



The 12th International Spirituality Conference

Evolving and flourishing in an age of disruption: The role of spirituality in realignment and transformation

June 18-21, 2025

University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Program and Schedule 2025

Venues



The conference will take place at the University of Calgary in two locations. **The Taylor Family Institute for Teaching & Learning** and the **7th Floor of Mackimmie Tower**.

All presentations Times are in Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

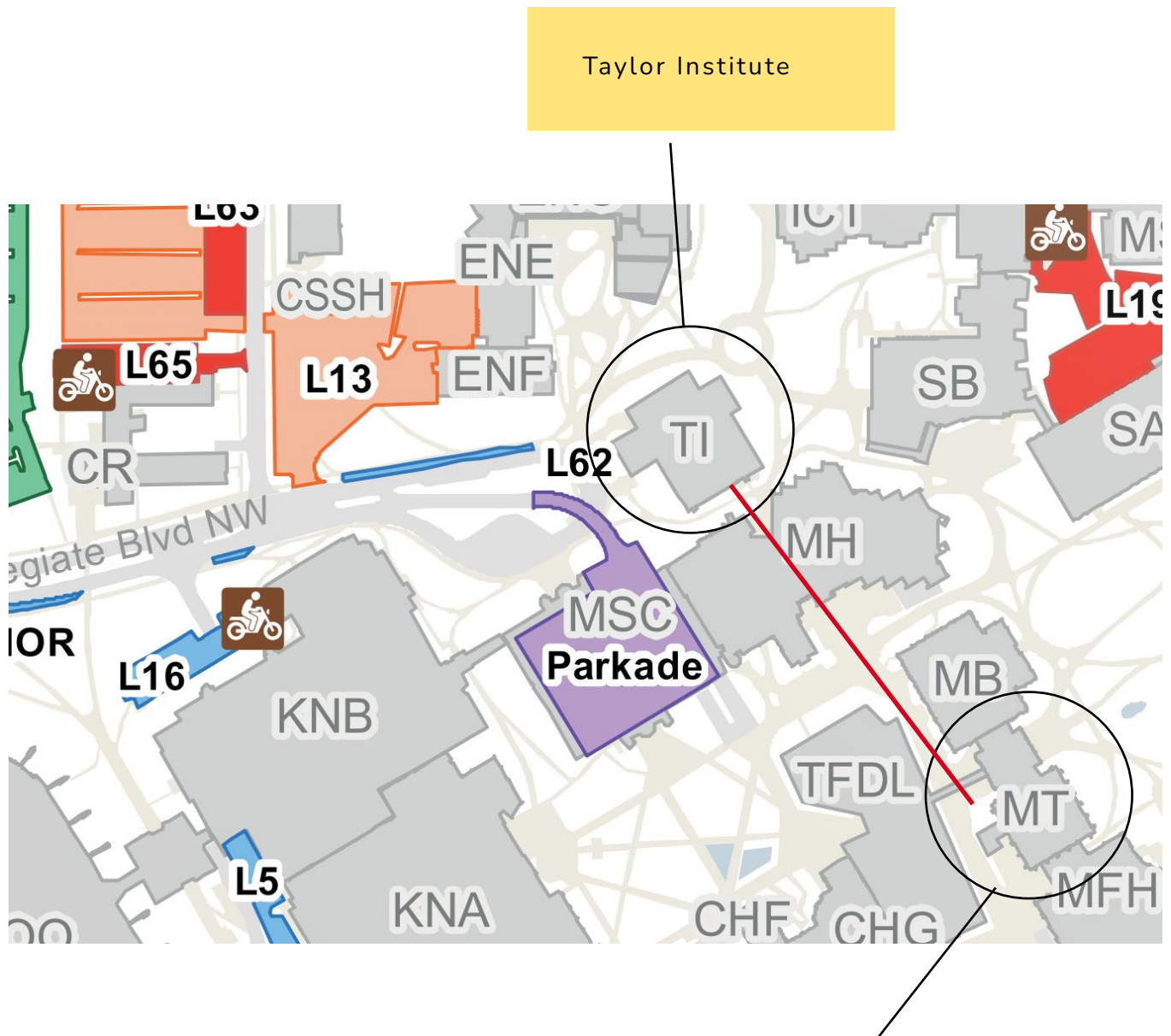
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Conference Chair



Dr. Heather M Boynton

Dr. Heather M Boynton is an Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary, and an adjunct professor in Kinesiology at Lakehead University and a Faculty of Social Work Early Career Research Awardee. She is internationally recognized for her work in spirituality and social work as a long-standing board member and the previous Vice President of the Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work (2021-2023), co-chair of the Halifax Ecospirituality conference (June 2023), and chair of the 2012 International Spirituality conference at Lakehead University. Her research and scholarly work have focused on advancing knowledge in spirituality in practice and pedagogy for social work and across professions, and in holistic therapies. She co-edited the book *Trauma, spirituality and posttraumatic growth in clinical social work practice*, which was nominated for the SSWR Book Award for Best Scholarly Book Published. She has been a co-editor for special editions focusing on spirituality in the *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work* and for the *Religions Journal*.

