dr. Jen Leason (off-reserve member of the Pine Creek Indian Band, MN.) is a Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Maternal Child Wellness, and an Associate Professor at the University of Calgary. Dr. Leason is also an artist, poet, and advocate who utilizes her work and talents to highlight Indigenous perinatal health disparities and inequities across Canada.

Senator Yvonne Boyer

Senator Yvonne Boyer is a Michif who is a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario with ancestral roots in the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and the Red River. Senator Boyer is a lawyer and was the Associate Director for the Centre of Health Law, Policy, and Ethics and a part-time professor of law at the University of Ottawa. Senator Boyer was appointed to the Senate of Canada in 2018.



Morningstar Mercredi

Morningstar Mercredi is an Athabasca Chipewyan First Nations member in Treaty 8 Territory; she is also an author, poet, researcher, social activist, producer, and actress. Morningstar's education background is in multi-media. Her advocacy work expands over forty years, raising awareness on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and the LGBTQ community. Morningstar continues to advocate to criminalize forced coerced sterilization of Indigenous women in Canada.

Dr. Karen Lawford, PhD

Dr. Karen Lawford (Namegosibiing, Lac Seul First Nation, Treaty 3) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Gender Studies at Queen's University. She is the first registered midwife and Indigenous midwife in Canada to obtain a doctoral degree and hold a university appointment. She advocates for maternity care that allows community members to give birth in their communities and on the land.



Nathalie Pambrun

Nathalie Pambrun is a Franco-Manitoban Métis midwife who has practiced for 17 years in urban, rural, and remote communities across Canada and the world. Natalie is a past president of the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) and was CAM's first Indigenous Midwife to serve as President of the organization. She is also a founding member of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM). Currently, Natalie is NACM's Advocacy and Policy Advisor focusing on federal files related to eliminating anti-Indigenous racism in the Canadian Health Care system.



Cherylee Bourgeois

Cherylee Bourgeois is a Métis Midwife at Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto. She graduated from Ryerson Midwifery Education program and has been working as a midwife for eleven years. Her Cree and Assiniboine ancestry is rooted in the Red River District of southern Manitoba and the Missouri River Basin in North Dakota. Cherylee teaches in the Ryerson Midwifery Education Program and sits on the Core-leadership of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM). She works to support Indigenous Midwifery and is dedicated to bringing birth closer to home.



Alisa Lombard

Alisa Lombard is a citizen of the Mi'kmag Nation and practices as a multi-lingual lawyer practicing specific claims, human rights, and civil litigation on behalf of Indigenous Peoples. She represents Indigenous women in collective actions against those responsible for their forced sterilization and other forms of obstetric violations. Her academic research focuses on the reproductive injustices suffered by Indigenous women worldwide, and the constitutional accountability of medical professionals and their regulators in law.



Keri Cheechoo, PhD

Dr. Keri Cheechoo is a Cree woman from the community of Long Lake #58 First Nation. Keri is a Doctoral Candidate in the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa and she is currently at Queen's University participating as a Fellow and an Adjunct Professor in their inaugural Indigenous Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. Keri is also a poet and uses poetic inquiry as an arts-based methodology in her research.



Dr. Alika Lafontaine



Dr. Alika Lafontaine is an award-winning physician, social innovator, and the first Indigenous doctor listed in Medical Post's 50 Most Powerful Doctors. He was born and raised in Southern Saskatchewan with a mixed Indigenous ancestry of Métis, Anishinaabe, Cree and Pacific Islander. Dr. Lafontaine has served in senior medical leadership positions from almost two decades with the Alberta Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, HealthCareCAN, Canadian Medical Association Journal, Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada and Alberta Health Services. He has co-led the Indigenous Health Alliance in Canadian history.

Bill Firbairn

Bill Firbairn is a graduate of the University of Guelph where he studied international development and French literature. Bill's work has been focused on the defense of human rights in Latin America and the promotion of Canadian solidarity, Bill works with Inter Pares on their Latin America team with his main responsibilities working in Peru and Colombia.



