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WELCOME

The National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH) is pleased to present a four-part virtual series that will look at the experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and communities with COVID-19.

The series will run over four Wednesdays on January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 2021 from 10 AM – 12:30 PM PST.

January 13, 2021

Indigenous governance and self-determination in planning and responding to COVID-19

January 20, 2021

Socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 on the health and well-being of First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations

January 27, 2021

Data collection on COVID-19 cases in First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations and communities

February 3, 2021

Innovative public health messaging on COVID-19 and Indigenous Peoples



EVENT DESCRIPTION

This session, *Data collection on COVID-19 cases in First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations and communities*, brings together expert speakers who work in data collection, ethics and sovereignty, including:

- Jonathan Dewar and Maria Santos, First Nations Information Governance Centre
- Tasha Shields, Well Living House
- Cheryllee Bourgeois, Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto
- Robyn Rowe, Laurentian University
- Pamela Wolfe-Roberge, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch

The panel presentations will look at how data collection for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples and communities has been done over the course of the pandemic. Speakers will highlight the challenges related to ethics, tracking, reporting and understanding of data. The panelists will also discuss what lessons we can take in public health emergencies going forward.



Session 3: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

10:00 AM *Welcome to the Virtual Series*

- Rick Harp, Media Indigena

Opening Ceremony

- Leena Evic

10:15 AM *Building the Framework for a National First Nations Covid-19 Dataset*

- Jonathan Dewar and Maria Santos, First Nations Information Governance Centre

10:30 AM *Addressing gaps in COVID-19: Tracking and response among First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples*

- Tasha Shields, Well Living House
- Cheryllee Bourgeois, Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto

10:45 AM *Question and Answer Session*

- Rick Harp, Media Indigena

11:00 AM *Cultural Performance*

- Ray “Coco” Stevenson





AGENDA

Session 3: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

- 11:10 AM** *Indigenous Research Ethics: Enacting Data Sovereignty during COVID-19*
 - Robyn Rowe, Laurentian University
- 11:25 AM** *Indigenous Services Canada's COVID-19 update on Indigenous peoples and communities*
 - Pamela Wolfe-Roberge, Indigenous Services Canada
- 11:40 AM** *Question and Answer Session*
 - Rick Harp, Media Indigena
- 11:55 PM** *Closing Ceremony*
 - Leena Evic

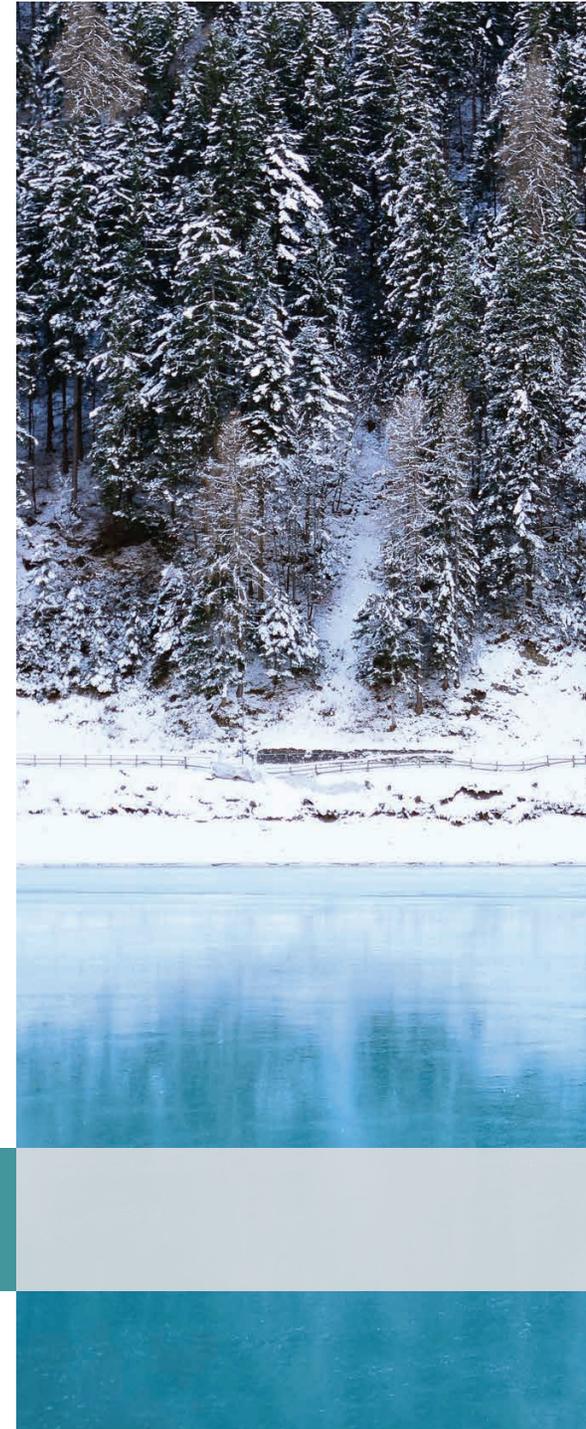




Rick Harp Host and Producer, Media Indigena

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a city located both at the heart of the continent and smack dab in the middle of nowhere, Rick Harp is a citizen of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation in what's now known as northern Saskatchewan. While pursuing his BA as a student of political science at Carleton University in Ottawa, Rick got bit hard by the radio bug at the campus and community station, CKCU-FM. Thus began a twenty-plus-year career in broadcast media, including national and regional stints at CBC Radio, the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN), and NCI-FM. A former Artistic/Managing Director of the Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival, he is a co-

