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## ‘A Great Compassion’: Spirituality in Metis Culture, Law and Diplomacy

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5:00-6:00 p.m.

David Strong Building, Room C122

Metis spiritualities are grounded in Indigenous spiritualities and can also contain Christian elements. However, they are not simply syntheses of different traditions, but are characterized by dynamic, fluid interplays of beliefs and practices. The richness of Metis spiritualities will be explored via Metis treaties with other Indigenous peoples, Louis Riel’s political-religious thought, and the St Laurent Metis pilgrimage in Saskatchewan. These cultural sites reveal spectrums of spiritualities that are uniquely Metis.

Kerry Sloan is a governing board member of the Metis Nation of Greater Victoria, and a graduate of UVic’s Law and Society PhD program. Currently a SSHRC Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Saskatchewan, Kerry is also a Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow at the CSRS. Her work focuses on Metis law and legal issues. She is particularly interested in the intersection of Metis law, spirituality and art.

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