



# *Celebrating* **RESILIENCE**

**JULY 31–AUGUST 2, 2015 | ALGOMA UNIVERSITY**

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# Shingwauk 2015 Gathering and Conference

## Schedule

**Registration, staff, & health support will be available all weekend  
in the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre room EW 202.**

**Friday July 31, 2015**

Time	Gathering and Conference	Youth Programming
ALL DAY	Registration and Welcome (EW 202)	
8:30-9:30am		Coffee and Refreshments (Doc Brown)
9:30am	Lighting of the Sacred Fire (SASA Arbour)	
10:00am-2:00pm		Youth Programming (Doc Brown)
2:00pm-3:00pm	KEYNOTE: DOUGLAS CARDINAL (Shingwauk Auditorium) Special guest of the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association	
3:00pm-4:00pm	KEYNOTE: MURRAY SINCLAIR ((Shingwauk Auditorium) Special guest of Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig	
5:00pm-6:00pm		Youth Dinner
6:00pm-9:00pm		Youth Programming
9:00pm		Full Moon Ceremony (meet outside Shingwauk Education Trust Building)



**Adrian Stimson, “Fait Accompli”.**

Adrian Stimson is a member of the Siksika (Blackfoot) Nation in southern Alberta. He is an interdisciplinary artist, curator and educator with a BFA with distinction from the Alberta College of Art & Design and MFA from the University of Saskatchewan. As an interdisciplinary artist, Adrian’s work includes paintings, installations, collodion wet plate photography, sculpture and performance.

**Judy Syrette, “We Make the Road by Walking”**

Judy Syrette, an Ojibwekwe from Batchewana First Nation, is the Director of Anishinaabe Initiatives Division at Algoma University. She has worked in Student Services for over 24 years and developed support services for Aboriginal as well as services for Students with Disabilities. She was also a founding member of the Community Economic and Social Development (CESD) program and co-taught the introductory course in CESD.

**Theodore (Teddy) Syrette, Youth Panel**

Theodore Syrette (Teddy) was raised in Rankin Reserve, and is a member of the Batchewana First Nation band of the Ojibways. Teddy is experienced in equity training, theatre/storytelling and community building. Through their art, they captivate audiences, with an original-aboriginal dialogue, that includes their cultural journey of being a 2-spirit, an advocate and also a descendant of a residential school student. Teddy is 29, 5 feet 11.5 inches tall, who enjoys reading, writing and talking. Like a lot.

**Viola Thomas, Reconciliation Canada Update**

**Opening Keynotes**

**Douglas Cardinal**

As an architect, planner, and activist, Douglas Cardinal has dedicated his life to building communities and environments. His buildings are centred on philosophies of sustainability, and ecologically-designed architecture, but also bettering human conditions. He has been appointed as Officer of the Order of Canada, the greatest honour Canada as a nation bestows to its citizens, the Gold Medals in Architecture from the Royal Architectural Institute in Canada and the Union of Architects of Russia, honorary fellowships to the Society of American Registered Architects, and the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland. He is the special guest of the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association.



**Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair**

From Selkirk, Manitoba, the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair was appointed Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba in March of 1988 and to the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba in January 2001. He was Manitoba's first Aboriginal Judge. He practiced primarily in the fields of civil and criminal litigation and Aboriginal law. He has represented a cross-section of clients but is best-known for his representation of Aboriginal people and his knowledge of Aboriginal legal issues. He has been awarded a National Aboriginal Achievement award in addition to many other community service awards, and, since 2009, has served as the Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. He is the special guest of Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig.



