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Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 | FIRST PEOPLES HOUSE

4 p.m. Opening reception

Grace Wong Sneddon, Director, Academic Leadership Initiatives and Adviser to the Provost on Equity and Diversity/Conference Chair

Welcome and acknowledgements

Elder Skip Dick (Songhees Nation)

Valerie Kuehne, Vice-President Academic and Provost

4:40 p.m. Keynote presentation

I Hear Voices

Chancellor Shelagh Rogers

5 p.m. Documentary film Victoria premiere: *Mia'*

Introduced by Will Weigler, Community-based Applied Theatre Director

Filmmakers: Amanda Strong (Métis - Cree/Anishinaabe) and Bracken Hanuse Corlett (Wuikinuxv and Klahoose)

5:30 p.m. Provost's Advocacy and Activism Award presentation

Presented by Valerie Kuehne, Vice-President Academic and Provost

5:45 p.m. Diversity Writing Awards presentation and readings

Presented by Jonathan Bengtson, University Librarian and Ali Blythe, poet

6:15 p.m. Spoken Word Contest presentation and performance

Presented by John Threlfall, Department of Writing

6:30 p.m. Closing

Grace Wong Sneddon

Elder Skip Dick

The University of Victoria acknowledges with respect the history, customs and culture of the Coast Salish and Straits Salish peoples on whose traditional lands we meet today.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 | STUDENT UNION BUILDING

9 a.m. Welcome (*Michèle Pujol Room*)

Grace Wong Sneddon, Conference Chair

Catherine (Katy) Mateer, Associate Vice-President Academic Planning
Elders May and Skip Sam (Tsartlip Nation)

9:30 a.m. Plenary session: Reconciliation and Resurgence

Moderators: Robina Thomas (Lyackson, Coast Salish), Director, Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement and Ruth Young (Wemindji, Cree), Director, Office of Indigenous Affairs
With Aimée Craft (Anishinaabe), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba and author

Blake Desjarlais (Fishing Lake Settlement, Métis), undergraduate student and Firekeeper, UVic Native Students Union

Paulette Regan, Director of Research, Truth and Reconciliation Commission and author, *Unsettling the Settler Within*

Dawn Smith (Nuu-chah-nulth), Acting Director, Saanich Adult Education Centre

The opening plenary panelists will be asked to bear witness on the remainder of the conference.

11 a.m. Applying Theatre to the University Classroom and Beyond

Facilitator: Will Weigler, Community-based Applied Theatre Director

12:15 p.m. Lunch Presentation of artwork from residential school survivors

Facilitators: Andrea Walsh, Department of Anthropology and Wally Samuel (Ahousat First Nation)

1:15 p.m. Concurrent sessions

Decolonizing Pedagogies (*Michèle Pujol Room*)

Moderators: Catherine MacGregor, Director, Office of Interdisciplinary Academic Programs and

Kathy Sanford, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

With Brad Cunningham, teacher, Reynolds Secondary School

Erika Ingram, student, Post-degree Professional Program (PDPP), Faculty of Education

Tracey Murphy, teacher, Stelly's Secondary School and graduate student, Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies

James Swan, student, PDPP

Patrick Weston, student, PDPP

Global and Indigenous Perspectives on Mental Health (*Upper Lounge*)

Moderator: Andrew Marton, Director, Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives

With Ai-Lan Chia, psychologist, Counselling Services

Honoré France-Rodriguez, Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies

Christopher Lalonde, Department of Psychology

Moussa Magassa, Human Rights Advisor - Education, Equity and Human Rights Office

Joelle Taos Taknint, PhD student, Department of Psychology

Gordon Wang, international undergraduate student, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

Beyond Allyship: Solidarity in Action

(*Cadboro Commons, Queenswood/Arbutus Room*)

Moderator: Michael Radmacher, UVic Libraries

With Joe Akerman (T'awaxwultun), BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

Senka Eriksen, PhD student, Indigenous Governance

Jessica Humphries, Masters student, Library and Information Science, University of Washington

David Monk, PhD student, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Wendy Parks, undergraduate student, Department of Geography/ Indigenous Studies

2:45 p.m. Closing plenary

Moderators: Robina Thomas and Ruth Young

The opening plenary panelists will bear witness to the conference, sharing with participants what they heard, saw and experienced.

3:30 p.m. Closing

Grace Wong Sneddon

Elders May and Skip Sam