Gary Geddes



Gary Geddes is a writer and editor with more than fifty books of poetry, fiction, drama, non-fiction, criticism, translation, and anthologies. He has won a dozen national and international literary awards, including the Commonwealth Poetry Prize (Americas Region), the Lt. Governor's Award for Literary Excellence, and the Gabriela Mistral Prize from the Government of Chile. Gary has taught at Concordia University in Montreal.

Genevieve Johnson-Smith

Genevieve Johnson-Smith is studying for her Ph.D. at Newcastle University, working on a project around fugitive abolitionism, emancipatory activism, and anti-slavery radicalism in the UK. She has carried out extensive research on forced and coerced sterilization of Indigenous women and remains dedicated to this very important work of raising awareness. Genevieve has spent some time living and working in Surrey BC in the unceded traditional territories of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Tsleil Waututh, and Tsawwassen First Nations.



Dr. Ewan Affleck



Dr. Ewan Affleck is a graduate of McGill School of Medicine who has worked and lived in northern Canada since 1992. He currently serves as the Senior Medical Advisor - Health Informatics, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, and is the past Chief Medical Information Officer of the Northwest territories. He is a faculty member at the University of Calgary, maintains a half-time clinical practice, and was the Executive Producer and co-writer of The Unforgotten, a film about inequities in health services to Indigenous people living in Canada.

KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS/SHARERS



Alice Kaquitts

Alice Kaquitts' Iethka Nakoda name is Yumotata Mani, which translates closely to Grizzly Walker in the English language. She resides on the Stoney Indian Reserve in Morley and is a member of the Wesley First Nation. She is a mother, grandmother, knowledge keeper, and interpreter/translator of the Iethka Nakoda language. She currently holds a Social Work Diploma from Mount Royal University and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Calgary.

Evelyn Good Striker

Evelyn Good Striker, B. Ed., M.Ed. is a Lakota Dakota from Standing Buffalo First Nation, SK. and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. Evelyn is Dr. Leason's CIHR, Elder CRC Co-Chair. Through her role, Elder Evelyn will enrich the research by serving as an advisor. Her expertise is Indigenous epistemologies (sharing traditional knowledge and Indigenous wisdom) and methodologies (storytelling and ceremony).



Elder Lizzie Epoo-York

Lizzie was born in a tent by a midwife. She fought for midwives in the northern Quebec region. Shes been fighting for midwives in the northern Quebec region since 1986. She attended a Federal Day school when she was a young girl and never continued her formal education after that. She continued her learning through experience and is glad about that direction her life took. She has 10 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. She is pre-retired and still doing some freelance work and is an artist in her spare time.

Rose Fox

Rose is a member of the Blood Tribe (Kainai). Her parents are Barney and Rosie Day Rider, maternal Grandparents are Annie and John Day Rider, Paternal Grandparents Minnie and Laurie Plume. Her husband Pat recently left for his journey to the happy hunting ground. Rose is mother to Rick and Becky Jo, Grandmother of 8 and leader for the Motoki Society on the Reserve. The bundle she currently takes care of has been in her family for years. She is a descendent from a rich cultural and traditional native ancestry. Rose currently works as an Elder for the Kainai High School to mentor, encourage, and support the students to reach their goals in life.





Vera Marie Crowchild

A member of the Tsuut'ina Nation Vera Marie Crowchild is one of the 30 speakers who encourages young people to bring back the Tsuut'ina language. As a single mother, her friends encouraged her to obtain her B.Ed at the University of Calgary and a master's degree at the University of Arizona. Vera taught in Siksika Nakoda and became an education director for the Tsuut'ina nation. She is still involved at Manyhorses High School on the Tsuut'ina Nation as a resident Elder.

Cowachin Elder Doreen Peter

Doreen Peter, Quw'utsun (Cowichan) Elder. Doreen is a mother of four, grandmother of twelve and great grandmother to three. She is a previous health care worker with Cowichan Tribes, Ts'ewulhtun Health Center, and newly retired after 31 years of service. Doreen is currently involved as an Elder advisor to many different committees such as substance abuse and harm reduction, focus groups on baby wellness, and preterm birth research. She also works with the BC First Nations Health Authority on short video productions on education on cultural safety in First Nations communities, and how to utilize Cultural teachings and embed teachings into programs.



