

**ONTARIO NATIVE LITERACY COALITION
31st AGM & CONFERENCE MAY 30- JUNE 1, 2019**

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Elva Jamieson

Elva Jamieson is from the Cayuga Nation of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. She belongs to the Wolf Clan family of the Longhouse where she sits as Faithkeeper since she was a teenager. Elva strongly believes in ceremony and its ability to help us adapt to different changes we experience on our Life Path. Although she has the ability to conduct a range of traditional healing services on a holistic/spiritual level to help guide people toward their personal healing, she considers herself a “Plant Person.” Elva had been taught local traditional medicines through her mother who was also well-known for her indigenous knowledge of plants and their use. Elva has incorporated all this knowledge toward her commitment to preserve our languages, culture, spirituality, and to reawaken the Onkwehonwe faith in their ability to heal themselves.



Bryan Bellefeuille

Bryan is the father of two and is Anishinaabe of Nipissing First Nation. He is a faithkeeper, a grass dancer, and a traditional fisherman. Bryan graduated from the Schulich School of Education at Nipissing University after completing an undergraduate in Mathematics. During his time enrolled he was invited to speak at the Perimeter Institute of Theoretical Physics regarding Indigenous Mathematics, as well as attend a session of the same topic at the Fields Institute of Mathematical Sciences.

Bryan has also been working with First Nations people within the Ontario and Canadian Criminal Justice system for over four years as a Gladue Report Writer. His job entails speaking with offenders about their life story, finding alternatives to incarceration, and assisting to plan the individual's ongoing wellness journey. During the same time Bryan was part of the team that edited the Ontario curriculum for Grade 10 History in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Actions number 62 & 63

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Wolf Clan, Mohawk Nation, Tyendinaga Territory;

Bonnie Jane holds a B.A. in Indigenous Studies, Trent; a B.Ed. & M.Ed., Queen's; and is a Ph.D. candidate in Indigenous Studies, Trent. Bonnie Jane is a Board member for the Language and Culture Centre,

Tyendinaga; the Ontario Native Literacy Coalition, Ohsweken; and is a Board member and Language Program Coordinator at Kanasiohareke

Mohawk Community, NY. She is an Instructor at University of Victoria, and at University of Toronto at OISE and the Linguistics Dept. She is presently employed at First Nations House U of T as the Aboriginal Learning Strategist



Linda Wright

Linda has been with the Sioux-Hudson Literacy Council for the past 15 years where she started out as a volunteer in their Sioux Lookout Learning Centre and then began instructing and developing online courses. Currently, she is the Director of Distance Projects. Linda enjoys travelling and working with organizations and communities to identify challenges they face, and moulding the Aboriginal Stream e-Channel program, Good Learning Anywhere, to meet these needs. Linda's favourite place is in the online classroom working with new learners as they begin to grasp the possibilities

and barriers are broken down with the opportunities available online. While her office is in Sioux Lookout, ON, she lives in Burlington with her husband and 2 teenage children



Evan Hoskins

Based out of Sioux Lookout, Evan occupies the new role of Mobile Adult-Educator for SHLC/GLA. Part community programming-facilitator, part face-to-face educator, part outreach coordinator for northern Ontario, Evan is the Frankenstein-monster of SHLC/GLA. His preferred pronouns are he/his/him, his preferred hockey team is the Jets, and his preferred literature is poetry.



Judy Reuben

Judy retired in November 2017 after 38 years of working in the area of First Nations Education. Judy has been an Elementary School Principal for over 30 years. After completing her master's degree in Curriculum and Policy Studies, Judy worked with Six Nations Education Commission. She volunteered with the Ontario College of Teachers accreditation program and was a working member of a Provincial team who reviewed the current Ontario Elementary Curriculum. Judy was a sessional instructor for Brock University's NTEP and a guest instructor for Nipissing University's ATCP.

Judy is a wife, mother of 3 and Nana to 3 beautiful grandchildren. She is Mohawk from the Turtle Clan.



