BC STUDIES 2019
INTERSECTIONS:
PEOPLES AND PLACES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

May 2 – 4, 2019
Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, BC
Secwépemc Territory

Conference website:
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Thompson Rivers University is situated on the traditional and unceded Secwépemc (Shuswap) Territory. We acknowledge and give honour to the Secwépemc – the ancestral peoples who have lived here for thousands of years. The Secwépemc maintain a spiritual and practical relationship to the land, water, air, animals, plants and all things needed for life on mother earth. It is with that in mind that we owe this debt of gratitude.

There are approximately 7,000 Secwépemc people in the territory, which span 180,000 square kilometres through the interior plateau of south-central British Columbia. The mountain ranges, grasslands and river valleys surrounding the Fraser, and North and South Thompson rivers create the boundaries of the territory.

TRU has one of the largest Indigenous student populations among BC post-secondary institutions, with well over 2,000 students (about 10%). In addition to Secwépemc students, Indigenous students at TRU come from several BC nations, including the Carrier, Okanagan, Nuxalk, and Nlaka’pamux as well as students of Metis and Inuit ancestry.
Welcome to Thompson Rivers University, located in beautiful Kamloops, British Columbia, on the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc territory within the unceded traditional lands of Secwepemcúl’ecw. TRU is very proud to host the 2019 BC Studies Conference on *Intersections: Peoples and Places in British Columbia*. This conference brings together researchers from across British Columbia and beyond who are working in all areas of study, including sociology, history, law, literature, food policy, tourism, and many more. The program is rich, comprised of a diverse selection of papers, posters, and panels that promise to stimulate fruitful discussion on the many intersections both within and between peoples and places in British Columbia, past and present.

We would like thank Dr. Marianne Ignace and Chief Dr. Ronald E. Ignace for their keynote address, TRU Elders Margaret Hyslop and Mike Arnouse for their words of welcome, Vernie Clement for his excellent drumming, and Kenthen Thomas for sharing with us his Secwépeme storytelling. Thanks also to TRU President and Vice Chancellor Brett Fairbairn for welcoming our guests, and to Tina Matthew and the TRU Office of Indigenous Education for their support of this conference. We gratefully acknowledge financial support provided by the TRU Faculty of Arts, the TRU Office of Research and Graduate Studies, the TRU Office of the Provost, and *BC Studies: The British Columbian Quarterly*. Thanks also to the Simon Fraser History Department for providing funds in support of a celebratory launch of Jack Little’s book.

A heartfelt thanks to our “small but mighty” team, including Julie John of Be Inspired Events for providing ongoing event assistance, and Stephanie Tate for coordinating the volunteers. We are grateful to the many students who volunteered their time to ensure the smooth running of this conference, and to the TRU faculty, administration, and staff members who gave so generously of their time to help make this conference a reality.

Thank you all for joining with us to share and learn about BC Studies. We hope that you enjoy the conference!

Tina Block (Associate Professor, History) and Brenda Smith (Open Education Librarian)
Co-Chairs, BC Studies Conference, 2019
Keynote address: Dr. Marianne Ignace and Chief Dr. Ronald Ignace on Secwépemc People, Land, and Laws: Yeri7 Re Stsq'ey's-kucw

Marianne Boelscher Ignace
Marianne Ignace is Professor in the departments of Linguistics and First Nations Studies at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia, and is also the Director of SFU’s First Nations Language Centre. She has carried out research in and with First Nations communities for more than 40 years, and her publications include The Curtain Within: Haida Social and Symbolic Discourse (1989), A practical grammar of Ts’msyen Sm’algyax co-authored with Margaret Anderson, books on Indigenous language planning and curriculum development for the First Nations Education Steering Committee (www.fnesc.ca), and most recently, co-edited with Nancy Turner and Sandra Peacock, Secwépemc People and Plants: Research Papers on Shuswap Ethnobotany, and, with Ron Ignace, Secwépemc People, Land and Laws – Yeri7 re Stsq'ey's-kucw, an epic journey through 10,000 years of Secwépemc history. She has authored many articles and book chapters on such diverse topics as ethno-ecology, Indigenous sense of place, language revitalization, oral history, oratory and stories, and youth hip-hop culture. A resident of the Skeetchestn community in the Secwépemc Nation, she has researched and taught courses in First Nations Studies and Indigenous language for the past twenty years in many communities in the Secwepemc nation, in Haida Gwaii, many other Indigenous communities, and at SFU. She presently directs a SSHRC partnership grant (2013-2020) focused on First Nations language documentation and revitalization.

