

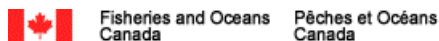


The Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development
Integrated Research Program, AAEDIRP

LIFE LONG LEARNING - FROM YOUTH TO ELDER
CONFERENCE ON ABORIGINAL EDUCATION
MARCH 23 - 25, 2009, FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK



ATLANTIC POLICY CONGRESS
OF FIRST NATION CHIEFS
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Day 1: Monday, March 23rd, 2009		
TIME	WU CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK	LOCATION
1:00 - 5:00pm 1:00 - 2:00pm	Registration, Booths, and Poster Sessions Poster Session Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Science Camps for Youth, Mi'kmaq Maliseet Institute - Amber Giles, Millbrook First Nation, B. Sc. Candidate, University of New Brunswick • Transforming Mathematics education for Mi'kmaq students through mawiknutimatimk - Lisa Lunney Borden, Ph.D Candidate, St. Francis Xavier University • Eskasoni Mi'kmaw Elder's Program - Elder Elizabeth Paul, Mi'kmaq Language Teacher and Curriculum Consultant for Elders Program, Eskasoni School; Elder Barbara Sylliboy, Eskasoni School • Aboriginal Literacy Project - Nora McCarthy, Research Program Coordinator, Community - Based Research, University of Prince Edward Island 	Foyer, Chancellor's Rm
3:00 - 5:00pm	Opening Ceremony: Master of Ceremonies/Moderator: Bob Atwin, Executive Director, First Nation Education Initiatives, AAEDIRP Research Subcommittee, Kingsclear First Nation Opening Prayer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elder Gwen Bear, Tobique First Nation, M.Ed. Candidate, University of New Brunswick Welcome Remarks: Chief Candice Paul, St. Mary's First Nation, Wolastoqiyik Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honourable Rick Brewer, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Province of New Brunswick • APCFNC Co-Chair, Chief Noah Augustine, Metepenagiag First Nation • APCFNC Co-Chair, Chief Lawrence Paul, Millbrook First Nation • President of the University of New Brunswick, Dr. John McLaughlin 	Kent Auditorium
5:30 - 8:00 pm	Registration and Welcome Reception Welcoming Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Ceremonies: Bob Atwin • Keynote Address: Honourable Graydon Nicholas, Tobique First Nation, New Brunswick Provincial Court Judge • John Paul, Membertou First Nation, AAEDIRP Aboriginal Co-Chair, Executive Director, APCFNC • Dr. Fred Wien, AAEDIRP University Co-Chair, School of Social Work, Dalhousie University • Honourable Andy Scott, Andrews Senior Fellow in Social Policy, Department of Sociology, University of New Brunswick • John Kershaw, Deputy Minister of Education, Province of New Brunswick • Mark Davis, Director of Government Relations, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Presentation: "The Atlantic Aboriginal Economy Building Strategy" Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Developers Network, (AAEDN), Co-Chairs: Sacha Labillois, Eel River Bar First Nation, Economic Development Officer (EDO); and Louis Joe Bernard, Waycobah First Nation, EDO, Union of Nova Scotia Indians	FREDERICTON INN, Royal Stewart Room

