



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IN CANADIAN PHARMACY EDUCATION Post-CPERC Indigenization Symposium

The Sutton Place Hotel Edmonton

June 13–14, 2019

SYMPOSIUM DESCRIPTION:

This event is hosted by AFPC's Truth & Reconciliation Special Interest Group. Please join us for an informative, hands-on symposium that will not only inspire you but give you practical tools to help you Indigenize your curriculum. You will:

- **Engage** in steps for reconciliation by listening to Indigenous elders and knowledge-keepers
- **Learn** from healthcare practitioners and educators willing to share the lessons they have learned on their Indigenization journey
- **Understand** what it means to be a valued Indigenous ally
- **Be invited** to participate in an authentic ceremony
- **Brainstorm** with your colleagues across the country as we work together to create national and faculty-specific initiatives that respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action
- **Receive** a toolkit with learning guides, implementation options and other useful resources.

Whether you're just getting started or have already made significant progress, this session will energize and inform your Indigenization efforts.

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM:

Schedule:

- June 13: evening dinner session – 5 pm to 9 pm
- June 14: morning session – 8 am to 12:30 pm

Thursday Evening:

Confronting our Truth with a Blanket Exercise

- **What? – Blanket Exercise**
 - This 90-minute active learning exercise frames Canada's history from an Indigenous perspective. As land and rights are stripped away through legislation and treaties, the impact on Indigenous peoples is the devastating truth we face today. A talking circle follows where participants share their reflections on the exercise, what they learned, and how it affected them.

- **What's in it for Participants?**

- Participants will physically be part of a history lesson, as the experiences of Indigenous people are acted out. First-timers are often shocked as a brutal history unfolds. While saddened and often angered about what they did not know and were not taught, they are also energized to make change and move forward in truth and reconciliation.
- Each experience is authentic and unique. Something new is always gleaned and the richest learning often comes in the talking circle and reflection. The insights others share enlighten one's own, renewing energy and restoring resolve. Our leader has been facilitating exercises for more than 10 years and encourages those who have attended an activity such as this before to join us again, to learn from peers and to share new learning.

Friday Morning:

ReconciliACTION: Tools for Indigenizing

- **What?**

- Ceremony and opening remarks by Elder Gilman Cardinal
 - Dr. Cindy Blackstock sets the stage, sharing wisdom about Indigenous children and youth
 - Dr. Blackstock is a member of the Gitksan First Nation with more than 25 years of social work experience. As a result of her work as a tireless advocate for the rights of Indigenous children and youth, she has received numerous national and international honours, including the Amnesty International Ambassador of Conscience Award and the Canadian Labour Congress' Award for Outstanding Service to Humanity. She worked with other Indigenous leaders in developing the United Nations' General Comment on the Rights of Indigenous children. Dr. Blackstock is currently a professor at McGill University and the Executive Director First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. (<https://fncaringsociety.com/>)
 - Becoming an ally
 - Dr. Jill Konkin is the Associate Dean of Community Engagement at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta. She will be sharing insights regarding her experience as an ally, and her leadership in Medicine to enhance education and student attitudes.
 - Perspective on what it means to be a good ally and how to cultivate and nurture allyship at your institution.
 - How to talk about traditional healing to students immersed in evidence-based medicine.
 - Resource guide with how-to-use hints.
- **What's in it for participants?**
 - The focus here is on practical tips and considerations whether you are just starting, or well on your way.

REGISTRATION:

Register now – space is limited. Registration for this Symposium is not included in the CPERC full conference registration fee. The additional registration fee is \$275 (AFPC members) & \$325 (non-members); includes dinner on June 13, breakfast and morning break on June 14.

NEW evening-only registration: if you're flying home Friday morning but want to attend the Thursday evening dinner, blanket exercise and talking circle, you can register for \$150.

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