

CONFIRMED WITNESSES FOR THE HEARING ON COLONIAL VIOLENCE

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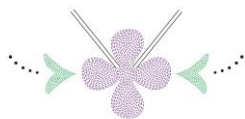
Panel 1: September 10- 11, 2018

Elisappe Davidee Anigmuiq works for Tukisigiarvik (Iqaluit) Aningmiiq. They offer programs to address socio economic issues and cultural revitalization and knowledge sharing. Elisappe works with women in Iqaluit to share about best practices and what's not working for Inuit women. She has been a strong voice for Inuit woman in Iqaluit and developing programs for on the land healing programs. She has been a Director of the Nunavut Law Foundation. Elisappe was the winner of a 2016 Polar Medal, which recognizes 'extraordinary services in Canada's polar regions'. She was honoured for helping Inuit reconnect with their culture and traditional way of life during her years of work at the Tukisigiarvik Wellness Centre. Elisappe holds a Fur Production and Design Diploma from the Arctic College. Her designs and products focus on traditional clothing and accessories, but she incorporates fashion and style into her practical designs. She has been long admired for cultural skills and knowledge of Inuit. Based on her knowledge she has helped develop various cultural skill development programs for the city of Iqaluit, which teach the next generation of Nunavummiut how to make traditional clothing and properly soften skins.

Hagar Idlout-Sudlovenick, is the Director of Social Development, Department of Social Development, Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA). Hagar manages the department activities from day to day. Hagar also manages program delivery, providing information updates and reports to the QIA board of directors as required, QWIA Executive Committee, and QIA Social Committee, other committees and internal and external working groups as required.

Inukshuk Aksalnik, is the Qikiqtani Truth Commission Coordinator (QTC), The QTC coordinator takes a lead role in coordinating point of contact for QIA. Inukshuk works to engage with Qikiqtani Inuit, the Government of Nunavut, the government of Canada, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. These engagements include the coordination of the participation in working groups, and other forums concerned with the realization of recommendations flowing from the work of the QTC.

Please Note that The **Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)**, is a not-for-profit society which represents



approximately 14,000 Inuit in the Qikiqtani (Baffin) Region of Nunavut, which includes 13 communities from Grise Fiord in the High Arctic down to Sanikiluaq (Belcher Island).

The Mission Statement of QIA is to safeguard, administer and advance the rights and benefits of the Qikiqtani Inuit; and to promote Inuktitut, the Inuit language and Inuit traditions, environmental values, self-sufficiency, and economic, social and cultural well-being in an open and democratic forum. Under Article 39 of the Nunavut Agreement QIA is considered a Designated Inuit Organization (DIO) responsible for managing Inuit Owned Lands in the Qikiqtani Region.

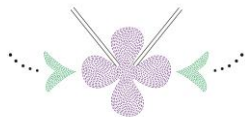
Panel 2: September 11-12, 2018 : Strength-based and tangible approaches to optimizing Indigenous health and wellbeing

Dr. Smylie is a respected international leader in the field of Indigenous health. She is Cree- Métis. She is one of Canada's first Métis physicians, her 25 year career has been focused on addressing inequities in the health of Indigenous peoples in Canada by bridging gaps in health knowledge and practice. Dr. Smylie has published over 100 peer-reviewed publications (with more than 50 as first author) on the topic of Indigenous health and has one of the highest index factors in this field. Dr. Smylie has practiced and taught family medicine in diverse Indigenous communities – urban, rural and remote. She has extra training in women's health and mental health/therapy. She has also completed a Master of Public Health at John Hopkins University. She currently holds a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Applied Public Health Research Chair in Indigenous Health Knowledge and Information at St. Michael's Hospital where she directs the Well Living House Action Research Centre for Indigenous Infant, Child and Family Health and Wellbeing and is an active staff physician. She continues part time clinical work as a consulting family physician at Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto.

See More: <http://stmichaelshospitalresearch.ca/researchers/janet-smylie/>

September 12-13, 2018: Aboriginal Decolonizing and gendered Aboriginal Perspective

Jeffrey McNeil-Seymour is Tk'emlúpsenc te Secwepemc (patrilineal) and a fourth generation English Settler(matrilineal). He is the elected family representative to the Traditional Family Governance Council for the Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation and nominated speaker for the Secwepemc Nation by Secwepemc Matriarchs and grassroots peoples. Jeffrey is an Assistant Professor at Ryerson University in the School of Social Work. His primary course taught prior to his recent recruitment to Ryerson was Aboriginal Decolonizing Social Work Practice for seven semesters for the school of social



work at Thompson Rivers University ne Secwepemculecw. His pedagogical focus was and still remains to decenter contemporary social work education with Secwepemc land based and spiritual teachings to enhance spiritual and social consciousness raising – without healthy land, water and air we won't have people. As a recognized leader in the two-spirit community, he regularly contributes to international two-spirit and BIPOC community's through writing, art and other activism(s). McNeil-Seymour was raised in Golden BC, the site of Secwepemc and Ktunaxxa territorial overlap.