Conference Co-Chair



Dr. Indrani Margolin

Dr. Indrani Margolin is the first female Professor in the School of Social Work and part of the graduate faculty in Women's & Gender Studies and Health Sciences at the University of Northern British Columbia. She is a long term member on the CSSSW board. Northern FIRE (Feminist Institute for Research & Evaluation) is also an important part of her work. Dr. Indrani is a proud recipient of the 2025 UNBC Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes her curricular contributions to spirituality in higher education. With nearly 50 peer reviewed publications, her international spiritualist research and teaching program concentrate on creativity, Vedic (Mahavakyam) Meditation, girls' and women's wellbeing, and arts-based research. Her roots are as an initiate in Mahavakyam Meditation from a long lineage of Himalayan masters and trained in the Tulshi Sen Consulting Train the Trainer system.

Welcome Message by Heather & Indrani

On behalf of the Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work (CSSSW), the University of Calgary Faculty of Social Work, the University of Northern British Columbia School of Social Work (UNBC), and the United Way, we want to welcome all of you, and particularly our friends in the American Society for Spirituality and Social Work, and our international participants who have travelled from afar, to the 12th International Spirituality Conference Evolving and flourishing in an age of disruption: The role of spirituality in realignment and transformation.

In this era of social, political, technological and ecological turmoil and uncertainty, our wellbeing has never been more at risk. Our emotional, mental, and spiritual health are vulnerable to the onslaught of these rapid changes. We need sustainable skills, tools, and resources to navigate these threats, and to remain steadfast in who we are, so we can realize our individual and collective strengths and potential to persevere and thrive. We need to remember we are unconquerable.

It is in this spirit that we come together to explore spirituality from varying perspectives and paradigms. Spirituality provides a foundation and means for wellbeing, evolving, flourishing, and transformation.

We envision that coming together to engage, inquire, and discuss resolutions to the current conditions we face will have ripple effects across the globe for decades to come. Through transdisciplinary networking we have greater power to create, evolve, and flourish.

It takes a community to create such a wonderful experience. We want to thank our keynote speakers, Indigenous Elders, conference planning committee members, and volunteers who will be present to assist and guide you throughout the conference. We want to especially thank Dr. Ellen Perrault, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary, for supporting our vision. We thank our other sponsors, the United Way, UNBC School of Social Work and Faculty of Human & Health Sciences, and the CSSSW. We encourage all participants to become members of the CSSSW.

Our vision is to advance the spiritual dimension of life, health and wellbeing through practice knowledge, research and education.

In Spirit,
Dr. Heather M Boynton Chair
Dr. Indrani Margolin Co-Chair

Opening

Eya-Hey Nakoda Drumming Group

Rod Hunter, Anders Hunter, Desi Rider, Gavin Ear, Chris Pegram, Ethan Hunter, Cory Cardinal, Denzel Ear, Cedric Hunter, Lewis Twoyoungmen, Jesse Pelletier, Kevin Sandy. Shanda Hunter and Shaunna Hunter, backup singers.

Rod Hunter Sr, Desi Rider, Gavin Ear, Rod Anders Hunter and Shanda Hunter formed Eya-Hey Nakoda in September of 1994. The Drum Group composes and sings their own songs. Big or small pow-wows, Eya-Hey Nakoda loves to sing and make dancers dance.

At pow-wows, before grand entry, different members of the group take turns offering tobacco to the drum. They pray for the dancers and all of the people who are there. The group asks for blessings from the drum so that when the dancers dance or when the people listen to the music, they will be cured of any ailments.

Eya-Hey Nakoda are predominately Nakoda from the Bearspaw, Chiniki and Wesley First Nations in Morley, AB. They are, however, proud to have singers from other tribes such as: Siksika, Cree, Muscogee, and Aniyvwiya.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Dr. Ellen Perrault, RSW, Dean Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary and Jon Cornish, Chancellor of the University of Calgary

Dr. Perrault joined the University of Calgary Faculty of Social Work UCalgary as a sessional instructor in 2002. Before her academic career at the university, she spent over two decades in a professional career leading human services, conducting research, and consulting for various community organizations. In 2008, she transitioned to a full-time instructor role and, shortly after, assumed an acting director role with the Faculty's Office of Field Education. Her previous roles included serving as the vice-dean for the Faculty of Social Work, and in 2014 and 2018, she was senior director at the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning.