Cowachin Elder Lydia Seymour

Lydia Seymour, Quw'utsun (Cowichan) Elder. Lydia is a mom of two, grandma of four, and a great grandma to many. She has decades of work experience in health care. She worked as an LPN in early child and infant development at Cowichan District Hospital for 10 years. She also worked at Cowichan Tribes Ts'ewulhtun Health Centre for over 20 years, where she worked in early childhood education as well as in the role of Community Health Representative. She has worked on many health projects as Quw'utsun Elder, including work on harm reduction and as an Elder advisor for several research projects: Cowichan Tribes Preterm Birth Study and the Vaccine Hesitancy Study.



FACILITATORS

Jennifer Leason, PhD



Cheryl Stump, Administrative Support

Cheryl Stump is a Tsilhqot'in woman from Esdilagh First Nation. Cheryl also works with the First Nations Health Authority and R.C.M.P. She enjoys working with cultural and traditional people in the interior region.

Mark Belanger, Facilitator

Mark is a Strategic Planning Advisor. He has worked with, and for, Zagime Anishinabek First Nation, Yorkton Tribal Council, the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, Wolseley Memorial Union Hospital, and Valley View Centre to name a few. He served as Vice-President of the Board for the Canadian Deaf, Blind Association Saskatchewan Chapter, and is a member of the Legislative Committee for the Saskatchewan Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association.



STUDENT FACILITATORS

Jennifer Murray -Ph.D. Candidate



Jen is a settler of mixed European ancestry from Stó:lō traditional territory (otherwise known as Abbotsford, British Columbia) and currently resides on unceded Coast Salish Territories. Jen is a PhD Candidate at the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia. Using community-based research methods, Jen is working in Quw'utsun territory to understand how to prevent an elevated rate of preterm birth in the community. Jen enjoys being in the mountains and family time, especially time with her two nieces.

Sarah Durant

She:kon, Kwanen:tawi ion:kiats. Wake'nehsi:io, Akwesasne kiteron.

Hello, My name is Sarah Durant, my Mohawk name is Kwanen:tawi, it mines She Brings the Medicine To All. I am Snipe clan from the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory. I am going into my final year of my undergrad in Indigenous Studies and minoring in Psychology at Queen's University, and I have an Associate's in Social Service Work. Currently, I am junior researcher under Dr. Karen Lawford's supervision, with our work focusing on risks pregnant Indigenous Peoples may face while trying to access maternity care. I am so grateful and honoured to have had this opportunity and am thankful for the connections I have been able to make.



Tyara Marchand



Tya grew up in the Okanagan Valley on the Okanagan Indian reserve before moving to Calgary. She is First Nations of Okanagan ancestry. Tya has worked with Dr. Leason since 2019 and has been involved in projects involving Indigenous maternal and child wellness and chronic disease rates on reserve. Apart from her work with Dr. Leason, she is a research associate with the Department of Surgery looking at equity and inclusion for Indigenous patients in surgical and emergency care.

Erika Campbelle

Erika is a white settler currently located Onón:takon (Hamilton, Ontario). Erika is a PhD candidate in Global Health at McMaster University. She holds a BScH in Life Science and MA in Gender Studies from Queen's University. In her work, Erika strives to address the complacency of the Canadian healthcare system in colonialism by discussing the unacceptable provision of reproductive healthcare for Indigenous Peoples in settler-run institutions. She aspires to be a sexual and reproductive health services and policy researcher. Erika is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this gathering,



CULTURAL ACTIVITY TEACHERS



Melinda Good Will

Melinda Good Will (Tatanka Tawachi Washte), B.Ed. is a Lakota Dakota from Standing Buffalo (Tatanka Naji) First Nation, SK. and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. Melinda is a retired teacher and an artist in traditional First Nations design and dancing. She is a proud mother, auntie and grandmother.

