

Mâmwawinitotân - 'All Together' Turtle Island Cultural Humility Conference



The Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers represent social workers throughout the province of Saskatchewan, located on Treaty Two, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, and Ten Territories, and traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. We acknowledge the Ancestors, our non-human kinfolk and helpers in all forms. We wish to work collaboratively with these Nations and their members in the true spirit and intent of the Treaties

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Turtle Island Cultural Humility Conference

Venue: Wanuskewin 4 Penner Road Saskatoon

Date/Time: October 20th 8:00am- 4:15pm

Description: The Mâwawinitotân 'All Together' Turtle Island Cultural Humility Conference arose from the social determinants of health for Indigenous Peoples and Métis Peoples. Following the development of the Cultural Humility and Standards of Practice for Social Work by the SASW in 2022, the SASW is presenting the Mâwawinitotân - 'All Together' Turtle Island Cultural Humility Conference to continue this lifelong work. These standards of practice and the Mâwawinitotân conference are developed on the cultural foundational inspirations of Wholistic sacred teachings of LOVE, RESPECT, WISDOM, HUMILITY, COURAGE, TRUTH, and HONESTY.

Social Workers have had and continue to have a longstanding legacy with Indigenous and Métis Peoples that has actively reinforced and maintained systemic and structural racism. Things need to change. The disproportionate rates of Indigenous and Métis children within the child welfare settings, high incarceration rates, low graduation rates, the high rates of missing and murdered Indigenous women are a few of the examples of why a conference like this is so needed in Saskatchewan. We need to do the work in our backyards first, and put ourselves in another person's moccasins because social workers are the first line of advocates for social change and reconciliation.

We, the committee members of the SASW Standards of Practice Committee, acknowledge the harm that was done and continue to be done by colonialism. We believe this conference is a step towards acknowledging these wrongs and coming together to honor and foster healthy relationships for the next seven generations; and in some cases, new beginnings.

Purpose:

Supporting social workers to engage in ethical relationships with First Nations and Métis Peoples and communities.

- To engage in self-reflective practices around cultural humility.
- To help support social workers to engage in lifelong learning surrounding wise practices for transformative change in accordance with the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.
- To provide opportunity for social workers to come together to learn about Indigegogy in an ethical space.

This conference will be eligible for continuing education requirements for social work registration.

Cost: Registration open July 17th

SASW Members \$50

Students \$45

Non-SASW members \$100

Allied Health Professionals \$100- registration after Sept 20th

Links:

Postcard

<https://www.sasw.ca/document/7417/Cultural-Humility-Postcard.pdf>

Practice Guidelines

<https://www.sasw.ca/document/6908/Cultural-Humility-Guidance-March2022.pdf>

Keynote Speakers

Colby Tootosis

Topic: Indigenous Liberation through the Revival of Kinship

The quality of experiences our children and grandchildren are going through today is going to determine who and what our Nations become. This keynote will be focused on Indigenous Liberation through Reviving Indigenous Kinship systems via recentering the child in what we do, and why we do it. We will be exploring the depths of how colonial mindsets have snuck into our family systems in the form of what we call, "Adult Supremacy". After this session participants will have the insights, and leverage to not only 'Disrupt Adult Supremacy', they will also be able to immediately apply Liberation-Based approaches and principles within their family/kinship systems.

Life Skills Coach Trainer and program presenter with Red Echo Associates, Certified Conscious Coach, presenter of leadership and personal development workshops with CLC, well versed in The

Journey Method, Certified in Perception Control Theory, Grief and Recovery Specialist, Certified in Critical Incident Stress Management to communities in both group and one on one setting. Trained in social collaboration processes such as World Café and Open Space Technology. Currently practicing the New Conscious Systems principals in Indigenous organizations and communities while working towards a resurgence of conscious sustainable systems. From recognizing social issues within my community as result of on-going attempts of genocide, colonization, and systemic oppression, Colby sought out to learn and experience methods and processes that can assist in a cause for social transformation in an Indigenous context.

The depth of his experiences derives from 20+ years in facilitating programs for children and youth both in schools and education systems, working in crisis response with communities and families, running workshops and delivering keynote talks for various types conferences, as well as holding interactive seminars for business, organizations, schools and communities. Colby has also been active in leading healing-based projects through social-political complexities with Indigenous peoples across North America. He is also a former elected official for Poundmaker Cree Nation, Treaty Six Territory - and is passionate in creating human-centered working environments and kinship systems from an Indigenous lens.

Community: Poundmaker Cree Nation Country: Nehîyaw territory shared with The Crown as per Treaty Six Profession: Facilitator for Social Transformation, consultant, youth worker, workshop presenter, keynote speaker, Life Skills Coach, Gamer, Piler of wood stacks, Lover of Raspberries, and "Ruckus Orchastrator" Email: Colby22sis@gmail.com Twitter: Colby22sis IG: @freedom_rising Website: <http://www.freedomrising.com>



Seapieces Marsland

Topic: The Heart Road Journey to Reconciliation

Seapieces is a member of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers Standards of Practice Committee who have developed the new guidelines for Cultural Humility Standards of Practice for Social Workers.

Seapieces, through an introspective Indigenous storytelling lens will knowledge share some of her insights from this experiential journey; from the creation of the documents in alignment with the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, to cultural humility, and the importance of transformative decolonization in social work practice.

Each social worker, student in the helping field and allied health professional walks their own heart road journey and are at different stages when it comes to engaging and working along side, and with Indigenous and Métis peoples. This keynote is an acknowledgment and call out to all social workers province wide to come and gather together in a show of solidarity and to learn in unity that we can and will do better for Indigenous and Métis peoples in Saskatchewan.