Jon Cornish was elected the 15th chancellor of the University of Calgary, beginning their term on July 1, 2022. Before taking on this role, Cornish had a successful nine-year career with the Calgary Stampede in the Canadian Football League, earning several top honours, including Most Outstanding Player and the Lou Marsh Trophy. Following their athletic career, they worked in wealth management, currently serving as an investment advisor and team lead at RBC Dominion Securities.

In addition to their professional work, Cornish is active in the community through volunteer and leadership roles. They are the founder and president emeritus of the Calgary Black Chambers and contribute to several organizations including the Alberta Children's Hospital, Wood's Homes, and the Calgary Foundation.

Opening Welcome / Closing Remarks and Ceremony

Elder Leona Carter, Onion Lake Cree Nation

Leona Carter is a Cree woman from the Onion Lake Cree Nation in Alberta/Saskatchewan. Fluent in her language and traditional in her beliefs and practices, Leona is a respected Elder and Kohkum Cultural Knowledge Keeper. Although retired, she provides service through cultural protocols and remains passionate about influencing systemic change in institutions to create welcoming and inclusive environments. She has a special interest in Energy Psychology for healing trauma of individuals. Being eclectic best describes Leona, She is passionate about sharing her knowledge of the Canada's true history and proud to share her knowledge of the Cree culture. Still, her proudest accomplishment is being a mom, grandmother and a great grandmother. Ekosi Pitama!



Keynote Presentations

June 19



Elder Darlene McIntosh

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Elder Darlene McIntosh is an Elder with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, and was reappointed by the University of Northern British Columbia's Board of Governors as Chancellor for a second term in 2022. She is the eighth Chancellor of UNBC. Prior to taking on the role of Chancellor, she was a key member of the UNBC Lheidli T'enneh Translation Initiative team that led to the creation of the entrance sign in the Lheidli T'enneh dialect of the Dakelh language that reads Nizdeh Nekeyoh Hohudil'eh Baiyoh or House of Learning. McIntosh also works as a Cultural Advisor at the College of New Caledonia where she provides holistic support, encouragement and guidance to Indigenous students, staff and faculty and promotes understanding of Indigenous culture, values and protocols. Darlene has a gift of weaving her spiritual connection into words that resonate beyond her responsibilities as Elder, Advisor and teacher. She has additionally authored publications that focus on decolonization and education. UNBC Board of Governors Chair Joel McKay highlights, "She is a true champion for the region, supporting and celebrating the best of UNBC's achievements."

June 19

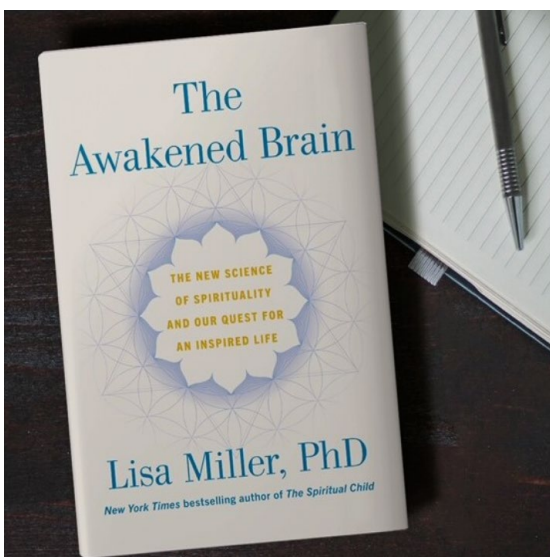
Science of Spirituality in Recovery and Renewal: From Depression to Post Traumatic Spiritual Growth

Dr. Lisa Miller



Lisa Miller, Ph.D., is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Awakened Brain*, *The Spiritual Child* and a professor in the Clinical Psychology Program at Teachers College, Columbia University. She is the Founder and Director of the Spirituality Mind Body Institute, the first Ivy League graduate program and research institute in spirituality and psychology, and has held over a decade of joint appointments in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical School. Her innovative research has been published in more than one hundred peer-reviewed articles in leading journals, including *Cerebral Cortex*, *The American Journal of Psychiatry*, and the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*.