Lisa Poulin

Lisa Poulin is an Ojibway-Cree woman from Treaty 9 who currently lives in Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan Treaty 10 territory. She has been working with the Native Women's Association of Canada since August of 2021 on various health projects. Her passion for working with Indigenous people has led her to continue to build bridges that provide culturally supportive care for Indigenous people across Turtle Island. In her spare time, she has a small business as a seamstress creating Indigenous regalia and enjoys spending time with her black lab Dessa.



Emily Fox

Miisaminskiaki - Emily Fox is a member of Kainai - Blood Tribe and an Entrepreneur, specializing in creating custom made Pendleton coats and traditional ribbon skirts & shirts. Some of her clientele include Billy Mills & Ashley Calling Bull. Emily has been hired to create Pendleton coats for various departments from Kainai, Siksika & Morley. She is also employee with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division as a First Nations Metis & Inuit Support Worker guiding and mentoring the FNMI youth at Taatsikioyis/Catholic Central High School in Lethbridge.

One of Emily's first sewing teachers was her grandmother, Piiaki (Margaret Fox) who encouraged her to continue with her sewing. She dedicates the creation of these Traditional Blackfoot Dolls to her grandmother.



ACCESSING ECONOMIC COSTS & SOCIAL-CULTURAL BENEFITS OF INDIGENOUS MIDWIFERY

Evelyn Good Striker

Dr. Jennifer Leason

Dr. Karen Lawford

Erin Davis

Claire Dion Fletcher

Claire Dion Fletcher (she/her) is an Indigenous (Lenape-Potawatomi) and mixed settler. Registered Midwife practicing at Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto. She is presently co-chair of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives and Assistant Professor the Ryerson Midwifery Education Program in Toronto. Her teaching focuses on Indigenous midwifery and social justice issues. Claire is deeply committed to increasing diversity in the midwifery profession through Indigenous-led education. She completed her Master of Arts in Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies at York University where her research focused on decolonized health care and Indigenous midwifery. Claire is committed to reproductive justice and Indigenous feminisms and how these frameworks shape midwifery education and practice. She is an adoring Auntie to her niece and nephews



Carol Couchie

Ms Couchie is a Member of Nibising First Nation. A mother of two daughters and grandmother to many. Graduating from X University in 1998 she worked as a midwife for over twenty years in Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec. She has advocated for equality of health care delivery for Indigenous families and communities throughout her time as a primary healthcare provider. She now has taken on a leadership role in midwifery education at a national and provincial level through her work at the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives and the Association of Ontario Midwives.



Alisha Nicole Apale

Mx. Apale is the Director of NACM and has a BA in Social Studies of Medicine (McGill) and MSc International Health Research Methods. Alisha will oversee NACM research activities.



Dr. Ava John-Baptiste

Dr. John-Baptiste is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine, and the Schulich Interfaculty Program in Public Health. Dr. John-Baptiste conducts research on public health, community-based interventions, and peri-operative services. Her current research interests include economic evaluation of public health and community-based interventions. Dr. John-Baptiste brings to the project expertise in cost-analysis, evidence synthesis, decision modeling, economic evaluation and the linkage and analysis of administrative and clinical databases. She will be leading the economic methodology and analysis



Brenda Epoo

Midwife in Inukjuak, Education Coordinator for Inuulitsivik Midwifery Services. Co-Chair for NACM with Claire, BOD of Puauktutit Women Group. Did my Midwifery training in my community in my own language and culture.

Dr. Elizabeth Darling

Dr. Liz Darling is the Assistant Dean of Midwifery at McMaster University. Her qualifications include an Honours BArtsSc (McMaster), a BHSc Midwifery (McMaster), an MSc in Health Research Methodology (McMaster), and a PhD in Population Health (Ottawa). Dr. Darling worked as a registered midwife in North York and Ottawa before joining McMaster. She currently holds a CIHR Early Career Investigator Award in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health that supports research on expanded midwifery care models in Ontario.



