

Visions in Aboriginal Education Conference:

*Improving Achievement and the
Learning Experience*



October 23-25, 2008

**Sagebrush Theater,
Kamloops, BC**

**Register before September 19th for Early
Bird Discount.**

Check out registration & accommodation info at

www.sd73.bc.ca/visions

**Visions in Aboriginal Education Conference
1383 Ninth Ave, Kamloops, BC, V2C 3X7 Canada**

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WELCOME Teachers, Principals, Trustees, Parents and Community Leaders

Speakers



Dr. Lee Brown is the coordinator of the Indigenous Doctoral Program in the Department of Educational Studies at The University of British Columbia where he wrote his thesis entitled: *Making the Classroom a Healthy Place: The Develop of Affective Competency in Aboriginal Pedagogy*. He is the Co-author of *The Sacred Tree*, an educational curriculum based in Aboriginal values and epistemology. Lee has also contributed to the Round Lake Native Healing Centre in Vernon, BC during the last twenty-six years in a number of capacities including clinical supervisor and currently as a cultural resource to the centre. He has been the keynote speaker at many Aboriginal conferences including the Awassis Education Conference held each year in Saskatoon. He has been an invited to share his knowledge of culture and healing in over five hundred indigenous communities in North America. Lee is a member of the Cherokee Nation and the Wolf Clan.



Dr. Lorna Williams is a Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Knowledge and Learning, in a partnership between Faculty of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and Faculty of Humanities, Department of Linguistics. She is also Director of Aboriginal Education and Aboriginal Teacher Education and Manager of the Developmental Standard Term Certificate in First Nations Language and Culture.



Nathan Matthew represented the Simpcw First Nation as Chief for 17 years and he represented the Secwepemc as Chair of the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council for 2 terms. Nathan has been actively involved in Aboriginal education for over 25 years. He has served on committees and councils at the local, provincial and national levels including the B.C. First Nations Education Steering Committee, the Provincial Chiefs Action Committee on Education, the First Nations Education Council (S.D. 73), and the National Education Committee for the Assembly of First Nations. Nathan played a key role in the passage of the groundbreaking Education Jurisdiction legislation passed by the House of Commons and the B.C. Legislative Assembly. Recently Nathan took the position of the first ever Executive Director of Aboriginal Education at Thompson Rivers University.



Dr. Jo-Anne Archibald, also known as Q'um Q'um Xiiem, from the Stó:lo Nation is Associate Dean for Indigenous Education in the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia and also the Director of the Native Indian Teachers Education Program. She is a visionary, lecturer, an author and an academic. An agent of change and unrivaled pioneer in the advancement of First Nations Education teaching, mentoring and advising many First Nations graduate students. She has published frequently and has served as editor of the *Canadian Journal of Native Education*. Internationally, Dr. Archibald helped establish a formal relationship between the University of British Columbia and the University of Auckland in New Zealand. She is the Director for the International Research Institute for Maori and Indigenous Education.



Sue Gower is Principal of Chalo School. Chalo School has been nationally recognized for excellence in its instructional programs based on student achievement data.

Conference –Format

The Conference format is a collective approach where educators, parents, and community members collaborate on the following themes to gain new information and to work towards common goals in Aboriginal Education.

- Challenges and Opportunities
- Collective Ownership and responsibility
- Sustaining Energy
- Measuring and Celebrating Success

The initial presentations are to the large forum on Friday morning followed by a more in-depth collaborative process in the afternoon. The following day presenters will come together to share information from their sessions to the large forum in a panel discussion.

Friday Night Dinner

Friday Evening

A Special Dinner with Opie Oppenheim
6:00 –9:00pm

Menu: Celebration of Traditional Aboriginal and Contemporary Foods.

Join us for a evening of fun and entertainment with Opie Oppenheim from the NI'kapamux First Nation. Opie is a renowned artist, musician, comedian and inspirational speaker. This evening will allow delegates to network while enjoying food, fun and friends. Cost is \$35/ person

Official Airline of the Conferece

Air Canada is the official airline for the conference and you can book your flight online at www.aircanada.com

To receive your conference rate enter in the promotion code **FQHZZFA1** (note the last digit of the code is a number one)

Conference Hotel

The Coast Canadian Inn is the official Conference Hotel

They can be contacted at
The Coast Canadian Inn
339 St. Paul street
Kamloops, BC V2C 2J5

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For a list of other hotels in Kamloops please visit our website www.sd73.bc.ca/visions

Workshops

F1. Dr. Lee Brown: Emotional Education: the development of emotional competency in the classroom

Lee has developed a theory of holistic emotional education that is predicated upon six principles of emotional competency that arise out of his research in the area of affective education and learning. Lee also facilitates the annual Emotional Education Conference and is a co-founder of the Global Emotional Education Association. Lee is published in Academic Journals on the subject of Emotional Education including the Canadian Journal of Native Education and AlterNative: A New Zealand International Journal of Indigenous Scholarship. Lee was the guest editor of the UBC Educational Leadership Journal in March of 2007.

