

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Enquête nationale sur les femmes et les filles autochtones disparues et assassinées



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National Inquiry welcomes new Executive Director and Research Director

Vancouver, April 23, 2018 – The Commissioners of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls are pleased to announce the appointments of Jennifer Moore Rattray as Executive Director and Dr. Karine Duhamel as Director of Research.

Ms. Rattray is Cree and a member of the Peepeekisis First Nation. A dedicated public servant and accomplished leader, she joins the National Inquiry from the Government of Manitoba, where she served as Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Families. Earlier in her career, Ms. Rattray was Associate Vice-President, Indigenous, Government and Community Affairs at the University of Winnipeg.

Dr. Duhamel is Anishinaabe Métis and comes to the National Inquiry from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, where she was Curator for Indigenous Rights. An experienced researcher and writer, she has a strong background in working closely and collaboratively with diverse stakeholders.

"The National Inquiry will greatly benefit from the wealth of knowledge, skills and experience that Jennifer and Karine bring to their important roles," said Chief Commissioner Marion Buller. "These strong leaders join a passionate, talented and hard-working team of individuals who are united by a deep commitment to the vital task at hand."

Both Ms. Rattray and Dr. Duhamel will assume their roles on April 30 and be based in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In making their announcement, Commissioners extended their sincere thanks to Calvin Wong for his leadership and professionalism as Interim Executive Director during the transition.

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