Andrew Judge

Boozoo! (Greetings!) Mko Mose Indizhnikaz (My spirit name is Bear Walker), Meshekenh n'doodem (I am Turtle Clan), d'eshkan ziibi n'doonjiba (I was born and raised along the horned serpent river [present day London, Ontario]). Anishinaabe - Irish, O'jibii'igay inini n'dow (I am an Anishinaabe - Irish Ojibway man). Dr. Andrew Judge is a professor of Indigenous Studies at Conestoga College, sessional Lecturer at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in South Western Ontario and visiting professor at the Center for Engaged Learning Abroad in Cayo

District, Belize. He specializes in traditional Indigenous knowledge and works with Elders across North America to support the conscious awakening of his students and himself. Andrew is an initiated Mayan day count keeper and regularly participates in the ancient ceremonial practices of his Anishinaabe ancestors. Andrew is currently developing programming in Indigenous land-based practices and invites his students to work with traditional medicines and foods to learn the ways of the Ancestors. In the summer of 2018 Andrew founded Minjimendan (In a state of remembering) an Indigenous foods garden dedicated to helping the community remember their role in restoring the vitality of the Earth.



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Gabby Rosetta

As a graduate from the University of New Mexico, I have acquired, improved and am continuing to sharpen my ability within my major of Professional Writing. I began my course of study as a high school senior; it was then that I grew to understand the importance of grant and proposal writing and how the ability to persuade an audience, and conduct decisive research was a major part of development for a company, organization and community.

Coming from a conservative, cultural based community of Santo Domingo Pueblo (Kewa), I have been able to create a purpose for my writing. Because English is my second language and over the years have excelled greatly through speaking and writing, I chose to become a Professional Writer so that I can return knowledge and help my community as well as all other Indigenous people.

What also improves my abilities is the knowledge I have gained through my minor degree of Native American Studies, through understanding past water, land, and cultural artifacts through grants, treaties and agreements. Along with my Pueblo identity, it gives me a more understanding if I were writing any type of grant for any native community.

Lindsey Lickers



Since 2012, I have been providing facilitation and workshop services to both the Toronto and Brantford areas. In the past I have been asked to create interactive arts workshops with an Aboriginal focus for community organizations, school boards, and festivals. I also design intensive workshop series in the areas of Traditional Craft, Aboriginal Art History, Diversity, and Fine Art practicums.



Melissa Jonathan

Melissa has been employed as an addictions counsellor with the Six Nations Health Services since 2015. She is a graduate from Western Caolina University with a Bachelors of Art (Honours), Sociology and also holds a BA in Molecular Biology from the University of Cincinnati.

Charity Beland & Alisha Thomas-Hill



Charity has been an ONLC board member since 2016 and former LBS practitioners at Katkwenyes Literacy & Basic Skills Program in Fort Erie, On. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours, International Business and a bachelor of Aboriginal Adult Ed. She currently resides in Stevensville with her husband and two children.

Alisha is also a former LBS pratitioner at the Hamiton Regional Indian Centre. Prior to that she taught grade 7 & 8 at Kawenniio/Gaweniyo Private School on the Six Nations reserve specializing in the Mohawk langugae.

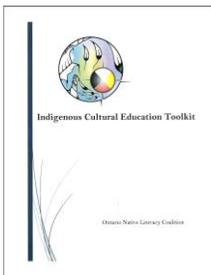


Christina Bomberry

Bomberry is a well-known champion fancy shawl dancers, and has a long heritage of being one of the go-to resources in the province for high quality regalia and ribbon dresses.

She is the owner of Evelyn's fabric located on the Six Nations, Reserve, Ontario.

Yuma Hester & Kelly Maracle



Yuma Hester is Experienced Program Officer with a demonstrated history of working in the non-profit organization management industry. Skilled in Research, Nonprofit Organizations, Event Planning, Program Evaluation, and Program Development. Strong program and project management professional graduated from George Brown College.

Kim Atkins



Kim has been making baskets for more than 10 years. She learned from watching the elders when she was younger. Her grandmother was a basket maker but she never had the chance to meet her, so she is now the only basket maker in the family. She is also the proud mother of 7 children and married to a wonderful chef, Clint Atkins. She currently resides in Akwesasne and works full time as the Internal Auditor for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and does her baskets as de-stressing therapy. Kim loves any opportunity to share her knowledge with those who want to learn.