The world in which you were born is just one model of reality. Other cultures are not failed attempts at being you; they are unique manifestations of the human spirit.

— Wade Davis
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 | Student Union Building

9 a.m.  WELCOME

Members of Elders’ Voices
President David Turpin
MC Grace Wong Sneddon, Director, Academic Initiatives/Adviser to the Provost on Equity and Diversity
Michèle Pujol Room (large)

9:15 – 10:45  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Retrieving resistance narratives
Facilitators: Aasma Antoine, Toquaht, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council & Saikuz Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, project coordinator of CYFS TRC Resistance Narratives project Anne Marshall, Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies ACCP Advisor/Director, Centre for Youth and Society with research assistants
Michèle Pujol Room (large)

Mental health issues: To disclose or not to disclose
Facilitator: Shaloo Bedi, UVic Libraries with Ruthanne Tobin, Faculty of Education Cindy Player, Office of Equity and Human Rights Maureen Bradley, Department of Writing Jonny Morris, Canadian Mental Health-BC division
Michèle Pujol Room (small)

We come with one heart: International Commons métissage
Facilitator: Anne Cirillo, Program Coordinator (Acting), Marnie Swanson International Commons with students
Vertigo

10:45 – 11  Nutrition break

Michèle Pujol Room (large)

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Does “it get better”?: 50 years of Queer research, education and activism
Facilitator: Jin-Sun Yoon, School of Child and Youth Care with quatsin, Kanika Jackson, Susan Strega, Nish Khana and Elicia Loielle
Michèle Pujol Room (large)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Does diversity breed conformity?
Mrs. Olivia Barr, member of first UVic graduating class; former president of UVic Students’ Society and UVic Alumni Association

1:30 – 3 p.m.  50 years of activism: Rethinking realities
Facilitator: Jacqueline Green, School of Social Work Panel members: Aaron Deve, Department of Sociology Taiaiake Alfred, Indigenous Governance Program/Department of Political Studies Jo-Anne Lee, Department of Women’s Studies Susan Strega, School of Social Work
Michèle Pujol Room (large)

3 – 3:30 p.m.  Closing

Michèle Pujol Room (large)

Sound solutions
Facilitators: Hannalora Leavitt, Masters in Writing Program student, Faculty of Fine Arts
Susan Hawkins, PhD Candidate, Department of History in Art
Michèle Pujol Room (small)

Indigenous teaching circles: Cross-cultural conversations on pedagogy
Facilitator: Carmen Rodrigues de France, Indigenous Education, Faculty of Education with Michele Tanaka, Teacher Education Program Colette Jones, Indigenous Education
Vertigo

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch

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Recognition of Community Building Fund recipients
Presented by Grace Wong Sneddon, Director, Academic Initiatives/Adviser to the Provost on Equity and Diversity
Michèle Pujol Room (large)

4 – 6 p.m.  OPENING RECEPTION

Members of Elders’ Voices
MC Grace Wong Sneddon, Director, Academic Initiatives/Adviser to the Provost on Equity and Diversity
Welcome and acknowledgements
30 minutes with the Provost
Peter Keller, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, interviews Reeta Tremblay, Vice-President Academic and Provost

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
Empathy versus hate in a diverse world
The Honourable Jim Munson, Senator – Ontario, with Mrs. Ginette Munson

Diversity Writing Awards
Presented by Jonathan Bengston, University Librarian and Aryan Law, Youth Poet Laureate for the City of Victoria and 2012 Diversity Writing Awards poetry winner

Performance by Slam Poetry Contest award winners

Networking