Ellen Blais

Ellen Kanika Tsi Tsa Blais is from the Oneida Nation of the Thames. As an Indigenous adoptee, Ellen believes in the reclamation, resurgence and revitalization of Indigenous midwifery including birth practices and ceremony as integral to the health of Indigenous communities and nations. Ellen graduated from the midwifery program at Ryerson University in 2006. She currently works as the Director, Indigenous Midwifery at the Association of Ontario Midwives. The Indigenous midwifery team at the AOM focuses on the call from Indigenous communities to “Bring Birth Home!” Under her leadership, Ontario now has over 9 Indigenous midwifery programs core funded by the Ministry of Health to serve Indigenous communities, in remote, rural and urban locations.





Shayla Scott

Shayla is an Urban Indigenous with northern ancestry, primarily Inuit, mixed European, and Cree-Métis. She holds an Honours Degree in Medical Biophysics from Western University where she completed a two-year microvascular blood flow thesis. Shayla also holds a certificate in Patient and Community Engaged Research (PaCER). In Shayla's previous role at the University of Calgary, she worked in Indigenous Health research administration. Now, with Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, Shayla is a project coordinator with the Sexual Health file, comprising the Sexual Health Network, CheckUp!, and various Midwifery projects.

Reyna Uriate

Reyna Marie Cupper Uriarte is the department manager of the Health Policy and Programs at Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada. She is of Scottish, English, and Philippino Indigenous ancestry and completed her master's degree at Saint Paul's University in Conflict Studies, with a focus on feminist gender analysis and social justice. Working previously at international development, and gender and sex rights advocacy organizations, Reyna Marie has worked in the field of social justice and development for over a decade.



Dr. Janet Smylie

Dr. Smylie is the Director of the Well Living House Action Research Centre for Indigenous Infant, Child, and Family Health and Wellbeing, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Advancing Generative Health Services for Indigenous Populations in Canada, and Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Dr. Smylie's research focuses on addressing Indigenous health inequities in partnership with Indigenous communities. She is particularly focused on ensuring all First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples are counted into health policy and planning wherever they live in ways that make sense to them; addressing anti-Indigenous racism in health services; and advancing community-rooted innovations in health services for Indigenous populations. She maintains a part-time clinical practice at Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto and has practiced and taught family medicine in a variety of Indigenous communities both urban and rural. A Métis woman, Dr. Smylie acknowledges her family, traditional teachers, and ceremonial lodge.



Aisha Twalibu

Aisha Twalibu is a global health researcher and social development practitioner. Before joining University of Western Ontario, she was an independent research consultant with Institute for International Programs at Johns Hopkins University, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Previously she worked for Save the Children where she coordinated the Nutrition Embedded Evaluation Project (NEEP) and its impact evaluation in Malawi. She is also a Global Health Corps alumnus. She holds an MSc in Global Health Implementation and a Bachelor of Science in Statistics and Demography from the University of Malawi.



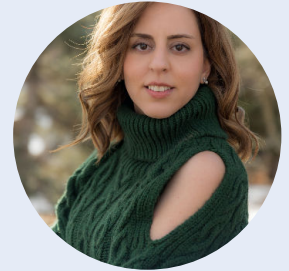


Majd Radhaa

Majd is a first-year Master's candidate in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Western University, under the supervision of Dr. Ava John-Baptiste. He holds a Bachelor's in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Western University. He is currently a research assistant at the Lawson Health Research Institute. His research interests include health economics, health services research, and clinical trials.

Sepideh Javadi

Sepideh Javadi serves as a GIS supporter and research assistant in the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of Calgary. She entered the University of Calgary as an MGIS student of the Department of Geography in 2019. Sepideh has a bachelor's degree in urban planning engineering, and a master's in urban design



Dr. Karen Stote

Dr. Karen Stote has Irish, Scottish and English roots, and grew up on the unceded territories of the Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet) and L'nu (Mi'kmaq) Peoples. She is Assistant Professor in the Women and Gender Studies program at Wilfrid Laurier University, where she teaches on Indigenous-settler history, feminism and the politics of decolonization and issues of reproductive and environmental justice. Her research is focused on the coerced sterilization of Indigenous women in Canada. She is the author of *An Act of Genocide: Colonialism and the Sterilization of Aboriginal Women* (Fernwood Publishing, 2015).



