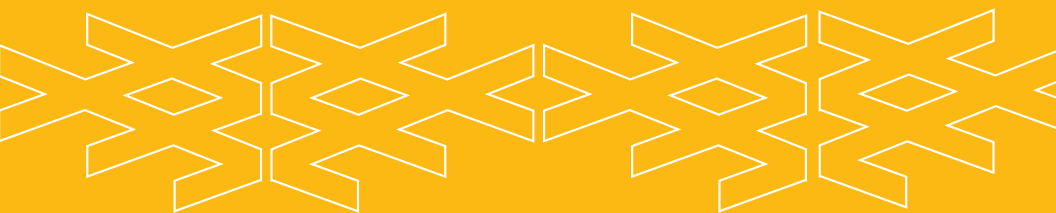




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Working Together for Reconciliation

# BUILDING RECONCILIATION FORUM 2018

University of Victoria  
November 15 & 16, 2018



# WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the University of Victoria, I would like to begin by acknowledging with respect the Lekwungen-speaking peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Universities have a responsibility to harness their capabilities to help mend the negative impacts on Indigenous peoples of our colonial history and to work towards a better shared future. UVic is honoured to host the 2018 Building Reconciliation Forum: Working Together for Reconciliation. This year's theme is Ts'its'u' watul tseep, meaning to help one another. This is a message that universities must take to heart, so that we collaborate with Indigenous communities and with one another to answer the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

This year's forum brings together participants who include thought leaders from universities, Indigenous governing bodies and communities, and federal and regional government across Canada to answer the questions:

- How are universities and their partner institutions working together with Indigenous communities to answer the Calls to Action?
- What are the obstacles to answering the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action for universities?
- How can universities make a positive difference for Indigenous students and communities?

This forum provides us with a critical opportunity to foster engagement among our peer institutions and Indigenous communities across Canada and to act in partnership to advance reconciliation. Over the coming two days of discussions, we must direct our attention to the work to be done, and reflect on the role we can, and must, all play in building the country for the future through committing ourselves to both truth and reconciliation.



Jamie Cassels, QC  
President

# DAY 1 FORUM SESSION

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Thursday, November 15, 2018  
Songhees Wellness Centre | 1100 Admirals Road, Victoria

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> Territory acknowledgement
9:30 – 9:40 a.m.	Remarks by the The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia
9:45 – 9:55 a.m.	Shelagh Rogers, OC, University of Victoria, Chancellor and Honorary Witness, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
10 – 10:20 a.m.	Address by The Honourable Melanie Mark, BC Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>THOUGHT LEADERS PANEL 1</b> <b>TRC Legacy Categories: Child welfare and health</b> <b>Thought Leaders:</b> Susan Aglukark, OC, Arctic Rose Foundation, Founder and CEO; Aaron Franks, First Nations Information Governance Centre, Senior Manager, OCAP® and Information Governance; Dr. Jeannine Carriere, University of Victoria <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Lisa K. Hall, Cornell University <i>How can universities support Indigenous children's welfare and health through more respectful policies and procedures?</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Discussion tables</b> Participants at each table will discuss questions posed by Thought Leaders. Notes will be taken at each table to make an open-access report on the topic.



12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch and keynotes</b></p> <p>Lunch will include the keynote address on the Legacy Category of Health by Dr. Evan Adams, Chief Medical Officer of the First Nations Health Authority of BC.</p> <p>Comments to follow by Leslie Varley, Executive Director, BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.</p>
1:45 – 2:15 p.m.	<p><b>THOUGHT LEADERS PANEL 2</b></p> <p><b>TRC Legacy Category: Language and culture</b></p> <p><b>Thought Leaders:</b> Dr. Peter Jacobs, Simon Fraser University; Elder John Elliott, First Peoples’ Cultural Foundation; Dr. Jean-Paul Restoule, University of Victoria</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Trish Rosborough, University of Victoria</p> <p><i>Recognizing the integral role of language to culture, how can universities work with communities to accelerate Indigenous language revitalization and proficiency?</i></p>
2:30 – 3:15 p.m.	<p><b>Discussion tables</b></p> <p>Participants at each table will discuss questions posed by Thought Leaders. Notes will be taken at each table to make an open-access report on the topic.</p>
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<p><b>PERFORMANCE AND CLOSING CEREMONY</b></p> <p>by LE, NONET SCUL HÁUT <u>W</u></p>
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	<p><b>Public event at Baumann Centre</b></p> <p>First Nations art practice and reconciliation</p> <p><i>A panel discussion about how Victoria’s arts community can advance decolonization and reconciliation.</i></p>



# DAY 2 FORUM SESSION

9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Friday, November 16, 2018

Michèle Pujol Room | Student Union Building | University of Victoria

<p>9 – 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <p>Territory acknowledgement and welcome from Jamie Cassels, QC, University of Victoria, President, and Paul Davidson, Universities Canada, President</p>
<p>9:45 – 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>THOUGHT LEADERS PANEL 1</b></p> <p><b>TRC Legacy Categories: Education, entrepreneurship and socio-economic capacity building</b></p> <p><b>Thought Leaders:</b> Dr. Rick Colbourne, University of Northern British Columbia; Lianna Spence, Lax Kw'alaams, Indigenous artist; Dr. Brent Mainprize, University of Victoria</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rosy Hartman, Aboriginal Canadian Entrepreneurs Program for Artists, Program Manager</p> <p><i>How can universities work with communities to build socio-economic capacity? A focus on challenges and partnerships between Indigenous communities and business professionals.</i></p>
<p>10:30 – 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Discussion tables</b></p> <p>Participants at each table will discuss questions posed by Thought Leaders. Notes will be taken at each table to make an open-access report on the topic.</p>



12 – 1 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p>Brown bag lunch in the Ceremonial Hall, First Peoples House. Lunch provides an opportunity to explore the exhibition “Our Relations” and to explore the Indigenous Artisan Market in First Peoples House.</p>
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<p><b>THOUGHT LEADERS PANEL 2</b></p> <p><b>TRC Legacy Categories: Education, and justice</b></p> <p><b>Thought Leaders:</b> Louise Mandell, QC, Vancouver Island University, Chancellor; The Honourable Steven Point, OBC; Dr. John Borrows, University of Victoria</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Merle Alexander, Indigenous Resource Lawyer, Principal, MT+Co.</p> <p><i>How can universities develop new degree programs that challenge disciplinary boundaries to promote justice and the well-being of Indigenous cultures and communities?</i></p>
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	<p><b>Discussion tables</b></p> <p>Participants at each table will discuss questions posed by Thought Leaders. Notes will be taken at each table to make an open-access report on the topic.</p>
3:45 – 5:30 p.m.	<p><b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b></p> <p>Announcement of 2019 host university followed by a song and blessing.</p>