Dr. Miller is Editor of the Oxford University Press *Handbook of Psychology and Spirituality*, Founding Co-Editor-in-Chief of the APA journal *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*, an elected Fellow of The American Psychological Association (APA) and the two-time President of the APA Society for Psychology and Spirituality. A graduate of Yale University and University of Pennsylvania, where she earned her doctorate under the founder of positive psychology, Martin Seligman, she has served as Principal Investigator on multiple grant funded research studies. Dr. Miller speaks and consults around *The Awakened Brain* and *The Spiritual Child* for the US Military, businesses (including tech, finance, HR and sales), personal development, faith based organizations, schools and universities, and for mental health and wellness initiatives.



Special Events/Activities

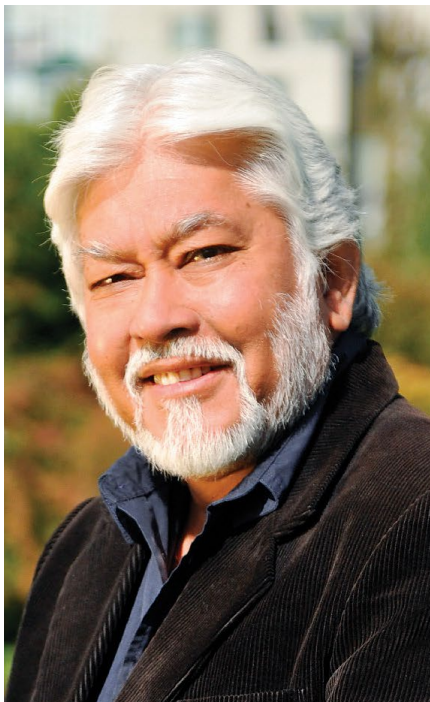
Yantra Meditation Banff Trip

Date: Wednesday, June 18 (In-person Only)

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Location: Banff, AB

Join Master Sen for a powerful workshop introducing the ancient Vedic practice of Aum Yantra—a symbol and tool to awaken the creative force within. Drawing from Tantra (body), Mantra (mind), and Yantra (sacred symbol), this session will guide you through the steps of conscious creation and reveal how everyday action is Karma Yoga. Learn to harness focus, creativity, and self-mastery amidst life's chaos. Bus will depart from University of Calgary at 8:30 am and arrive in Banff, Alberta at 9:50am. Workshop will be held at Ralph Connor Memorial United Church.



Master Tulshi Sen

Master Tulshi Sen

Trained in spiritual Vedic philosophy in the Himalayas, Master Tulshi Sen, was also educated in Jesuit schools and colleges. He completed law school and a Master of Commerce. Tulshi Sen has dedicated the last three decades to community, economic, and social development with Indigenous communities from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec.

He has guided over 50 trainers in the Cree nations, based on their own cultures, to become leaders in their communities in Quebec, Manitoba, and Alberta, and has been acknowledged by them for his spiritual wisdom.

Tulshi Sen studied with a Blackfoot Medicine man, Rufous Goodstriker, and was adopted as a Blackfoot in the Alberta Rockies and named Akistadoina, the Courageous One.

He was also given the Cree name White Buffalo Warrior and made a Pipe Holder in the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. Finally, he was inducted as an Elder by the Council of Chishaayuu, the Elders of 10 Cree Nations in James Bay, Quebec. Master Sen's keynote contribution to this conference will reflect his spiritual understanding from Vedic, Gnostic, Judeo-Christian, alchemic and Indigenous philosophies.

Special Events/Activities

Labyrinth Walking Practice

Date: Friday, June 20 (In-person Only)

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Location: Calgary, AB

Step into a quiet space for reflection and renewal through the ancient practice of labyrinth walking. Used by many cultures and faiths for thousands of years, labyrinths invite a contemplative mind-body-spirit journey inward and outward—one step at a time. You don't need any prior experience to step into this self-guided practice. Hosted by Campus United, you have the option to engage on your own or we can provide some initial directions or the opportunity to debrief your experience. There is no right way to walk the labyrinth. Come as you are, and walk at your own pace.



Wed., JUNE 18, 2025

8:30 am-4:30 pm

- Yantra Meditation Banff Trip

Thur., JUNE 19, 2025

Taylor Institute 160 & Online

7:00-8:00 am

- Postural Yoga

8:00-8:30 am

- Registration Table
Taylor Institute Atrium

8:30-8:45 am

- Eya-Hey Nakoda Drumming Group
- Land Acknowledgment & Welcome
By Dr. Ellen Perrault, RSW, Dean, University of Calgary
Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary and
Chancellor Jon Cornish, University of Calgary
- Welcome & Opening Prayer
Elder Leona Carter

Conference Agenda

8:45-9:30 am

Welcome/Introductions

CSSSW President and Conferenhair, Dr. Heather Boynton and Conference Co-Chair, Dr. Indrani Margolin