Seapieces Marsland is an Indigenous counsellor for the University of Saskatchewan Student Wellness Centre. She originates from Treaty 6 Territory. Her roots are Woodlands and Plains Cree and is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. She also has Orcadian and European ancestry. Seapieces has provided therapeutic services for over fifteen years across Canada. She graduated from social work at the University of Calgary and Wilfrid Laurier University. Some of her accomplishments include the Assembly of First Nations Heroes of Our Time Award and is a recipient of the Reverend Doctor Dieter Kays Award. Seapieces has a healthy, funny teenager and two cats named Omar and Sylvester.



Workshop Leaders

Alison Elsner

Topic: Taking Care of Self Guided by the Medicine Wheel Teachings

Through her life experiences Alison has learned the importance of Living a Balanced Life. The Medicine Wheel can be used as model of what us as our physical form could become if we decided and acted to our full potential and taking care of self. Right now, every one of us are made of four different areas: Emotional, Spiritual, Mental and Physical. None of us can properly function if one of those areas is taken away or if we are neglecting it, it is important to keep all areas in your' circle isn't balanced. Alison will offer the opportunity to look deeply into the medicine wheel so we can see things in a slightly different way.

Tansi Alison Nitsiyihkson. I come to you from Regina, SK located on Treaty 4 and my home community of Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation located on Treaty 6.

As a Cree Indigenous Woman who did not grow up knowing about who she was, her culture, her language, and ceremonies Alison has experience firsthand the negative impacts with the loss of identity can have on oneself and how learning about who you are, where you come from is crucial. Alison's journey of learning about self started with her Bachelors in Indigenous Social Work at First Nations University of Canada and then through her studies at Wilfred Laurier and Kenjgewin Teg, with the Masters in Social Work - Indigenous Field of Study. These two programs had offered Alison hope, understanding and vision to live as a strong Indigenous woman and the strength and courage to identify herself as such. Alison has since kindled a fire inside her spirit, which has gifted her with the confidence that she has a voice, not just for herself, but past and future generations, and those she walks with across Turtle Island, regardless of background. Alison is more confident to share her teachings such as the power of introduction and honoring who you are and where you come from, holding your Samah and asking questions, and advocate for change and accountability so true reconciliation, and its generational benefits, can be realized. For that I am forever grateful. Hiy Hiy



Nicole White

Topic: Decolonizing myself, the journey within.

Nicole White (she/her) finds herself in the middle of a complex venn diagram of intersectionality: feminist, queer, Métis, menstrual equity advocate, activist, social worker, partner, and mother. Rooted in that work, she's helped changed three laws in Saskatchewan so far. She will reflect on those intersecting identities and navigating her own authentic path forward.

Nicole White (she/her) RSW BISW is a Métis registered social worker based in Treaty 6 territory. She is currently the Project Lead for Enough Already which strives to prevent and address sexual harassment in SK workplaces. Before that, she worked in the community for two decades engaging marginalized communities. In her spare time, she started the non-profit, Moon Time Sisters. Since its inception, it's sent two million menstrual products up to northern and re-mote communities across the country.

Through her advocacy efforts, Nicole has helped shape Saskatchewan through the implementation of three laws so far.

She is the recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, L'Oréal Women of Worth Award, and the YWCA Women of Distinction Award among many others. She strives to always put community first.

Music

Terrance Whitehead - Drummer

Terrance Whitehead is currently a second-year student at the First Nations University of Canada in Regina, Saskatchewan. Majoring in the International Studies Program at the University of Regina with a minor in Women & Gender Studies. His favorite leisure activity is Pow-wow. He is a Pow-wow singer who has been singing his entire life and has traveled extensively across Canada and the United States. Terrance is also an active community service worker who works diligently among Indigenous youth and adults who struggle with mental health issues along with addictions. His personal work evolves around bringing compassion and understanding to all Indigenous people who struggle in modern society.



Jordan Daniels - Fiddler

Jordan Daniels was born and raised in Saskatoon and is also a proud member of Mistawasis Nehiyawak. He has been playing fiddle since he was 10 years old and has been under the guidance of John Arcand ever since. Currently Jordan is a student at the U of S, studying Indigenous Studies combined with Archaeology/Anthropology. Jordan loves to play the old time Métis tunes and share his music with anyone who wants to listen.



Agenda

8:00am – 9:00am

Continental Breakfast

9:00am – 10:00am

Welcome by MC Kathy Bovair

Opening in a good way: Knowledge Keeper Andre Letendre

Music by Terrance Whitehead – Drummer and Jordan Daniels – Fiddler

Opening Song by Seapieces Marsland

SASW Standards of Practice Committee

Greetings from TRC Working Group

Welcome from Brenda Schock – President, SASW

Welcome from Karen – Executive Director, SASW

10:15am – 10:30am

Wellness Break

10:30am-12:00pm

Colby Tootosis – Keynote

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12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch: Buffet provided by Wanuskewin

1:00pm-1:50pm

Seapieces Marsland – Keynote

Topic: The Heart Road Journey to Reconciliation

1:50pm – 2:00pm

Wellness Break

2:00pm -2:30pm

Break-out sessions:

Alison Elsner – Medicine Wheel Teachings

Nicole White – Decolonizing myself, the journey within

2:30pm -3:00pm

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Nicole White- Decolonizing Myself, the Journey Within

3:00pm – 3:30pm

SASW Standards of Practice – Wise Practices and Leadership

3:30pm – 4:00pm

Open Forum: Creating Ethical Relationships

4:00pm – 4:15pm

Closing by Emily Coates