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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 (Wukkinuv 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 Bythre, 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

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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

1:15 p.m.  Concurrent sessions
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 Lalone, 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 be asked to 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

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