Chief Dr. Ronald E. Ignace
Chief Ronald E. Ignace (Stsmel'gen) is a member of the Secwépemc (Shuswap) Nation. He has been the elected Chief of the Skeetchestn Band for more than 26 years since the early 1980s, and also served as Chairman of the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council and president of the Secwépemc
Cultural Education Society during the 1990s. For many years he was the co-chair of the Aboriginal university partnership between the Secwépemc and Simon Fraser University in Kamloops, B.C., and he continues to teach courses in Secwépemc Language and First Nations Studies through SFU. He holds B.A. and M.A. Degrees in Sociology from the University of British Columbia, and completed his PhD in Anthropology at Simon Fraser University in 2008 with a dissertation titled Our Oral Histories are Our Iron Posts: Secwépemc Stories and Historical Consciousness. He has published and co-published with Marianne Ignace, several articles and book chapters on Secwépemc history, ethnobotany, language and culture, most recently the epic Secwépemc People, Land and Laws: Yeri7 re Stsq’ey’s-kucw (McGill-Queens University Press 2017). Having been raised by his great-grandparents, Ron is a fluent speaker of Secwepemcts’in and has more than sixty years of practical experience in Secwépemc traditional food gathering, having learned these skills from his own elders, who shared their stories and teachings in the Secwépemc language with him.
CONFERENCE VENUES

House of Learning
TRU Campus

International Building
TRU Campus

Campus Activity Centre
TRU Campus
Wifi at BC Studies:
Guest username: bcstudies
Guest password: rtwxii
Twitter hashtag: #bcstudies2019

Safe Walk Service on campus:
If you would like someone to accompany you to your vehicle or elsewhere on campus, please contact security services by calling 5033 from within the TRU telephone system or 250-828-5033 from an external line.

Parking at TRU:
Pay parking is in effect on the TRU campus from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Parking is free in the evenings and on weekends. Most BC Studies conference sessions will take place in the International Building. We recommend that conference attendees park in Lot H ($5 per day on weekdays) or Lot N ($4 per day on weekdays). For further information and a TRU parking map, visit: https://www.tru.ca/transportation/parking.html
PROGRAM:
For abstracts of individual papers, please visit the conference website:
https://digitalcommons.library.tru.ca/bcstudies/

THURSDAY MAY 2:

Registration: 11:00 am-5:30 pm (IB Foyer)

Opening: 1:00-1:30 pm (IB 1015)
Welcome and Introductions:
Elder Margaret Hyslop
Brett Fairbairn, President and Vice Chancellor, Thompson Rivers University

1:45-3:15 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Injustice in the Everyday (IB 1015)
Chair: Eryk Martin (Kwantlen Polytechnic University)

Nicole Yakashiro (University of British Columbia): The Difficulty of Daffodils: Examining Japanese-Canadian Dispossession Beyond property Loss

Laura Ishiguro (University of British Columbia): “Just another day”: Emotion and the Unjust Everyday in Nikkei Teenagers’ Letters from the Mid-Twentieth Century

Meghan Longstaffe (University of British Columbia): “I don’t feel safe”: Single Room Occupancy Hotels as Places of Women’s Precarity and Homelessness in Vancouver’s Long 1970s

Angela Kruger (Queen’s University): “In that ‘zact same room”: The Everydayness of Life and Death in the SROs of Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside

Session 2: Issues in Ethnography and Ethnogenesis (IB 1010)
Chair: Ted Binnema (University of Northern British Columbia)