Day 2: Tuesday, March 24th, 2009		
TIME	WU CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK	LOCATION
7:30 - 8:45 am	BREAKFAST	Foyer
8:00 am	Registration, Booths, Poster Sessions	Chancellor's Rm
9:00 - 9:15am	Opening Prayer: Elder Gwen Bear  Introduction of Session Theme: LANGUAGE AND SYSTEMS OF KNOWLEDGE Moderator: Bob Atwin	Kent Auditorium
9:15 - 9:50am	PLENARY SPEAKERS  <i>"Integrative Science and Two Eyed Seeing"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elder Albert Marshall, Eskasoni First Nation Cheryl Bartlett, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Integrative Science, Director of the Institute for Integrative Science & Health and Department of Biology, Cape Breton University 	Kent Auditorium
9:50 - 10: 30am	<i>"Documented Spoken Wolastoq/Maliseet in Educational, Spiritual & Cultural Context"</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Perley, Tobique First Nation, Mi'kmaq Maliseet Institute, University of New Brunswick; Imelda Perley, Tobique First Nation, Mi'kmaq Maliseet Institute, University of New Brunswick; Elder Gwen Bear, Tobique First Nation M.Ed. Candidate, University of New Brunswick; Dr. Evelyn Plaiice, Faculty of Education/Department of Anthropology, University of New Brunswick (UNB) 	Kent Auditorium
10:30 -10:45am	BREAK	
10:45 - 11:20am 11:20 - 11:55am	LANGUAGE AND SYSTEMS OF KNOWLEDGE: WORKSHOP A <i>"Border Crossings in Education - Development of Innu-centered Educational Model"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Trudy Sable, Director, Office of Aboriginal and Northern Research, Gorsebrook Research Institute and Department of Anthropology, St. Mary's University <i>"Inuit Elders and Youth Project: Developing a new online multimedia resource: www. InuitQ.ca"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Cynthia J. Alexander, Department of Political Science, Acadia University 	Kent Auditorium
10:45 - 11:20am 11:20 - 11:55am	LANGUAGE AND SYSTEMS OF KNOWLEDGE: WORKSHOP B <i>"Show me Your Math - Inviting Community Knowledge into the Mathematics Classroom"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Lunney Borden, Ph. D Candidate, School of Education, St. Francis Xavier University; Dr. David Wagner, Faculty of Education, UNB <i>"The Good News on Indigenous Education from Research Worldwide"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrea Bear Nicholas, Tobique First Nation, Chair in Native Studies, St. Thomas University 	Room 203
10:45 - 11:20am 11:20 - 11:55am	LANGUAGE AND SYSTEMS OF KNOWLEDGE: WORKSHOP C <i>"Summary of Eskasoni Mi'kmaq Immersion Program Research"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starr Sock, Eskasoni First Nation, Eskasoni Immersion Program, M. Ed. Admin. Candidate, St. Francis Xavier University; Dr. Joanne Tompkins and Dr. Anne Murray Orr both School of Education, St. Francis Xavier University <i>"Eskasoni Mi'kmaq Immersion in the School"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ida Denny, Eskasoni First Nation, Eskasoni Immersion Program; Starr Sock (as above) 	Room 204
12:00 - 1:00pm 12:30pm	LUNCH; and Keynote Speaker Jarrett Laughlin, Senior Research Analyst, Canadian Council of Learning	Foyer Kent Auditorium