9:30-10:30 am

Keynote Presentation with Darlene McIntosh, Elder & Chancellor UNBC

Indigenous Ways of Being – Connecting with Spirit

10:45-11:00 am

Communi-tea break

11:00-12:00 pm

Keynote Presentation with Dr Lisa Miller



THURSDAY AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSIONS

	TI 160	MT 701	MT 735	MT 714	MT 734	MT 733	MT 712
1-2 pm							
2 pm	Communi-tea Break						
2:15 - 3:15 pm							
3:30 - 4:30 pm							

Taylor Institute 160

1:00 – 2:00 PM

- The Spirit of Practice and Pedagogy (H. Boynton & I. Margolin)

2:15 – 2:35 PM

- Disenfranchised Grief: Exploring the importance of spiritual processing for culturally diverse (K. Woilford & J. Vis)

2:35 – 2:55 PM

- Exploring Spiritually Informed Supervision as a Tool to Mitigate Psychological Stress Injury among Child Welfare Workers (T. Mychasiw & J. Vis)

2:55 – 3:15 PM

- Christians' ideal selves: shaped by god concepts, oriented altruistically (L. Taylor & J. Bent)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- Karma Yoga (Master T. Sen & I. Margolin) (Workshop)

MacKimmie Tower 701

1:00 – 1:30 PM

- . Parenting in a New Homeland: The Influence of spirituality and faith communities (S. Sottie & B. Warkentin)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

- . Understanding Body, Mind and Spirit (S. Brask) (Workshop)

3:30 – 4:00 PM

- . How Might a Social Work Practitioner Become Enlightened to Greater Inward Transformation? (J. Graham)

4:00 – 4:30 PM

- . Promoting spiritual well-being and reducing domestic violence within collectivist cultures (B. Karki, D. Jamal, F. Oliphant, & L. Lorenzetti)

MacKimmie Tower 735

1:00 – 2:00 PM

- . Connection, Empathy and Flourishing: Embedding Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Architectural Pedagogy (N. Esmaili & B. Sinclair) (Workshop)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

- . The Object of Our Creation (J. Miller)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- . Cultivating Resilience and Flourishing in Everyday Life (S. Tough, J. Walsh, & Z. Clayborne) (Workshop)

MacKimmie Tower 714

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- . Slipstreams and Indigenous Futurisms: Time, Embodiment, and Border Fluidity (I. Joakin-Uzomba)

1:00 – 2:00 PM

- . The Circle of Insight: Fostering Revolutionary Love and Healing Resistance (A. Nicotera) (Workshop - Streamed Event)

2:15 – 2:45 PM

- . A spiritual autoethnographic approach for a Palestinian social work instructor (T. Hardan) (Streamed Event)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- . Designing Connections: A Collaborative Model for Advancing Holistic Health and Quality in the Built Environment (N. Esmaeili & B. Sinclair) (Workshop)

MacKimmie Tower 734

1:00 – 1:30 PM

- . The Face of Religiosity in an Extractive Socialscape: A Case of Nigeria (G. Adejare)

1:30 – 2:00 PM

- . A Spirituality of Sustenance in Hard Times: Narratives From Rwanda (S. Nyirinkwaya & M. Uwamahoro)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

- . Growing Up and Waking Up: Operationalizing Integral Theory (M. Smith)

MacKimmie Tower 733

2:15 – 4:30 PM

- . One Heart, One Consciousness: Non-Duality & Social Work Practice (U. Ferreira)

MacKimmie Tower 712

1:00 – 1:30 PM

- Spirituality, global systems, social justice, and social transformation in a changing world (D. Warria)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

- I am not a woman. I am not a man. I am not a person. I am not me. I am a teacher. (C. Robson)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- Embracing Spirituality in Transformative Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees (B. Akinyele-Akanbi) (Workshop)

6:00-8:00 pm



Wine & Cheese Reception with Wakefield Brewster Poet & Spoken Word Artist

- Get ready to be inspired by Calgary's 6th Poet Laureate, Wakefield Brewster, a dynamic professional poet & spoken word artist, educator, producer and literacy advocate with over 20 years of experience. His passion for poetry and storytelling is evident in every performance, making each one a truly memorable experience.