Lydia Fisher (Campbell River Museum): The James Hepburn Northwest Coast Collection at the Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Michel Bouchard (University of Northern British Columbia): Jean-Baptiste Boucher dit Waccan and the Traces of Métis Ethnogenesis in British Columbia
Session 3: Sustainability and Conservation in Past and Present (IB 1020)
Chair: Ben Bradley (Network in Canadian History and Environment)

Glenn Iceton (University of Saskatchewan): *Enforcing an Arbitrary Boundary: Hunting, Trapping, and the BC-Yukon Border*

Petermax Neumann (Thompson Rivers University) and Courtney Mason (Thompson Rivers University): *Sustainable Management of Backcountry Environments: Tourism, Technology and Climate Change*

Adam Zelmer (Thompson Rivers University): *Managing Rock Climbing in Canada’s Rocky Mountain National Parks*

3:15-3:30 pm: Refreshment Break (IB Foyer)

3:30-5:00 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Reflections on British Columbia Writing (IB 1015)
Chair: Ginny Ratsoy (Thompson Rivers University)

Mervyn Nicholson (Thompson Rivers University): *Is Metaphor a Mode of Knowing? BC’s ‘Martyr’ Poet Gave an Answer*

Richard Pickard (University of Victoria): *Teaching BC Literature: Ecocriticism, Eco-grief, and Rage*

Nicholas Bradley (University of Victoria): *Assent and Dissent in the Canadian West: The Problems of Literary History in BC*

Session 2: Remaking and Remembering British Columbia (IB 1020)
Chair: Marianne Ignace (Simon Fraser University)

Madeline Knickerbocker (Simon Fraser University): *Kw’eqwá:lilth’á Christians: Ts’eilwéyeqw Methodists Shaping Missionary and Residential School Activities, 1869-1910*

Chantal Norrgard (University of British Columbia): *An Indigenous History of the 1893 Fraser River Fishermen’s Strike*
Emma Battell Lowman (University of Hertfordshire, UK): Decolonizing Missionary Histories: Imperative and Action in the 21st Century

Session 3: Panel discussion - The Anthony Martin BC Penitentiary Collection at TRU: Disseminating the Archive (TRU Law Library – Old Main 3631) **For assistance locating this session, please visit the registration desk in the IB Foyer.**
Chair: Jennifer Murphy (Thompson Rivers University)

Participants: Jennifer Murphy (Thompson Rivers University), Mary Hemmings (Thompson Rivers University), P.J. Murphy (Thompson Rivers University), and Kristina Bradshaw (Thompson Rivers University).

7:00 pm: Keynote Address (House of Learning 190)
Drummer: Vernie Clement
Introduction: Tina Matthew (Associate Director, TRU Office of Indigenous Education)
Keynote Address: Dr. Marianne Ignace and Chief Dr. Ronald E. Ignace, Secwépemc People, Land, and Laws: Yerí7 Re Stsq’ey’s-kucw

Followed by refreshments in the House of Learning Foyer

FRIDAY MAY 3:

Registration: 8:00 am-5:30 pm (IB Foyer)

8:30-9:00 am: Refreshments (IB Foyer)

9:00-10:30 am: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Food, Culture, and Community (IB 1015)
Chair: Courtney Mason (Thompson Rivers University)

Danielle Robinson (University of Guelph/Okanagan College): You Can’t Eat the View: Food, Culture and Sustainability in South Okanagan Tourism

Lindsay Harris (University of British Columbia): Passionate Interests and Community Decision Making: The Kamloops Food Policy Council since 1995
Alvin Meledath (Vancouver Island University), Rae Wilson (Vancouver Island University), Amber Crittenden (Vancouver Island University), and Lauren Robilliard (Vancouver Island University): *The Good Food Box Program: An Evaluation of Nutritional Sustainability in Nanaimo, BC*

**Session 2: Archival and Digital Histories (IB 1020)**
Chair: Emma Battell Lowman (University of Hertfordshire, UK)

Celia Nord (Simpcw First Nation): *Archival Research for First Nations Communities: A Comprehensive Approach to BC Histories*

Paige Hohmann (University of British Columbia) and Chris Hives (University of British Columbia): *Digitized Okanagan History: A Regional Approach to Archival Digitization in BC’s Southern Interior*

