

Indigenous Perspectives on Repatriation: Moving Forward Together

March 29-31, 2017

Delta Hotels Grand Okanagan Resort, Kelowna, BC

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

5:30-7:30pm

WELCOME RECEPTION- Hosted by Westbank and the Okanagan Nation Alliance
Delta Grand Okanagan Resort, Conference Centre Grand Foyer

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Time

Session

7:30-8:30am

BREAKFAST

8:30-9:30am

Emcee: Jordan Coble, Cultural and Operations Administrator, Sncəwips Heritage Museum

OPENING REMARKS

- Chief Roxanne Lindley, Westbank First Nation
- Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, Chair, Okanagan Nation Alliance and President, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs
- The Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Province of British Columbia
- National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations
- Tracey Herbert, CEO, First Peoples' Cultural Council
- Professor Jack Lohman CBE, CEO, Royal British Columbia Museum

Cultural Sharing

9:30-10:45am

OPENING PLENARY – REPATRIATION AND COMMUNITY MUSEUMS

MODERATOR:

- Lucy Bell, Head of First Nations and Repatriation, Royal British Columbia Museum

PANELISTS:

- Jordan Coble, Cultural and Operations Administrator, Sncəwips Heritage Museum
- Nika Collison, Curator, Haida Gwaii Museum
- Jodi Simkin, Executive Director, Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre
- Dan Smith, Vice President, Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM the Canadian Museums Association – Jameson C. Brant, National Coordinator Museums and Indigenous Issues, Canadian Museums Association

10:45-11:00am

BREAK

11:00-12:00pm

PLENARY – FIRST NATIONS NARRATIVES OF REPATRIATION

MODERATOR:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracey Herbert, CEO, First Peoples' Cultural Council <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sampson Bryant, Retired, Museum of Northern British Columbia Vern Jacks, Former Chief, Tseycum First Nation Margarita James, President, Land of Maquinna Cultural Society Dianne Hinkley, Lands Research Director, Cowichan Tribes
12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00-2:45pm	<p>PLENARY SESSION – INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON REPATRIATION</p> <p>MODERATOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nika Collison, Curator, Haida Gwaii Museum <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honor Keeler, Director of the International Repatriation Project, Association on American Indian Affairs Aroha Mead, Repatriation Advisory Panel, National Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa Dr. Wojciech Kowalski, Plenipotentiary for the Restitution of Cultural Goods, Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs Jackie Swift, Repatriation Manager, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
	Cultural Sharing
2:45-3:00pm	BREAK
3:00-4:00pm	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	<p>SESSION 1 - FILM: STOLEN SPIRITS OF HAIDA GWAII by Kevin McMahon Introduction by Vince Collison After the Haida were forced to abandon some 35 of their villages, their islands became a paradise for the relic hunters of the early 20th century. These adventurers also dug up graves and looted mortuary poles. Not until the early 1990s did the young people of Haida Gwaii learn that the remains of their ancestors – along with more than 100,000 from other tribes -- were in museums. This film follows the Haida through a process which takes them to Chicago and, ultimately, to a reconciliation with the descendants of the scientists who robbed the islands' graves a century ago.</p>
	<p>SESSION 2: LANGUAGE AND THE REPATRIATION OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE</p> <p>MODERATOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucy Bell, Head of First Nations and Repatriation, Royal British Columbia Museum <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Trish Rosborough, Board of Directors, First Peoples' Cultural Council Dr. Marianne Ignace, Professor, Department of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University Dr. Robin Gray, University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow

	<p>SESSION 3: HERITAGE LEGISLATION AND REPATRIATION</p> <p>MODERATOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Aird, President, Indigenous Heritage Circle <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Genevieve Hill, Researcher and Archaeology Collections Manager, Royal British Columbia Museum • Claire Poirier, Head of Community Engagement, Royal Alberta Museum • Kathryn Zedde, Senior Analyst and Manager, Policy and Legislation, Department of Canadian Heritage • Cynthia Callison, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Council
5:00-7:00pm	<p>EVENING RECEPTION AT KELOWNA ART GALLERY 1315 Water St (across the street from the hotel)</p>

Friday, March 31, 2017	
Time	Session
7:30-9:00am	BREAKFAST
9:00-9:15am	WELCOME TO THE SECOND DAY
9:15-10:30am	<p>PLENARY – ARTISTS REPATRIATING KNOWLEDGE THROUGH THEIR PRACTICE</p> <p>MODERATOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Andrea Walsh, Associate Professor, Anthropology Department University of Victoria <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lou-ann Neel, Artist and Interim Director, Aboriginal Education, North Island College • William White, Tsimshian Weaver and artist • Vern Williams, Singer and composer, Haida Heritage Society • Kelli Clifton, Tsimshian (Gitga'ata) Artist and Educator • Sheldon Lewis, Okanagan Artist
10:30-10:45am	BREAK
10:45-12:00pm	<p>PLENARY – FIRST NATIONS NARRATIVES OF REPATRIATION</p> <p>MODERATOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vince Collison, Haida Repatriation Committee <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Carpenter, Culture and Heritage Manager, Heiltsuk Integrated Resource Management AND • Harvey Humchitt, Research Liaison Coordinator, Heiltsuk Integrated Resource Management

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Schaepe, Director and Senior Archaeologist, Sto:lo Research and Resource Management Centre • Stephanie Halapija, Director and Curator, Nisga'a Museum AND • Bobby Clark, Manager, Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department
12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH
	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS
12:40-1:50pm	<p>SESSION 4 - FILM: KAINAYSSINI IMANISTAIWA: THE PEOPLE GO ON by Loretta Todd</p> <p>This documentary pays a visit to the home of the Kainai Blood Indians in southern Alberta. Exploring the significance of land, memory and knowledge in Kainai life, the film focuses on the return of the Kainai's belongings, which had been collected by Europeans during colonial times. As the community's elders examine the objects and share stories first-hand, they reveal how the rich threads of Kainai life thrive from one generation to the next.</p>
1:00 – 1:50pm	<p>SESSION 5 – MUSEUMS, ARCHIVES AND REPATRIATION</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Susan Rowley, Curator of Public Archaeology, University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology • Normand Charbonneau, Assistant Deputy Minister and COO, Library and Archives Canada • Genevieve Weber, Archivist, Royal British Columbia Museum
1:00 – 1:50pm	<p>SESSION 6 –COMMUNITY HERITAGE PLANNING AND REPATRIATION</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey Herbert, CEO, First Peoples' Cultural Council • Karen Aird, President, Indigenous Heritage Circle • Lucy Bell, Head of First Nations and Repatriation, Royal British Columbia Museum • Dr. Martha Black, Ethnology Curator, Royal British Columbia Museum
1:50- 2:00pm	TRANSITION
2:00-2:30pm	<p>CLOSING KEYNOTE</p> <p>Richard West Jr., President and CEO, Autry Museum of the American West</p>
2:30-3:00pm	<p>CLOSING REMARKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Jack Lohman CBE, CEO, Royal British Columbia Museum • Chief Roxanne Lindley, Westbank First Nation • Cynthia Callison, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Council • Lucy Bell, Head of First Nations and Repatriation, Royal British Columbia Museum