Wakefield Brewster Poet & Spoken Word Artist

Fri., JUNE 20, 2025

7:30-8:30 am

● Postural Yoga

8:00-8:30 am

Registration Table

Taylor Institute Atrium

8:30-8:45 am

● Opening Remarks and Housekeeping

Taylor Institute Atrium

Taylor Institute TI 160

8:45-9:00 am

● John Coates and Brian Ouellette Awards

9:00-10:15 am

● Faith Leader Panel

The Universal Soul: Spirituality's Role in Harmony and Healing
(A. Williams, A. Donsky, R. Jayne, L. Kilbreath, & H. Singh)



1:00-5:00 pm

● Labyrinth Walking Practice

FRIDAY BREAK OUT SESSIONS

	TI 106	MT 735	MT 701	MT 711	MT 714	MT 733	MT 712	Lodge
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.								
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.								
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.								
Lunch								
1:00 - 1:30p.m. - Founder's Panel (MT 735)								
1:45 - 3:15 p.m.								
Communi-tea break								
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.								
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.								

Taylor Institute 160

10:30– 11:00 AM

- . Connection, flow & healing during live music performance in a Hospice Setting (T. Damianakis, M. Bennett, & J. Perry)

11:00 – 11:30 AM

- . Spiritual pedagogy in SW Education (H. Boynton & S. McGreer)

11:30 – 12:00 PM

- . Exploring the Role of Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy in Spiritual Realignment and Transformation (L. Koenig)

MacKimmie Tower 735

1:00 – 1:30 PM

- . Founder's Panel

1:45 – 2:15 PM

- . The Transformative Power and Potential of Contemplative Practices (T. Lavoie)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

- . Axiomatic Spirituality: How I learned to stop worrying and embrace the spiral (J. Cornish)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- . Stories from Social Work Activists on Sustaining Hope and Staying Engaged (S. Thomas, L. Lorenzetti, V. Chirino, L. Haile, J. Farkas, N. Alcaraz, M. Donley, & C. Bertsch) (Workshop)

4:30 – 5:30 PM

- . Canadian Society for Spirituality in Social Work Meeting

Conference Agenda

MacKimmie Tower 701

10:30 – 11:00 AM

- . The Cosmic Coherence Theory: A Unifying Framework for Consciousness Evolution (P. Luxrue)

11:00 – 12:00 PM

- . The Healing of Mind, Body and Spirit Through Artistic Expression (C. Loeppky & V.L. Parker) (Workshops)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

- . Caregiving Reimagined: Embracing Spirituality (C. Bennett)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- . Introduction to Kundalini Yoga: Kriya for Elevation (C. Robson) (Interactive Workshop)

MacKimmie Tower 711

10:30 – 11:00 AM

- . Project Heaven on Earth: Being a Heaven Maker in Day-to-Day Life (H. Boynton, T. Waite, & J. Waschuk)

11:00 – 11:30 AM

- . Spiritual Care Methods for Frontline Team Solidarity and Lateral Violence (J. Zavitz)

1:45 – 2:15 PM

- . Prayers for the Earth (S. Brask)

2:45 – 3:15 PM

- . Mindfulness in Peer Support: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Holistic Well-Being (K. Fulton) (Workshop)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- . Upholding Academic Integrity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (L. Hash) (Workshop)

MacKimmie Tower 714

11:00 – 11:30 PM

- . Spirituality in African Epistemologies: Implications for Africentric Practice (D. Traoré)

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- . Mental Health Promotion for Racialized Adolescents by Spiritual Youth Leaders (A. Warria & C. Jost)

1:45 – 2:15 PM

- . Spirituality in Education: Cultivating Holistic Development through Multifaith Integration (K. Khan)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

- . Power in Numbers: Communal Rituals for Healing & Transformation (H. Straughan)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- . CSWE and ACPE: Pedagogy as Sacred Responsibility (K. Johnson, A. Disnew, & K. Rowe) (Workshop)

MacKimmie Tower 733

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- . Adopting Culture-Infused Counselling to Disrupt Biases when Working with Racialized Individuals of Faith (S. Dixon) (Workshop)

1:45 – 2:15 PM

- . Wondering in Nose Hills: Poetry and Place (U. Umezurike)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

- . Faith as Fortress: Islamic Spirituality and Mental Well-being within Canadian Muslim Youth (A. Jamal & S. Tariq)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

- . The Meditation and Being: Tools for Holistic Education (Kaur) (Workshop)

MacKimmie Tower 712

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- . Conscious Raising & Empowerment: Bridging Social Work & Spirituality (W. Pelech)

1:45 – 2:15 PM

- . From Disconnection to Devotion: A Journey of Spiritual Reconnection Through Hardship (M. Haider)

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

- . Navigating Life Changes: Buddhist Women's Strategies for Coping with Death (L. Li)

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

- . Cultivating Workplace Spirituality and Religion in Healthcare Organizations (I. Agoston)

3:30 – 4:00 PM

- . Integrating Spirituality into Mental Health Care (N. Abdullayeva)