**Saturday August 1, 2015**

Time	Gathering and Conference	Youth Programming
6:00am	Sunrise Ceremony (SASA Arbour)	
ALL DAY	Gathering Registration and Information (EW 202)	
ALL DAY	Photo albums, displays, and tours (EW 201, EW 202)	
10:30am -5:00pm	Art Making by Thinking Rock Community Arts (Outside)	
8:00am- 9:00am	Continental Breakfast (NW 200)	
9:00am- 10:30am	Opening Ceremonies (NW 200)	

Thinking Rock Community Arts will be running arts based programming outside throughout the Gathering. Everyone is invited to take a look at the work in progress and join in the art making activities.

**Candace Neveau, Youth Panel**

**Chelsie Parayko, Youth Panel**

Chelsie Parayko is a member of the Missanabie Cree First Nation and Granddaughter of the late Alice Fletcher. Chelsie’s grandmother Alice attended the St. John’s Residential School in Chapleau and Shingwauk Residential School. Currently she is a student of Algoma University formerly the Shingwauk Residential School and enrolled in the Business program. Together, Chelsie and her family have gathered at the Algoma University since the 1991 Shingwauk Reunion. She truly believes that by being together and talking about our history as a community we can overcome the trauma and become a stronger and more resilient people.



### **Sandra Montour, “Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women”**

Sandra J. Montour is a leader in holistic First Nations social work practice and is a highly skilled traditional First Nations therapist. Her inspirational commitment to recovery and healing from past traumas of Aboriginal peoples is widely recognized and admired.

Montour has written a number of books, including the “Eagle Child Books” series, which focuses on sexual abuse prevention for children between age four and 12, as well as The Return of the Travelling Star, which focuses on healthy teenage relationships.

A distinguished community leader, Montour is currently the Director of Ganohkwasra Family Assault Support Services, a pivotal community service agency that has been open since 1988 in Oshweken, Ontario. There, Montour oversees her team of 50 staff members who work together to prevent family violence and to provide support, emergency shelter and counselling to Aboriginal women, children and men. She also runs her own part-time practice and is certified in many energy therapies, including Art and Play Therapy, Hypnotherapy, Theta Healing, Reiki and Psychodramatic Bodywork.

Montour has also made a significant contribution to social work in Canada through her contribution as the First Nations Traditional Consultant for Laurier’s 2006 launch of our Master of Social Work Aboriginal Field of Study, the first of its kind in Canada. A highly respected teacher at Laurier, Montour has also taught the First Nations Spirituality Class.

## **Opening Ceremonies**

### **Welcome**

Emcees Mike Cachagee and a youth delegate.

### **Opening Prayer**

Fran Fletcher Luther

### **Speakers:**

- Shirley Horn, Algoma University Chancellor
- Chief Lyle Sayers, Garden River First Nation
- Representative from Missanabie Cree First Nation
- Darrell Boissoneau, Shingwauk Education Trust
- Rick McCutcheon, Dean, Algoma University
- Rev. Patrick McManus, Regional Dean, Anglican Diocese of Algoma
- Jessica Bloduc, 4Rs Youth Movement
- Dianne Roach, President, Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association

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10:30am-12:00pm	Adrian Stimson, Artist Talk, "Fait Accompli" (Doc Brown)	Sandra Montou, Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women. (EW 206)
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH (Speakeasy) <i>Presentation to Dr. Myers by CSAA</i>	
1:00pm-1:30pm	GROUP PHOTO (Front Steps of Shingwauk Hall)	
1:30pm-3:00pm	<i>Residential Schools</i> Book Launch with Larry Loyie, Constance Brissenden, and Wayne Spear (Doc Brown)	Elder Pauline Wesley, Traditional Medicines (EW 204)
3:00pm-3:30pm	AFTERNOON BREAK (EW 203)	
3:30pm-5:00pm	<i>The Land We Are</i> Book Launch with Sophie McCall and Gabrielle Hill (EW 206)	Youth Panel with Mitch Case, Teddy Syrette, Candace Neveau, and Chelsie Parayko. Moderated by Ryan McMahon (Doc Brown)
5:00pm-6:30pm	TRADITIONAL FEAST (Shingwauk Auditorium)	
6:30pm-7:00pm	Charlie Hunter Scholarship Presentation (NW 200)	
7:00pm	Ryan McMahon Comedy Event (NW 200)	