1:10 - 1:25pm	Introduction of Session Theme: RETENTION RATES AND SUCCESS STRATEGIES Moderator: Bob Atwin	Kent Auditorium
1:25 - 2:00pm	PLENARY SPEAKERS <i>“Community Best Practices, Eel Ground First Nation”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief George Ginnish, Eel Ground First Nation, Education Director 	Kent Auditorium
2:00 - 2:35pm	<i>“Career Counselling”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Atwin, Kingsclear First Nation, Dragonfly Solutions 	Kent Auditorium
2:35 - 2:50 pm	BREAK	
2:50 - 3:25pm 3:25 - 4:05pm	RETENTION RATES AND SUCCESS STRATEGIES: WORKSHOP D <i>“Community Incentives”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Joanna Bernard, Madawaska First Nation, Education Director and AAEDIRP Steering Committee; Bob Atwin, First Nation Education Initiatives <i>“Success in School for Mi’kmaq Learners, A Mixed Methods Study of Education Experiences”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Fiona Walton, Faculty of Education, University of Prince Edward Island; Nancy Peters, Lennox Island First Nation, B.Ed Candidate, UPEI Specialization in Indigenous Education; Danielle Frenette, M.Ed. Candidate, UPEI 	Kent Auditorium
2:50 - 3:25pm 3:25 - 4:05pm	RETENTION RATES AND SUCCESS STRATEGIES: WORKSHOP E <i>“Strategies for Improving Systemic Problems In Aboriginal Education: Supports to Assist Underachieving Students”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isabel den Heyer, den Heyer Associates; Dr. Fred Wien, Dalhousie University <i>“SAYIT Mentoring Program - St. Mary’s Aboriginal Youth Independence Team”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonita Polches, St. Mary’s First Nation, Aboriginal Student Guidance Counsellor, Leo Hayes High School 	Chancellor’s Rm
2:50 - 3:25pm 3:25 - 4:05pm	RETENTION RATES AND SUCCESS STRATEGIES: WORKSHOP F <i>“Eskasoni Mi’kmaw Elder’s Program”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elder Elizabeth Paul, Mi’kmaq Language Teacher and Curriculum Consultant for Elders Program, Eskasoni School, Elder Barbara Sylliboy, Eskasoni School <i>“Mi’kmaw Kina’matnewey School Improvement Program”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurianne Stevens, Membertou First Nation, Coordinator, School Improvement Program, Mi’kmaw Kina’matnewey 	Room 203
2:50 - 3:25pm 3:25 - 4:05pm	RETENTION RATES AND SUCCESS STRATEGIES: WORKSHOP G <i>“A Study of the Atlantic Aboriginal Post-Secondary Labour Force”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Sark, Oromocto First Nation, First Nation Education Initiatives; David Bruce, Director, Rural/Small Town Programme, Mount Allison University <i>“Aboriginal Student Retention: Association of Atlantic Universities”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Laurel Lewey, Social Work Dept., STU & AAEDIRP Steering Comm.; Dr. Trudy Sable, St. Mary’s University; Bernadette Power, Coord., Aboriginal Teacher Education Programs, Faculty of Education, MUN; Patti Doyle-Bedwell, Chapel Island First Nation, Dir. of Transition Year Program, Dalhousie College of Continuing Education; Dina Bernard, Waycobah First Nation, Research Assn’t., BA Candidate, STU 	Room 204
6:30 - 9:00pm	BANQUET (Fredericton Inn) Keynote Speaker: Peter Garrow, Education Director, Assembly of First Nations, Ottawa Entertainment: <i>Presentation - Eel Ground Youth Drama Club - Chief George Ginnish</i>	FREDERICTON INN, Royal Stewart Room

Day 3: Wednesday, March 25 th , 2009		
TIME	WU CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK	LOCATION
7:30 - 8:45am	BREAKFAST	Foyer
9:00 - 12:00pm	Booths and Poster Sessions	Foyer
9:00 - 9:15 am	Introduction of Group Discussions and Session Theme: Moderators: Bob Atwin and Dr. Fred Wien TOWARDS DEVELOPING AN ATLANTIC BASED INTERVENTION STRATEGY AND RESEARCH ON ABORIGINAL YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION	Kent Auditorium
9:15 - 10:30am	WHAT FUTURE RESEARCH SHOULD BE DONE? Group 1 Facilitated Discussion Group 2 Facilitated Discussion Group 3 Facilitated Discussion	Kent Auditorium Room 203 Room 204
10:30 - 10:45am	BREAK	
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Group Reports and Conference Wrap-Up: Moderator: Bob Atwin Closing Prayer: Elder Gwen Bear	Kent Auditorium
12:00 - 1:00pm	LUNCH Thank you to our Poster Presenters and to the following organizations for setting up BOOTHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mi'kmaq Maliseet Atlantic Youth Council - <i>Ashley Julian & Curtis Bartibogue</i> • Council for Advancement of Native Development Officers - <i>Anita Boyle</i> • Mi'kmaq Maliseet Institute, University of New Brunswick - <i>Lynda Doige</i> • Mi'kmaq Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work Programme - <i>Sandra Germaine</i> • Story Sack Teaching Tool - <i>Sheila Francis, Pictou Landing First Nation</i> • Atlantic Canada's First Nation Help Desk - <i>Lauretta Welsh</i> • Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey - <i>Marissa Welsh</i> • Aboriginal Health Human Resource Initiative - <i>Merina Sark, Saint Francis Xavier University</i> <p>☛ Session will be available by video conference to participating community sites courtesy of Atlantic Canada's First Nation Help Desk. Call toll free: 1 (877) 484 7606 or email: admin@firstnationhelp.com to register.</p> <p>☛ Or go to http://firstnationhelp.com/livevideo to view live web streaming of this session on the internet. The sessions will also be available after the conference.</p> <p><i>The Conference Organizing Committee thanks you for attending and wishes you a safe journey back home...Sincerely, Pam Ward, Conference Coord.; Gillian Austin, Asst. Research Coordinator, AAEDIRP; Darcy Pirie, Admin. Assistant, AAEDIRP; Bob Atwin, Exec. Director, First Nation Education Initiatives; Dr. Susan Blair, Dept. of Anthropology, University of New Brunswick; John Sylliboy, Aboriginal Health Human Resource Initiative Coord., APCFNC; John J. Paul, Dir. of Program Services, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey; Ashley Julian, Youth Coordinator, APCFNC, Mi'kmaq Maliseet Atlantic Youth Council</i></p>	Foyer