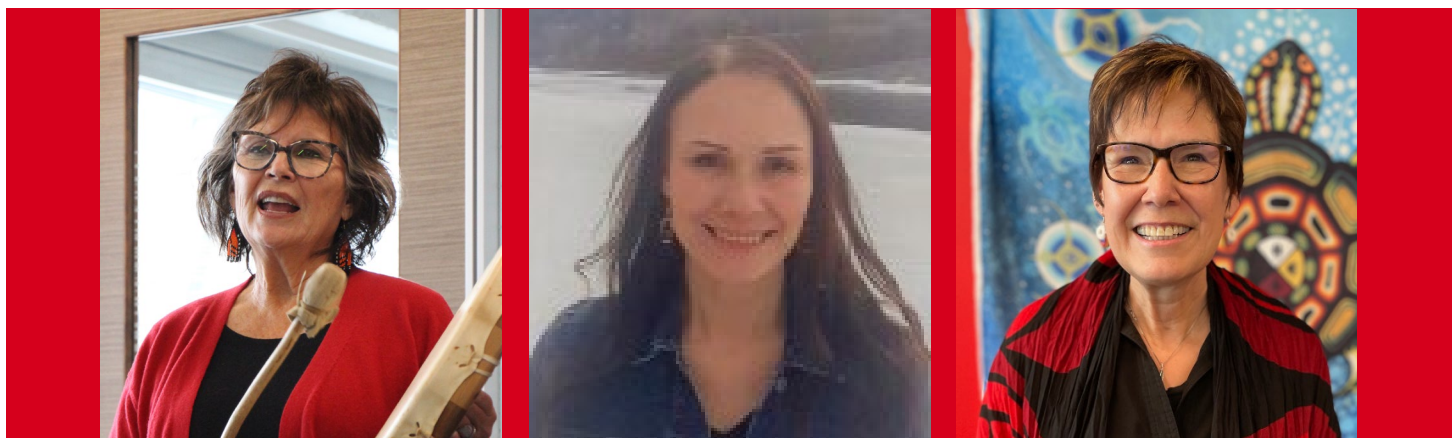
4:00 – 4:30 PM

- . Spirituality and Science (B. Barthelemy & K. Williams)



Kiipitakyoyis Lodge, MacKimmie Tower

Lodge Keepers



Kerrie Moore
Métis/Cree Elder

Deandra Neufeld (Mohawk)
Lodge Advisor

Dr. Terry Poucette
(Stoney Nakoda) Director

Welcome to Kiipitakoyis (Grandmother's Lodge - the Indigenous Social Work Circle and Lodge, in the Faculty of Social Work). The Lodge is led by Métis/Cree Elder Kerrie Moore, Director Dr. Terry Poucette (Stoney Nakoda) and Advisor Deandra Neufeld (Mohawk).

The Lodge seeks to enhance the learning journey of Indigenous social work students by providing Elder and counselling supports, ceremonies and cultural activities. Our hope is to create a sense of belonging and community – a family away from home for Indigenous students. Kiipitakyoyis is also committed to providing many learning opportunities for all faculty, staff and students about Indigenous histories, cultures, current realities, languages, knowledges and teachings. We seek to create decolonizing spaces that align with the University's *ii' taa'poh'to'p* principles that honour Indigenous ways of knowing, being, doing and connecting.

Kiipitakyoyis Lodge

1:45 – 2:15 PM

- Helping the Whole You: Working at the Intersection of Clinical and Indigenous Practices (T. Perez-Princi & S. Mendez)

2:15 – 2:45 PM

- The Call to Connect with Spirit: Reclaiming Intuition and Medicine Power for Personal and Collective Transformation (E. Marlowe)

2:45 – 3:15 PM

- Drop-in and visit

3:30 – 4:00 PM

- Indigenous Needs in Sexual Assault Services: Spirituality, Culture, Connection (N. Stevens & R. Nagy)

Sat., JUNE 21, 2025

National Indigenous Peoples Day

The CSSSW recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day, and celebrates the history and accomplishments of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. As we gather to explore spirituality, we acknowledge and honor the rich and diverse spiritual traditions of Indigenous communities across Turtle Island.