### Mitch Case, Youth Panel

#### Gabrielle Hill and Sophie McCall, *The Land We Are* Book Launch

*The Land We Are* is a stunning collection of writing and art that interrogates the current era of reconciliation in Canada. Using visual, poetic, and theoretical language, the contributors approach reconciliation as a problematic narrative about Indigenous-settler relations, but also as a site where conversations about a just future must occur. The result of a four-year collaboration between artists and scholars engaged in resurgence and decolonization, *The Land We Are* is a moving dialogue that blurs the boundaries between activism, research, and the arts. Edited by Sophie McCall and Gabrielle L'Hirondelle Hill.



#### Ryan McMahon, Comedy Performance and Workshop

Ryan McMahon is an Anishinaabe/Metis (Couchiching FN, Treaty #3) comedian, writer & actor based out of Treaty #1 territory (Winnipeg, MB). Armed with a degree in Theatre (University of MN) & as a graduate of the prestigious Second City Conservatory (Toronto), Ryan's storytelling comedy style is fast paced, loose & irreverent as he explores the good, the bad & the ugly between Indian Country & the mainstream.

Since 2010, Ryan has recorded 3 National comedy specials (2010, 2011, 2014) for CBC (both television & radio), 2 Gala's for the prestigious Winnipeg Comedy Festival (2011, 2015 and has appeared at the Just For Laughs Festival (2012) in Montreal.

McMahon's podcast, Red Man Laughing, has garnered critical praise for being a forward looking, strong independent voice for Indigenous Peoples. With 15 000 subscribers and hundreds of thousands of downloads worldwide, Ryan dedicates much of his time to amplifying the work of artists, communities, thinkers & doers through the production of independent media.

## List of Presenters (alphabetical by last name)

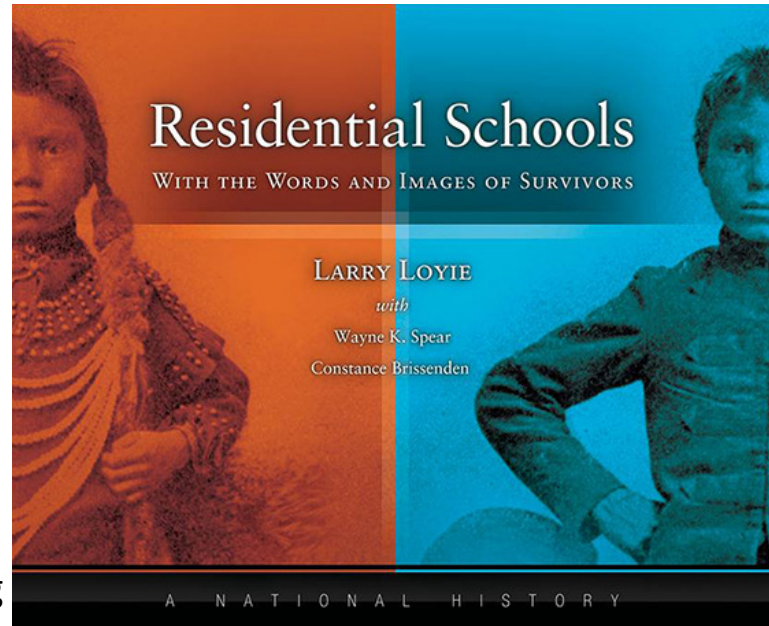
### Constance Brissenden, Larry Loyie, and Wayne Spear, *Residential Schools Book Launch*

*Residential Schools, With the Words and Images of Survivors, A National History* honours the survivors, the former students, who attended residential schools. Designed for the general reader this accessible, 112-page history offers a first-person perspective of the residential school system in Canada, as it shares the memories of more than 70 survivors from across Canada as well as 125 archival and contemporary images (65 black & white photographs, 51 colour, some never before published).

