

# **DANIELS:**

## **In and Beyond the Law**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Lister Conference Centre**



Presented by:  
Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**The Conference will be Livestreamed**

The Daniels Conference brings together experts and community members to discuss the implications of the decision, and will focus more broadly on social and political impacts, implications of identity, membership, and registration.

The Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research would like to thank the following for their support of the Daniels conference:



**Thursday, January 26, 2017**  
**Maple Leaf Room**

5:00pm	<p><b>Welcome</b> Elder blessing by Maria Campbell</p> <p>Dr. Nathalie Kerموال (RCMR Director &amp; Associate Dean Academic &amp; Professor Faculty of Native Studies, UofA)</p> <p>Dr. Chris Andersen (Interim Dean &amp; Professor, Faculty of Native Studies, U of A)</p> <p>Audrey Poitras (President, Métis Nation of Alberta)</p>				
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6:45 to 8:00pm	<p><b>Reception</b> Appetizers and Refreshments</p>				

**Friday, January 27, 2017**  
**Maple Leaf Room**

8:30am	<p>Welcome Elder blessing by Elmer Ghostkeeper</p>								
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	Margaret Froh (President Métis Nation of Ontario)	<i>To Be Announced</i>
	Will Goodon (Provincial Board representative, Manitoba Métis Federation)	<i>To Be Announced</i>
	Gerald Cunningham (President Métis Settlements General Council)	<i>Metisland: Metis Settlements and the Daniels Decision</i>
12:00 to 1:30pm	Lunch <b>Lunch Keynote:</b> Thomas Isaac (Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP)	<i>Metis Rights, Daniels and Reconciliation</i>
1:30 to 3:00pm	<b>Panel 3: Promises &amp; Pitfalls of Daniels</b> Moderator: Dr. Daniel Voth (Dept of Political Science U of C)	
	Dr. Adam Gaudry (Asst Professor, Faculty of Native Studies & Dept of Political Science, U of A)	<i>"Get your application in!": Post-Daniels Pitfalls, Self-Identification and the Rush to Become Métis</i>
	Dr. Darryl Leroux (Assoc Professor, Dept of Sociology & Criminology, Saint Mary's University)	<i>"Les Métis de l'Est": Outlining the Intellectual Currents at the Basis of "Métis" Self-identification in Québec</i>
	Dr. D'Arcy Vermette (Asst Professor, Faculty of Native Studies, UofA)	<i>You cannot "Blow Hot and Blow Cold": The Contradictions of Colonialism and the Disregard for Metis Agency in Daniels</i>
	Jason Madden (Partner, Pape Salter Teillet LLP)	<i>After the Hysteria: What Daniels Really Means for the Métis Nation</i>
3:00 to 3:30pm	Break	
3:30 to 5:00pm	<b>Panel 4: Jurisprudential Challenges</b> Moderator: Larry Chartrand (Faculty of Law, U of O)	
	Dr. Eric Adams (Assoc Professor, Faculty of Law, U of A)	<i>History, Jurisdiction, and Identity in Daniels v Canada</i>
	Catherine Bell (Professor, Faculty of Law, U of A)	<i>The Other Declarations in Daniels : Fiduciary Obligations and the Duty to Negotiate</i>
	Paul Seaman (Associate, Gowling WLG)	<i>The Chicken and the Egg: Unanswered Questions from Daniels</i>

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**  
**Wild Rose Room**

8:30 to 10:00am

**Panel 5: *All my Relations (Identity and Indigeneity)***

Moderator: Dr. Adam Gaudry (Faculty of Native Studies & Dept of Political Science, U of A)

Dr. Robert Innes (Assoc Professor, Indigenous Studies, U of S)	<i>Kinship vs. Race: Reconciling Metis-First Nations Historical Relations</i>
Harold Robinson (Lawyer and Mediator)	<i>Reflections on Daniels v Canada, Reconciliation and Redress: Setting the Agenda</i>
Rick Smith (Phd Candidate, Dept of Anthropology, U of Texas)	<i>All My Relations: Making Kin and Kindred in a Postgenomic World</i>
Jessica Kolopenuk (Phd Candidate, Dept of Political Science, U of V)	<i>Ancestry, Genes, and a Colony Chief: Peguis' People and the Red River Métis</i>

10:00 to 10:30am

Break

10:30 to 12:00pm

**Panel 6: *Métis Registries***

Moderator: Dr. Yvonne Poitras Pratt (Werkland School of Education, U of C)

Dr. Brenda Macdougall (Chair of Métis Research & Assoc Professor, Dept of Geography, Environment and Geomatics, UofO)	<i>Wahkootowin as Methodology: How Archival Records Reveal A Metis Kinscape</i>
Dr. Mike Evans (Professor, Community, Culture and Global Studies, UBC & Assoc Dean of Research, Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies, IK Barber School of Arts and Sciences of UBC Okanagan)	<i>The Daniels Decision, Metis Registries, and Metis Research</i>
Ryan Shackleton (Director, Know History)	<i>Big Historical Data: Strategies for Leveraging Colonial History</i>
Tracee Mcfeeters (Director of Registry, Métis Nation of AB)	<i>Métis Identification and Registry</i>

12:00 to 1:30pm

Lunch

**Lunch Keynote:** Brenda Gunn  
(Assoc Professor, Faculty of Law, U of M)

*Daniels Through the Lens of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*

1:30 to 3:00pm

**Panel 7: *University Admissions Roundtable***

Moderator: Dr. Chris Andersen (Faculty of Native Studies, U of A)

Kara Paul (Director, Aboriginal Health Sciences Success Program, Dalhousie)	<i>To Be Announced</i>
Danielle Soucy (Director Aboriginal Students Health Sciences, McMaster)	<i>Where are you from? Reframing Facilitated Admissions Policies in the Faculty of Health Sciences</i>
Lisa Collins (Vice-Provost & University Registrar, UofA)	<i>To Be Announced</i>
Valerie Arnault-Pelletier (College of Medicine, U of S)	<i>Aboriginal Admissions and Métis Identity, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan</i>
Dr. André Costopoulos (Vice-Provost and Dean of Students, UofA)	<i>Responsibilities of Universities in View of the Daniels Decision</i>

3:00 to 3:30pm

Break

3:30 to 5:00pm

**Community Forum**

Summary: Dr. Nathalie Keramoal      Moderator: Dr. Chris Andersen

Closing Blessing: Maria Campbell and Elmer Ghostkeeper