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS AND MAPS TO CONFERENCE VENUES

Driving directions to the Fredericton Inn:

From the East (Edmundston, NB - Quebec):

Stay on **HWY 2 E**. Slight left at **NB-8 N/Route 8 N** (signs for **Miramichi/NB-8/Fredericton**). Take **exit 6A** to merge onto **Arnold Dr**. Turn **left** at **Regent St**. The Fredericton Inn will be on the **left**.

From the West (Moncton – Nova Scotia):

Stay on **HWY 2 W**. Slight **right** at **Route 7 N** (signs for **7/8/Miramichi/Mactaquac/Fredericton**). Turn **left** at **Regent St**. The Fredericton Inn will be on the **right**.

From Miramichi, NB:

Starting from **Route 117**. Continue on **Route 8**. At the roundabout, take the **2nd exit** onto **Route 8 S**. Turn **left** at **Route 8**. Turn **left** at **Bridge St./Route 628**. **Bridget St.** turns slightly **right** and becomes **Marysville Bypass**. Continue on **Barkers Point ByPass**. Turn **left** to merge onto **NB-8/Route 8**. Take **exit 6B-A** to merge onto **NB-7/Route 7** toward **New Maryland/Rue Regent St**. Turn **left** at **Regent St**. The Fredericton Inn will be on the **right**.

Driving Directions to the Wu Conference Centre, University of New Brunswick:

From Saint John/Moncton, N.B:

Take Trans Canada Highway, toward Fredericton. Turn **right** onto provincial secondary road **Route 7** until you come to the **Regent/Prospect Street intersection**. Turn **right** down **Regent Street** and **right** onto **Montgomery Street**. Travel to the end of Montgomery Street and turn **left** onto **Duffie Drive**. **Wu Conference Centre** is the first building on **right** hand side.

From Bathurst/Miramichi, NB:

Take Provincial Highway **#8** toward Fredericton. Cross the **Westmorland Street Bridge** and turn

left onto **Brunswick Street**. Travel to the end of Brunswick Street and turn **right** onto **University Avenue**. Travel to the first set of lights, go straight through the intersection (entering gates of UNB), **up MacKay Drive** to **Duffie Drive**.

From Edmundston, NB:

Take Trans Canada Highway toward Fredericton. Take **exit 280 (Route 8)** into Fredericton. Turn onto **exit 6B (Regent Street N-UNB)** until you are at the **Regent/Prospect Street intersection**. Travel down the hill on Regent Street and turn **right** on **Montgomery Street**. Travel to the end of Montgomery Street and turn **left** onto **Duffie Drive**. Wu Conference Centre is the first building on the right hand side.

From the Fredericton Inn:

Leave the **Fredericton Inn** by the **back exit**, swing a **left** through the **Regent Mall parking lot** heading toward the front entrance of the mall. At the set of lights turn **left** onto **Regent St**. Head **northeast** on **Regent St**. Turn **right** at **Montgomery St**. Turn **left** at **Duffie Dr**. The **Wu Conference Centre** will be on the **right**. There will be some parking at the Wu Conference Centre, or you can park in the Aiken University Centre parking lot.

You can also click on the link below to Google Maps for maps and directions to the Fredericton Inn:

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or click on the link below to view a map of the city of Fredericton:

<http://www.tourismfredericton.ca/en/directionsmaps/resources/2008FTONMAP.pdf>

Once you zoom in, the Fredericton Inn is number "14" and the Wu Centre is "S"

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