Join us for UCalgary Campfire Chats: A Celebration of Indigenous Music and Culture

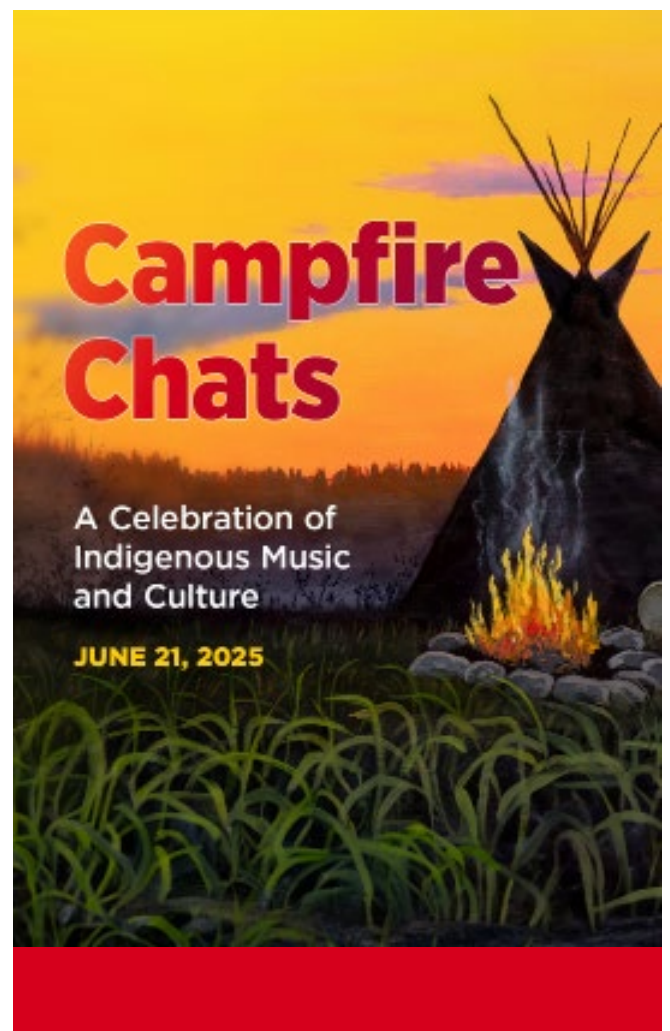
You are all warmly invited to join us for a special National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration hosted by the University of Calgary and Heritage Park. The 10th annual Campfire Chats celebration honours the Indigenous peoples' of Canada through live music and performances in a celebration of Indigenous music and culture.

Performers will include **Elder Rod Hunter** and his drum group Eya-Hey Nakoda; **Craig Ginn**, recording artist and UCalgary professor; hip-hop artist **Foreshadow** and singer **Ksk'staak'iinna**, and artist **Shane Ghostkeeper**.

**Location: Heritage Park Plaza
(free to attend)**

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2:00 – 4:00 pm



Sat., JUNE 21, 2025

7:30-8:30 am

● Postural Yoga

Taylor Institute, 160

9:00-10:15 am

● Keynote Presentation: Spiritual Living and Practice in an Age of Insecurity: A Conversation on Breath, Meditation, and Mantra Panel Led by Dennis Sumara, Master Sen, Dr. Margolin, Dr. Boynton, Dr. Robson

10:30-11:00 am

● Film Screening led by Nooshin Esmaeili
The Critical Conversations Project: Spiritual Approaches to the Built Environment

12:00-12:30 pm

● Closing Ceremony

Elder Leona Carter



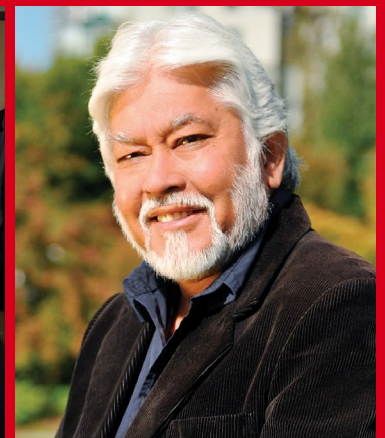
Dr. Dennis Sumara



Dr. Heather M Boynton



Dr. Indrani Margolin



Master Tulshi Sen

SATURDAY BREAK OUT SESSIONS

MacKimmie Tower 735

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

- . The Ajapa Chanting and Mindful Breathwork in Classrooms (J. Kaur)

MacKimmie Tower 701

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

- . Investigating the Effectiveness of a Holistic Arts-Based Mindfulness Program (C. Giffin)

MacKimmie Tower 711

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

- . Connection and Flourishing: Growing Spiritual Health in Frontline Spiritual Care (S. Lasair)

MacKimmie Tower 714

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

- . A mixed-methods study on youth flourishing and its associated factors Z. (Clayborne, J. Walsh, & S. Tough)

MacKimmie Tower 731

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

- . A Fine-grained Analysis of Mystical Experience (N. Latham)

Kiipitakyoyis Lodge

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

- . Intersectional Reciprocity: A Collective Autoethnography Project (G. Dolcecore, R. Elder Bear Chief, & J. McNabb)