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## Indigenous Health In The Reconciliation Era

Thursday, May 25, 2017

2:30pm to 3:45pm

Toronto Ballroom

Following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, researchers in health are considering how to uphold the recommendations, and how to contribute to Indigenous wellbeing in Canada. Health outcomes for First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples tend to be lower than for other Canadians, but there are also great strengths in communities, based in Indigenous cultures. Three leading voices in First Nations, Inuit and Metis health will share their perspectives and experience on the importance of culture in research, challenges and strengths in communities, and how reconciliation might interact in health research. This plenary panel will continue into a breakout with more time for discussion on best/wise practices in research collaboration with Indigenous communities, and more.



**MARION CROWE**

Executive Director, First Nations  
Health Managers Association



**MONIQUE AUGER**

Indigenous Research and  
Evaluation Consultant,  
Reciprocal Consulting;  
Graduate Student, Simon  
Fraser University



**SERENA HICKES**

Patient Advocate



**ROSE LEMAY**

CEO, Indigenous  
Reconciliation Group



### **ROSE LEMAY**

From Taku River Tlingit First Nation in northern British Columbia, Rose has over 20 years of experience in Indigenous health and health systems. Her specialization in cultural competence and capacity started in the field of early childhood education, and continued through her work in mental health and health systems development. Based on her experience of facilitating group learning on the topic of reconciliation across Canada in more than 75 sessions with over 2,500 people, Rose brings a strong sense of hope for First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and for Canada. She is an alumnus of the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference, and a Certified First Nations Health Manager. Rose is the founding international chair of the Wharērātā Group, an international network of Indigenous leaders and their allies working in mental health and addictions. Based on the Wharērātā Declaration on cultural competence in mental health, Wharērātā leaders build their own skills in influence and communication to improve mental health systems for Indigenous consumers and clients. The Wharērātā Group is a partner of the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership. Bi'di is Crow Clan, and is honoured to have learned from Elders from across Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the US.



### **MARION CROWE**

Marion is a Cree woman from the Piapot First Nation in Saskatchewan and is the founding Executive Director of the First Nations Health Managers Association. Marion has held various positions within the finance, program management and policy development areas of First Nations and Inuit Health Branch in Saskatchewan, Ontario and the National Capital Regions. Marion has also worked under an Interchange Canada Agreement with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and Health Canada. Assisting community members in the development of professional development opportunities and certification has always been a passion for Marion, as she was a founding board of director on the Board for the Saskatchewan Chapter of AFOA Canada. Marion has been awarded achievement milestones, such as a Health Canada Deputy Minister's Award of Excellence; A Centennial Leadership Award from the Province of Saskatchewan, and the AFOA Canada – Xerox Canada National Award of Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership in 2015. Most recent, was her appointment as a Governor in Waiting and Quality Committee member to The Ottawa Hospital. Marion was also the first person in Canada to receive both her CAFM and CFNHM designations, from AFOA Canada and FNHMA.



### **MONIQUE AUGER**

Monique Auger is a proud member of the Métis Nation British Columbia and the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria. She works as an Indigenous research and evaluation consultant at Reciprocal Consulting, and is a MSc Candidate in Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University, studying community-based conceptualizations of Métis mental health and cultural continuity. She is involved with the urban Indigenous community in Vancouver in a number of volunteer positions including the McCreary Centre Society and the Unified Aboriginal Youth Collective. She is also a board director for the YWCA Metro Vancouver.



### **SERENA HICKES**

Serena Hickes is an Inuit woman with lived experience both as a caregiver to her son who lives with chronic health conditions as well as her own personal experience living with chronic health conditions. Serena presently is a research assistant on a CIHR PE Collaborative Grant, Towards a More Inclusive Framework for Public and Patient Involvement in Health Research: A Trauma-Informed Intersectional Approach and a research project with Cancer Care Manitoba engaging Inuit populations who travel to Winnipeg for health services. Serena was engaged in the development of the CIHR SPOR Patient Engagement Framework, the CIHR SPOR Consensus Building Workshop around Patient Engagement Training, and has been an ongoing member of the Translating Emergency Knowledge for Kids (TREKK, a Networks of Centers of Excellence Knowledge Mobilization initiative) Family Advisory Council. Serena has taken OCAP training and has a wealth of knowledge around patient and public engagement, and the involvement of voices that are traditionally less heard in health research.