Paige Raibmon (University of British Columbia): *As I Remember It: A Digital Remediation Project*

**Session 3: Dam High Modernism in British Columbia: The Rhetoric of High Modernism and the Two Rivers Policy (IB 1010)**
Chair: Duff Sutherland (Selkirk College)

Frank Leonard (University of Victoria): *“Low Modernism” in the Wenner-Gren British Columbia Project, 1956-61*

Takaia Larsen (Selkirk College): *They Saw Things Like a State “And Then the Waters Rose”: High Modernism and Memories of the Arrow Lakes*

Daniel Sims (University of Alberta, Augustana): *Colonialism’s New Cloak: High Modernism and the Peace River Project*

10:30-10:45 am: Refreshment Break (IB Foyer)

10:45 am-12:15 pm: Concurrent Sessions

**Session 1: Displacements: Resistance and Remembrance (IB 1015)**
Chair: Paige Raibmon (University of British Columbia)
Shelly Ikebuchi (Okanagan College) and Takara Ketchell (University of Alberta): *Eating Our Feelings: Cultural Loss and Reclamation in the Context of Cultural Domicide*

Maia Wikler (University of British Columbia): *Remembering Forward*

**Session 2: Interrogating Northern BC (IB 1010)**
Chair: Madeline Knickerbocker (Simon Fraser University)


Matthew Barager (University of Northern British Columbia): “*No Indians Allowed*”: Challenging Racial Aboriginal Segregation in Post-World War II Northern British Columbia

**Session 3: Engaging and Building Communities (IB 1020)**
Chair: Chelsea Horton (University of Victoria)

Bonnie Fournier (Thompson Rivers University) and Tracy Christianson (Thompson Rivers University): *Engaging Rural BC Youth in Community and Arts-Based Participatory Research*

Elizabeth Cooper (University of the Fraser Valley) and Carly Hale (University of the Fraser Valley/ Fraser Valley Métis Association): *Building Community across the Lifespan with Métis Citizens in the Fraser Valley, British Columbia*

Sedina Mensah (Vancouver Island University), Mallory Lowes (Vancouver Island University), Jen Hogan (Vancouver Island University), and Alisha Feser (Vancouver Island University): *Filling the Gap? Analyzing Social Need in the Nanaimo Community*

**12:15-1:30 pm: Lunch and Poster Session (The Terrace – Campus Activity Centre, 2nd Floor)**
*Please visit the Ormsby Review/BC Bookworld Information Table in the Terrace.*
Poster Session (presenters will be with their posters between 12:30 and 1:15 pm):

Paula Johanson (Independent Scholar and Community Fellow in Electronic Textual Cultures Lab, University of Victoria): Possible Spanish Idiom in a Name at Nootka


Maureen Atkinson (University of Northern British Columbia) and Ed Harrison (University of Northern British Columbia): Channeling Changes: The Fluid and Contrasting Perspectives of the Georgetown Sawmill (1875-1960) (North Coast)

1:30-3:00 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Urban and Rural BC: Histories of Change and Diversity (IB 1015)
Chair: Jack Little (Simon Fraser University)

Madison Heslop (University of Washington): Steamtown: Transpacific Steamships and the Vancouver Waterfront

Ben Bradley (Network in Canadian History and Environment): Afterlives of the Last Cariboo Stagecoaches: Frontier Nostalgia and the Popular Past before 1958

Karen Ferguson (Simon Fraser University) and Luke Clossey (Simon Fraser University): A Thai Forest Buddhist Monastery in a British Columbian Forest: Religion and Diversity in the Birkenhead Valley

Session 2: Nature Tourism: Issues and Challenges (IB 1020)
Chair: Lyn Baldwin (Thompson Rivers University)

Jason Johnston (Thompson Rivers University): Incorporating Indigenous Voices: The Struggle for Increased Representation in Jasper National Park