Hollie Sabourin

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Emilie Coyle

Emilie Coyle is a lawyer and the Executive Director of CAEFS. Emilie practices family, criminal, and immigration law.



Robin F. Hansen

Robin F. Hansen teaches international law, conflict of laws, trusts and international economic law at the University of Saskatchewan. Her current work is focused on system-level denial of the due process rights of newborn children born to incarcerated women. She examines why implicit judgment, before the birth of a child, initiates the denial of newborn children of their mothers, notwithstanding the fact that this represents a serious health deprivation.



Dr. Fiona Kouyoumdjian

Dr. Fiona Kouyoumdjian leads a program of research focused on the health of people who experience imprisonment and works as a Family Physician in a provincial jail in Ontario. She has contributed previously to public health initiatives in Ontario First Nations and to research projects with Indigenous organizations including NWAC.

Martha Paynter

Martha Paynter is a Registered Nurse and a PhD Candidate in Nursing at Dalhousie University, and the chair of Wellness Within: An Organization for Health and Justice, a registered non-profit in Nova Scotia. She leads a program of community-based research on sexual and reproductive health for people experiencing criminalization and authored the 2021 CAEFS' report Reproductive Injustice in Canadian Prisons for Womxn.



Dr. Jessica Jurgutis

Dr. Jessica Jurgutis is an Assistant Professor at Lakehead University, departments of Gender and Women's Studies and Indigenous Learning, and the Social Justice Program. She brings expertise on qualitative, participatory, and community-based research methods and has been involved with several community-based health projects on access to primary and reproductive health care among incarcerated and criminalized persons



Dr. Nicole Catherine

Dr. Nicole Catherine is a Mowafaghian University Research Associate with the Children's Health Policy Centre in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University. She works closely with senior policymakers and with practitioner and Indigenous leaders to ensure that her research is informed by policy and practice priorities and is embedded within reciprocal policy and practice relationships.

Dr. Robert Henry

Dr. Robert Henry is Métis from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and is an Assistant Professor at the University of Saskatchewan in the Department of Indigenous Studies. Robert's research areas include Indigenous street gangs and gang theories, Indigenous masculinities, Indigenous and critical research methodologies, youth mental health, and visual research methods.



Dr. Christine Wang

Dr. Christine Wang is a pediatric resident at McMaster University. Her research interests following the cradle to prison pipeline stems from clinical experiences working in the NICU with child protective agencies, along with community experiences journeying with incarcerated survivors of sex trafficking as Fight4Freedom's street outreach coordinator.



Dr. Jessica Liauw

Dr. Jessica Liauw, MD MHSc FRCSC, is a Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of British Columbia.



Indigenous Maternity Experiences Environmental Scan & Digital Storytelling in Partnership with Native Women's Association of Canada

Dr. Jennifer Leason

Tyara Marchand



Marisa Blake

Marisa Blake is a Senior Project Officer on the Resiliency Lodge Policy & Research Team at the Native Women's Association of Canada. She is of mixed ancestry, settler and Ojibway from Treaty 9 Territory. Since joining NWAC in 2019, she has led both SUAP- and CHIR-funded projects on cannabis and is involved in additional health research projects.

Isabelle Choon-Kon-Yune

Isabelle Choon is a non-indigenous ally and a practicum student at the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC). She has been involved in the Indigenous Maternity Experiences Project since joining NWAC in September 2021. Her passion to advocate for and uplift the voices and experiences of Indigenous populations has led her to seek opportunities to expand her knowledge about diverse communities.

Isabelle completed her undergraduate studies at Western University in Health Sciences and is currently working towards her Masters in Public Health.