This essential volume written by award-winning author Larry Loyie (Cree), a survivor of St. Bernard Mission residential school in Grouard, AB, and co-authored by Constance Brissenden and Wayne K. Spear (Mohawk), reflects the ongoing commitment of this team to express the truths about residential school experiences and to honour the survivors whose voices are shared in this book. Along with the voices, readers will be engaged by the evocative, archival photographs provided by the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre with the assistance of curator Krista McCracken.

The book begins with the moving introduction by Larry Loyie, and moves to seven chapters that explore the purpose of this school system; cultures and traditions; leaving home; life at school the half-

day system; the dark side of the schools; friendship and laughter coping with a new life; changing world--the healing begins; and an afterword. A detailed, full colour map showing residential schools, timeline with key dates, glossary, and a helpful index (including names of survivors and schools) make this vital resource a must-have for secondary, college, and universities, libraries, and the general reader.



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Time	Youth	
10:30am-12:00pm	Residential School History & Intergenerational Conversations (Shingwauk Auditorium)	
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH (Speakeasy) <i>Presentation to Dr. Myers by CSAA</i>	
1:00pm-1:30pm	GROUP PHOTO (Front Steps of Shingwauk Hall)	
1:30pm-3:00pm	Ryan McMahon Workshop (EW 206)	Art Making by Thinking Rock Community Arts (Outside)
3:00pm-3:30pm	AFTERNOON BREAK (EW 203)	
3:30pm-5:00pm	Youth Panel with Mitch Case, Teddy Syrette, Candace Neveau, and Chelsie Parayko. Moderated by Ryan McMahon (Doc Brown)	
5:00pm-6:30pm	Traditional Feast (Shingwauk Auditorium)	
6:30pm-7:00pm	Charlie Hunter Scholarship Presentation (NW 200)	
7:00pm	Ryan McMahon Comedy Event (NW 200)	

## Sunday August 2, 2015

Time	Conference	Gathering
6:00am	Sunrise Ceremony (SASA Arbour)	
ALL DAY	Gathering Registration and Information (EW 202)	
ALL DAY	Photo albums, displays, and tours (EW 201, EW 202)	
8:00am	Continental Breakfast (EW 203)	
9:00am-10:15am	Judy Syrette, Anishinaabe Initiatives Division, "We Make The Road By Walking." (Doc Brown)	Viola Thomas, Reconciliation Canada Update (EW 206)
10:15am-10:30am	MORNING BREAK (EW 203)	
10:30am-12:00pm	Reflecting On Resilience Discussion Facilitated by Jonathan Dewar (Doc Brown)	Chapel Service and Cemetery Visit with Lana Grawbarger & Ven. Harry Huskins, Executive Archdeacon of Algoma. (Chapel & Cemetery)
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH (Speakeasy)	
1:00-1:30pm	Youth Presentation (Speakeasy)	
1:30pm-3:00pm	CLOSING SESSION: Shingwauk IRS Exhibit Development Update & Discussion (NW 200)	
3:00-3:30pm	Closing Ceremonies (Front lawn, weather permitting)	

## Sunday August 2, 2015

Time	Youth
8:00am	Continental Breakfast (EW 203)
9:00am-10:15am	Youth Programming (Shingwauk Auditorium)
10:15am-10:30am	MORNING BREAK (EW 203)
10:30am-12:00pm	Youth Programming (Shingwauk Auditorium)
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH (Speakeasy)
1:00-1:30pm	Youth Presentation (Speakeasy)
1:30-3:00pm	Youth Closing (Shingwauk Auditorium)
3:00-3:30pm	Closing Ceremonies (Front lawn, weather permitting)

Please join us in a moment of silence to remember Residential School Survivors who have passed on during the 10:30am-12:00pm sessions on Sunday.