



CSRS Public Lecture Series

Dust & Bones – Panel Discussion on Ancestral Burial Sites of the Coast Salish

Harold C. Joe, Kristina Bowie and Darcy Matthews

Join consultant and grave digger Harold C. Joe for an introduction into the spiritual nature of Coast Salish ancestral burial sites. This presentation will be followed by an engaging conversation with local anthropologists Kristina Bowie and Darcy Matthews who will discuss the ongoing disturbances and desecration of First Nations ancestral burial sites.

Harold C. Joe, a Cowichan ancestral consultant and a traditional gravedigger since age 15, has over 30 years of experience in caring for the dead of his people and carries the responsibility of reburying ancestors at disturbed grave sites. Also a filmmaker, Joe has produced documentaries including, *Wisdom of the River* and *Stolen Hearts*.

Kristina Bowie is an MA candidate in anthropology (UVic) and an archaeologist with over 10 years of experience. Bowie's current research focuses on the issue of missing children from former Residential Schools. This topic is of special consideration for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Darcy Matthews is a BC consulting archaeologist of 17 years and a PhD candidate (UVic) specializing in Coast Salish burial practices. Matthews is also a former CSRS VFT Graduate Student Fellow.

Thursday, March 13, 4:30 pm
UVic, David Strong Building, Room C122

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This lecture is free and open to the public.