

Call for Presentations

11th Annual ACCESS Conference Association of College Educators in Social Work and Social Service Work Programs in Canada ([ACCESS](#))

Date: Monday June 9 to Wednesday June 11, 2014
Location: St. Paul, Alberta
Hosted by: [Blue Quills First Nations College](#)

Speakers:

- [Victoria Freeman](#), author of [Distant Relations: How My Ancestors Colonized North America](#)
- [Richard Wagamese](#), author of [Indian Horse](#)
- [Janice Makokis](#), social activist and legal analyst

Conference Theme: *Pedagogy from the Heart: An Anti-colonial Experience*

As educators one of our central challenges is to inspire students to actively contribute to the design and implementation of strategies that will advance social justice and dismantle colonial power structures. Our ability to offer these dynamic learning opportunities is influenced by our teaching styles, the resources we use and the quality of our relationships with program stakeholders. The theme of this year's ACCESS Conference invites participants to consider how we might engage with students, colleagues, and communities to:

- Build inter-cultural alliances;
- View historical knowledge as a catalyst for social change; and
- Utilize Indigenous pedagogy to create experiential learning opportunities;

Relevant questions include:

- How can we expand our learning environments to move outside of the classroom?
- How can we support the resistance efforts of students, groups, and communities?
- How can we inject more experiential learning opportunities into our classrooms?
- How can we develop teaching strategies that are rooted within the politics of anti-colonialism?
- What are Indigenous pedagogical principles?
- What does "Teaching from the Heart" look like?

In addition to offering a variety of "learning from place" experiences, the conference will also provide delegates with opportunities to participate in workshops, panel-discussions, and facilitated learning/sharing circles. We invite conference participants to submit proposals for presentations relevant to our theme for this year's conference.

Please consult the attached submission information and submit your presentation proposals to Lisa Shaw-Verhoek at shawvel@algonquincollege.com by Friday April 18, 2014.

Required Content for Presentation Proposals:

A working title:

Workshop, Panel Discussion or Learning Circle(Select one):

Name of Presenter(s):

Brief background of Presenter(s):

College(s) or Agency Name and Address:

Email Addresses:

Phone Numbers:

Intended audience:

Amount of time requested: 45 minute session or 75 minute session

Equipment required:

Description (250 words or less please):

Please indicate how your presentation is related to the conference theme:

Please email this information to Lisa Shaw-Verhoek at shawvel@algonquincollege.com by Friday April 18, 2014

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lisa by email or by telephone at 613 267-2859 ext. 5603.

Please note:

- **French version of this document will also be available**
- **Presenters are asked to register for the conference**
- **Submissions will be reviewed and the presenters will be contacted by email by April 28th**

Diploma education in the social service field prepares graduates to work with a wide variety of people who are faced with challenges in their personal lives, families and communities. ACESS is the only national forum dedicated to offering networking and professional development for college (and now in some locations in Alberta) university professors in this subject area.