

INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY WEEK TORONTO 2009

Sunday Oct. 25th - Sunday Nov. 1st

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SUNDAY OCT. 25TH 3pm - 6pm

Prequel - Colonialism 101: Dear Harper, A Primer on Canadian Colonialism

Ryerson University, Rogers Communication Centre 204, Church St/ Gould

RUSSELL DIABO, Mohawk from Kahnawake First Nation

LEE MARACLE, St. Lawrence Nation

MONDAY OCTOBER 26TH 5-7pm

Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Address

Native Canadian Centre of Toronto- 16 Spadina Rd.

Elder's Welcome, Joanne Kakekayash, Potawatami Nation

Men's Big Drum Circle

Keynote Speaker:

ARTHUR MANUEL, Neskonlith Indian Band of the Secwepemc Nation -

On Renewing Indigenous Resistance

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27TH 5:30-7:30pm

Redefining Restorative Justice

Redefining Restorative Justice will focus on Indigenous Peoples and the law. Panellists include Indigenous and non-Indigenous speakers with first-hand experience of the legal and criminal justice system, including activists, legal service providers and front-line social service providers. People in attendance can expect to participate in a talking-circle and learn about Indigenous legal traditions, colonial history, and the contemporary challenges of the legacy of colonialism. Discussions will end with an exploration of the potential in the concept of restorative justice, and the possibilities for societal renewal through solidarity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

The Law Society of Upper Canada, Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West

<http://www.lsuc.on.ca/about/a/contact/>

HON. JUSTICE REBECCA SHAMAI, Gladue Court Judge at Old City Hall

MICHAEL GLADUE, Papaschase Cree First Nation

DAWNIS KENNEDY, Roseau River First Nation

SARAH DOVER, Brantford Lawyer & SKYLER WILLIAMS, Six Nations of Grand River (Mohawk, Wolf)

WANDA WHITEBIRD, Mi'kmaq Nation, Bear Clan, Afton Nova Scotia, Ontario Aboriginal HIV Aids strategy of Ontario, also works with incarcerated Aboriginal women

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28TH 7pm - 9pm

Struggles for land, Stories of community

This panel attempts to highlight community stories of struggle against dispossession and loss of land and culture. Government policies have long pushed Indigenous peoples to the margins of Canadian society in reservations and urban ghettos. However, Indigenous peoples have long histories of organizing to resist the loss of culture, land and livelihood both on the land and in the city. This occurs in both the fight to maintain traditional territories and the fight against homelessness. In presenting stories of community organizing, we want to recognize the work of Indigenous peoples in various places and the relationships between them.

Ryerson University, Lib 72, 350 Victoria Street, north of Gould (
<http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>)

MARYLYNN POUCAICHICHE, Algonquins of Barriere Lake

VICKI MONAGUE, Beausoleil First Nation, Site 41 Struggle

HARVEY MANNING, Na-Me-Res (Native Men's Residence, Toronto)

TAHANEE JADE KAHSENNIYO WILSON - Y.O.U. (Young. Onkwehowe. United.) from the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory

+ SLAM POETRY by Y.O.U. member

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29TH 7-9pm

In Our Language- Haudenosaunee Storytelling

First Nations House, University of Toronto, Borden Building North
563 Spadina Avenue, 3rd floor (

<http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>)

GRAFTON ANTONE, Oneida First Nation

DAWN ANTONE, Oneida First Nation

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 7pm - 9pm

Indigenous Toronto: Stories of Resistance

Toronto is home to a large urban Indigenous community, with close relations to neighbouring Haudenosaunee and Nishnaabe communities, hosting indigenous representation from communities across Turtle Island. Toronto also has a long history of creative Indigenous organizing, resistance, and cultural expression. We'll hear from activists who led some of these struggles over the last few decades, including the occupation of

Revenue Canada office called "Revenue Rez", the Native Peoples' History Project and the Great Indian Bus Tour, and various other groundswell initiatives made by Indigenous organizers.

Ryerson University, Engineering Building, ENG 103, 245 Church Street (<http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>)

SHAWN BRANT, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory

HEATHER HOWARD-BOBIWASH, Research Faculty Assistant Professor, Centre for Aboriginal, Initiatives, University of Toronto

LEE MARACLE: St. Lawrence Nation

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST

The Great Indian Bus Tour of Toronto: The Trick or Treaty Edition!

Get on the bus! A real tour of the Indigenous history of Toronto!

HOSTED BY THE TORONTO NATIVE HISTORY PROJECT

The Toronto Native History Project at The Native Canadian Centre in partnership with Indigenous Solidarity Week is proud to present:

1:00pm to 4:00pm (Arrive 10 minutes early to get seated)

Embrace past ghosts and ancestors while re-imagining Toronto as the original Gathering Place!

Play SPOOKY bus BINGO and win some tasty treats!

The Bus tour will depart from and return to The Native Canadian Centre (NCC) on Saturday Oct. 31 located at 16 Spadina ROAD.

Seating must be reserved and paid in advance by contacting Tannis Nielson at the NCC 416-964-9087 ext. 326. We recommend booking and paying for your seat early to guarantee your spot.

Payment must be made to Tannis no later than Thursday Oct. 29th.

Ticket cost is sliding scale Adults: \$15-\$25, Youth and Elders: \$5-\$15 Cash payment only

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st

Building the Circle Stronger- Traditional feast, Sharing Circle and Next Steps Meeting

Reflect on your experiences of the week. Meet and talk with other participants, share a free meal, and bring your visions for how we can continue to build relationships and fight together for Indigenous Sovereignty on Turtle Island.

Time: 12pm - 4pm

Venue TBA at events throughout the week.

Closing Circle facilitated by REBEKA TABOBONDUNG & ZAINAB AMADAHY

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The Native Women's Resource Centre

Graduate Geography and Planning Students Society (GGAPSS), University of Toronto

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CUPE 3903 First Nations Solidarity Working Group (CUPE 3909 FNSWG)

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Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA)

CUPE National

Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA) @ York University

Socialist Project

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Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA) @ U of T

OPIRG York

Educators for Peace and Justice

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Rogers Channel 943
519 659-4682 msgs: 519 661-2111 X85083
<http://www.atv.ca/london/promo/SmokeSignals/index.html>
<http://www.chrwradio.com>

Tommy Douglas on Fascism: "Once more let me remind you what fascism is. It need not wear a brown shirt or a green shirt it may even wear a dress shirt. Fascism begins the moment a ruling class, fearing the people may use their political democracy to gain economic democracy, begins to destroy political democracy in order to retain its power of exploitation and special privilege."