FRIENDS



Blackfoot Confederacy

Bonnie Healy
Tisha Bromley
Chyloe Healy
Travis Yellow Wing

Eyha-Hey Nakoda Drummer

Rod Hunter



Brenda Yuen



Brenda Yuen is a settler living on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish and Cowichan Tribes peoples. She is second generation Chinese and her family are from Hong Kong and Macau. She joined the research team at Ts'ewulhtun Health Centre in November 2021 as a Research Advisor on the Preterm Study Project: Far Too Many Preterm Births in Cowichan Tribes.

Before this, she practiced law for over 6 years and is currently in the Masters of Law program with the University of Saskatchewan. She is also a researcher with the Saskatchewan based project, "Hope through Strength" which supports wrap-around care for pregnant women living with or at risk of HIV or hepatitis C virus. This project is a part of the pewaseskwan(Cree for "the sky is starting to clear") Indigenous Wellness Research Group.

BARRIER LAKE FIELD STATION STAFF



Adrienne Cunnings

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Adrienne Cunnings has worked at the Barrier Lake Field Station since 2013 after completing a Masters of Science in Physical Geography. As the field research manager she enjoys hearing about the new research projects and meeting new guests at the station. Please come see Adrienne if you have any questions or concerns during your stay.

Sue Arlidge

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Sue Arlidge, School Program Consultant has been an environmental educator for over 35 years. Trained as a high school science teacher and hiking guide, Sue has held a number of positions in the non-formal education sector from being an AB Park interpreter, to family hiking guide and horticultural education coordinator at the Calgary Zoo. Sue's passion for engaging learners in meaningful learning experiences has grown since coming to work with the University of Calgary's Biogeoscience (BGS) Institute's school ecology programs over twenty years ago. Sue follows this advice from her rodent mentors – 'spend lots of time in the woods, eat plenty of fiber, and it's okay to be a little nuts'.



Briana Van Den Bussch

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Briana Van Den Bussche is the School Program Leader at the Biogeoscience Institute. As a part of the education team she coordinates and leads education programs for secondary and post secondary students. She is also responsible for public outreach and education which includes citizen science initiatives, community programs and science communications work.

Olivia Driedger

Sous Chef

Assist Shane by helping create preparing all the meals. I have worked in many restaurants around town but am very happy to be back at the field station. See you at the dinner table!



Savannah Poirier Hollander

Savannah is the NSERC PromoScience Education Program Lead at BGI. This program is focusing on connecting science and culture for Nakoda youth. She has a B.Sc. in Ecology and a B.Ed. in Elementary Science.

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Professor of Population Biology & Director of the Biogeoscience Institute, University of Calgary

PACKING & TRAVEL CHECK LIST

DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Passport/Driver's License/Status Card or the identification you need at the airport. Click here for a list of approved ID: <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scr/cntr-trrrsm/pssngr-prtct/dcmnts-en.aspx>
- ☐ You must show your valid COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination document for traveling. Well-fitting surgical, N95, or KN95 masks to wear during travel days. For more info, visit: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/domestic-travel#accepted-vaccines>
- ☐ Emergency contact information.
- ☐ If applicable: wear your medical alert jewelry or carry the information in your wallet.

CLOTHING/PERSONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Note that the weather in Calgary can be unpredictable around this time of year so pack layers so you can adjust as needed for the temperature. Please bring comfortable walking/hiking shoes for any planned outings.
- ☐ Toiletries (skincare, makeup, contact lenses, hair care, dental care, deodorant).
- ☐ Don't forget to put any liquids in your checked baggage or have them packed in containers that are less than 100mL/100g (or 3.4oz) and have them packed in a Ziploc bag that is no bigger than 1 Litre /1 quart. For more details, visit: <https://travel.gc.ca/air/liquids>

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS

- ☐ Be sure to pack any necessary prescriptions or over-the-counter medications you may need, including any emergency medications (eg. EpiPen) if applicable.
- ☐ If you are traveling with recreational or medical cannabis be sure that it is under the 30g limit and packed properly see here: <https://www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca/en/item/cannabis-marijuana>