F2. Dr. Lorna Williams: Learning and teaching in an Indigenous World: considerations for Teacher development Curriculum development

This presentation will explore the challenges and opportunities of making space, finding place and locating Indigenous knowledge in teacher preparation programs, teacher development, curriculum and program development.

F3. Nathan Matthews: Challenges and Opportunities in Aboriginal Education

A presentation on the nature of the challenges faced by Aboriginal learners in public education and the opportunities for effective responses by education practitioners.

F4. Dr. Jo-Anne Archibald: Indigenous Storywork: Educating the Heart, Mind, Body, and Spirit

Jo-Ann Archibald worked closely with Elders and storytellers, who shared both traditional and personal life-experience stories, in order to develop ways of bringing storytelling into educational contexts. *Indigenous Storywork* is the result of this research and it demonstrates how stories have the power to educate and heal the heart, mind, body, and spirit. It builds on the seven principles of respect, responsibility, reciprocity, reverence, holism, interrelatedness, and synergy that form a framework for understanding the characteristics of stories, appreciating the process of storytelling, establishing a receptive learning context, and engaging in holistic meaning-making.

F5. Sue Gower: It's All about Vocabulary Development

Chalo School is a band operated facility situated on the Ft. Nelson First Nations reserve in northern B.C. It has been recently recognized in Ottawa as a role model for the country due to high student achievement.

Participants at this session will learn about strategies that have led to Chalo's success including a learning focus on vocabulary development, the improvement of building relationships, and innovative ways to structure a school day. This workshop will focus on the following themes:

1. Creating an environment for literacy instruction
2. Visual learning strategies
3. Effective questioning techniques
4. How to integrate Brain Learning Theory into your lessons
5. Grouping for instruction
6. Measuring student growth
7. Involving the Community to support literacy

Schedule at a Glance (subject to change)

Thursday, October 23, 2008

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Registration Sharing Our Successes (DVD Presentation)
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Friday, October 24, 2008

8:00 am to 8:45 am	Registration Continental Breakfast
8:45 am to 9:30 am	Opening Prayer & Ceremonies: Elder; Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Kamloops Indian Band; Nathan Matthew, Thompson Rivers University; Skelep School Presentation
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Keynote Speaker (TBD)
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 12:15 pm	20 min Presentation: Nathan Matthew, TRU 20 min Presentation: Dr. Lorna Williams, UVIC 20 min Presentation: Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald, UBC 20 min Presentation: Sue Gower, Principal, Fort Nelson School 20 min Presentation: Dr. Lee Brown, UBC
12:15 pm to 1:30 pm	Lunch Keynote Speaker: (TBD)
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	Conference Trade Show Open
2:15 pm to 4:15 pm	In-depth Collaborative Workshops
4:15 pm to 5:30 pm	Conference Trade Show Open Networking
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Evening Dinner & Reception Entertainment: Opie Oppenheim (comedy)

Saturday, October 25, 2008

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am to 11:00 am	Panel Speakers facilitated by Nathan Matthew Each speaker will summarize their session from the previous day. Final Words: Nathan Matthew Closing Prayer & Ceremonies



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Registration



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For more information or to pay on-line: www.sd73.bc.ca/visions

	Early Bird Rate up to & including September 19, 2008	After Sept. 19	Student/ Elder Rate	Group Rate (4+)/p (note it is cheaper to register individuals under the Early Bird rate)	
Conference	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$ _____
Friday Night Dinner	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$ _____
Conference Shirt	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$ _____
				Total	\$ _____

A \$35.00 administration fee will apply to all cancellations up to and including September 19, 2008. There will be no refunds issued for cancellations received after September 19, 2008.

Individual Session Selection (Please select 1 for your in-depth session on Friday)

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F4. Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald: Indigenous Storywork

F5. Sue Gower: It's All about Vocabulary Development



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