Chantelle Spicer (Vancouver Island University): Present but Hidden: An Alternative Tourist’s Guide to Nanaimo Parks
Carmen Massey (Thompson Rivers University): *Exploring Stakeholder Relationships at the Adams River Salmon Run, Squilax, BC*

**Session 3: Decolonizing and Indigenizing Post-Secondary (IB 1010)**  
Chair: Bonnie Fournier (Thompson Rivers University)

Amanda Street (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology) and Connie Strayer (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology): *Indigenizing Support Services for Indigenous Adult Learners in Post-Secondary: A ‘Chutes and Ladders’ Journey of Inquiry*


**3:00-3:15 pm: Refreshment Break (IB Foyer)**

**3:15-4:45 pm: Concurrent Sessions**

**Session 1: Readings in BC Fiction and Creative Non-Fiction (IB 1010)**  
Chair: Nicholas Bradley (University of Victoria)

Karen Hofmann (Thompson Rivers University): *Reading from Echolocation: Fiction from the BC Interior*

Lyn Baldwin (Thompson Rivers University): *Mapping Moss: Crossidium seriatum*

Susan Buis (Thompson Rivers University): *A Settler Poet and Reconciliation*

**Session 2: Panel discussion – Building Solidarities Between (Immigrant) Settlers of Colour and the Indigenous Peoples of this Land (IB 1020)**

Participants: Mahtab Nazemi (Thompson Rivers University), Robline Davey (Thompson Rivers University), and Roxane Letterlough (Thompson Rivers University).
Session 3: Law and Politics (IB 1015)
Chair: Jonathan Swainger (University of Northern British Columbia)

Louis Knafla (University of Calgary): *The Legal Culture of the Kootenays/Columbia, 1860s-1914*

Devin Eeg (University of British Columbia): *Where Is the Internet? Judicial Responses in British Columbia*

Stuart Parker (Simon Fraser University): *Saboteurs, Looters and Witless Dupes: The Rise and Fall of the Coalition for Proportional Representation in BC*

5:00–6:00 pm: Book Launch (House of Learning – Third Floor)
Cash bar. Appetizers provided courtesy of the Simon Fraser History Department.
SATURDAY MAY 4:

Registration: 8:00 am-5:30 pm (IB Foyer)

8:30-9:00 am: Refreshments (IB Foyer)

9:00-10:30 am: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Indigenous Peoples and the State (IB 1015)
Chair: Frank Leonard (University of Victoria)

Ted Binnema (University of Northern British Columbia): *A Fresh Look at the History of the Vancouver Island Treaties*

Session 2: Panel discussion - The BC History Textbook Sprint (IB 1020)

Participants: John Belshaw (Thompson Rivers University, Open Learning), Eryk Martin (Kwantlen Polytechnic University), Laura Ishiguro (University of British Columbia), Tina Block (Thompson Rivers University), and Brenda Smith (Thompson Rivers University).

10:30-10:45 am: Refreshment Break (IB Foyer)

10:45 am -12:15 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Gender and Class in BC History (IB 1015)
Chair: John Belshaw (Thompson Rivers University, Open Learning)

Jack Little (Simon Fraser University): *Roughing it on Colonial Vancouver Island: The Misadventures of Henry Trent and Friends, 1862-63*

Maurice Guibord (Société historique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique): *Emma Lamontagne-Vachon, Prolific Letter Writer and Chronicler, Vancouver 1886*

Duff Sutherland (Selkirk College): “Sentiment for IWW is good”: *Forest Capital, Loggers, and the Strikes of 1923 and 1924 in the East Kootenays*
Session 2: Land and Landfills in BC (IB 1010)
Chair: Mónica J. Sánchez-Flores (Thompson Rivers University)

Hailey Venn (Simon Fraser University): *A Landfill of “Mutual Benefit”: Solid Waste Management within Delta and Vancouver, 1958-1966*

Damian Halvorsen (Thompson Rivers University), Oamar Kanji (Thompson Rivers University), Yana Nec (Thompson Rivers University), and Greg Huculak (GNH Consulting): *New Trends in Landfill Gas Collection Practices*

Tom Waldichuk (Thompson Rivers University): *Agricultural Diversity in BC’s Thompson and Cariboo Regions*

Session 3: Panel discussion – Rural Tourism Development across BC: Challenges and Opportunities in a Growing Sector (IB 1020)
Chair: Patrick Brouder (Vancouver Island University)

Participants: Jason Johnston (Thompson Rivers University), Courtney Mason (Thompson Rivers University), Danielle Robinson (University of Guelph/Okanagan College), and Donna Senese (University of British Columbia, Okanagan).

12:15-2:00 pm: Lunch and Secwépemc Storytelling with Kenthen Thomas (The Terrace – Campus Activity Centre, 2nd Floor)

2:15-3:45 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Religion and Irreligion in Cascadia: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives (IB 1015)
Chair: Laura Ishiguro (University of British Columbia)


Rachel Brown (University of Victoria): "To be or not to be" Religious: Minority Religions in a Region of “Nones"
Lynne Marks (University of Victoria) and Tina Block (Thompson Rivers University): *Class, Gender, Family, and Irreligion in the Pacific Northwest*

**Session 2: Colonial Narratives and Counter Narratives (IB 1010)**  
Chair: Phoebe Murphy (Archaeology Society of British Columbia)

Chantelle Spicer (Vancouver Island University): *A Storied Landscape: Deconstructing Colonial Narratives at Milner Gardens*

Gretchen Fox (Fox Cultural Research): *Mapping and Managing Cultural Landscapes in Secwepemcúl’ecw*

**Session 3: Approaches to Teaching and Learning (IB 1020)**  
Chair: Gloria Ramirez (Thompson Rivers University)

Mónica J. Sánchez-Flores (Thompson Rivers University): *An Examination of Service Learning, Trades and Tech Practicum for BC Students: Installation of Solar Panels in Low-Income Homes in Oaxaca, Mexico*

Md M. Rahman (Thompson Rivers University): *English Language Challenges for Asian International Students Attending Universities in British Columbia*

Amir Mirfakhraie (Kwantlen Polytechnic University): *Education as a Means of Witnessing the Voices of the Oppressed and Oppressors: Becoming Survivors by Proxy*

**4:00-4:30 pm: Closing (IB 1015)**  
Closing Remarks and Expressions of Gratitude:  
Conference Organizing Committee  
Elder Mike Arnouse

**THANK YOU ALL FOR PARTICIPATING IN BC STUDIES 2019!**
ON-CAMPUS FOOD AND DRINK (not available on weekends):
Common Grounds Coffee Shop: Campus Activity Centre
Starbucks: Old Main Building
Tim Horton’s: House of Learning

**There is a water refilling station located in the International Building.

THINGS TO DO IN KAMLOOPS:

Food and Beverage:
Near the university:
- Sushi Mura: 1021 McGill Rd.
- Lucky’s: 101-795 McGill Rd.
- Iron Road Brewing: 980 Camosun Cr.
- Lemongrass Vietnamese Restaurant: 1211 Summit Dr.

Downtown:
- Brownstone Restaurant: 118 Victoria St.
- The Noble Pig: 650 Victoria St.
- Red Collar Brewing Co: 355 Lansdowne St.
- Mittz Kitchen: 227 Victoria St.
- Alchemy Brewing Co.: 650 Victoria St.
- Terra Restaurant: 326 Victoria St.

Near the Best Western:
- Nandi’s Flavours of India: 610 Columbia St.
- Kohinoor Indian Restaurant: 550 Columbia St.

Attractions:
- Secwépemc Museum & Heritage Park: 200-330 Chief Alex Thomas Way
- Kamloops Museum and Archives: 207 Seymour St.
- Western Canada Theatre: [https://www.wctlive.ca/](https://www.wctlive.ca/)

Transportation:
- Kami Cabs Ltd: 250-374-9999
- Yellow Cabs: 250-457-9191
- Airport Shuttle: 250-314-4803
- Bus schedules: [https://www.bctransit.com/kamloops](https://www.bctransit.com/kamloops)
For further information, please visit the conference website at:
https://digitalcommons.library.tru.ca/bcstudies/
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