founder and president of the INDIGENA Creative Group (MI's parent company). In 2010, Rick was eager to chart his own course, launching the online magazine MEDIA INDIGENA, whose roster of original Indigenous voices offered an intelligent alternative to mainstream perspectives. Although the site's output has ebbed and flowed over the years, its recent re-ignition as a weekly podcast heralds a return to form as a lively, active source of 'Interactive Indigenous Insight.'





Jonathan Dewar First Nations Information Governance Centre

Dr. Jonathan Dewar has spent most of his 20+ year career directing research and knowledge translation initiatives on behalf of Indigenous-governed national NGOs and has been recognized as a leader in healing and reconciliation and Indigenous health and well-being education, policy, and research. He has published extensively on these subjects, with a specialization in the role of the arts in healing and reconciliation, and has lectured nationally and internationally.

From 2012-2016, Jonathan served as the first Director of the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre and Special Advisor to the President at Algoma University, where he led research, education, curatorial, and community service



programming, and taught courses in Political Science and Fine Arts. From 2007-2012, Jonathan served as Director of Research at the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, where he led the Foundation's research and evaluation efforts. He has also previously served as a Director at the National Aboriginal Health Organization, as a senior advisor within the federal government, and within the Office of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut.

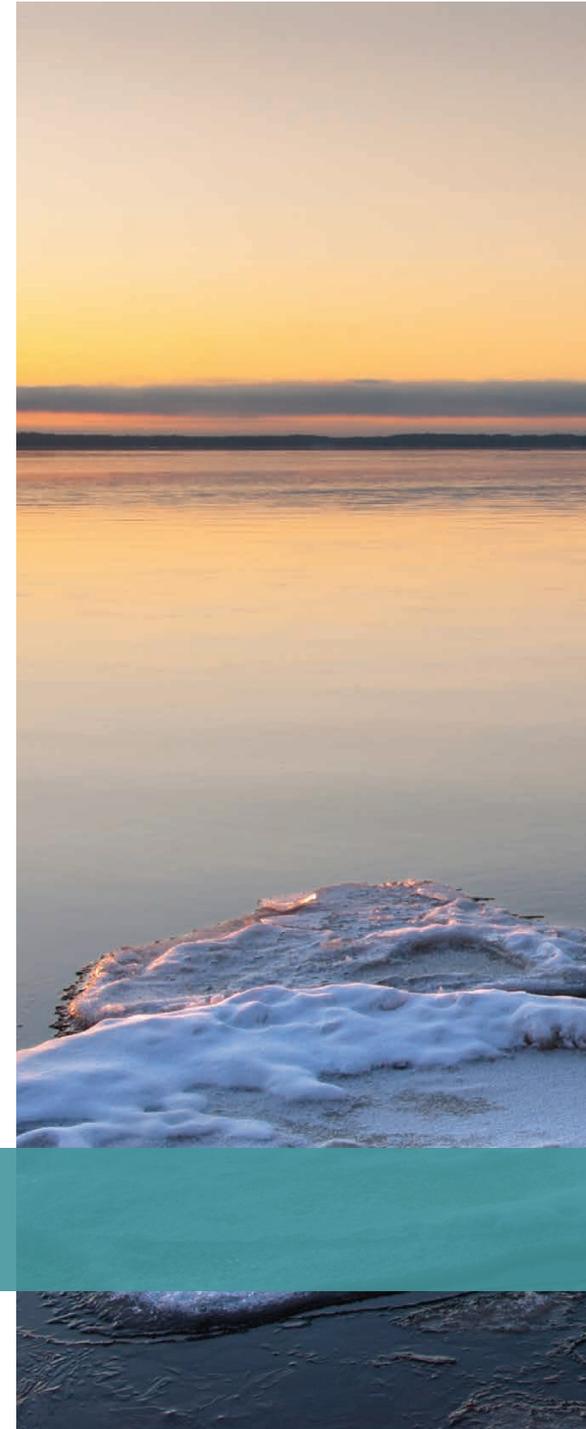
Jonathan received a doctorate from the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies at Carleton University, where his research focused on the role of the arts in health, healing, and reconciliation. He also holds an appointment as Adjunct Research Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Jonathan is of mixed heritage, descended from Huron-Wendat, French-, and Scottish-Canadian grandparents.



Maria Santos First Nations Information Governance Centre

Maria Santos is the First Nations Data Centre Manager at the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC). She works closely with researchers on projects related to First Nations wellness, and manages access to FNIGC's national surveys. With a M.HSc. degree in Community Health and Epidemiology from the University of Toronto, she has acquired more than 20 years of experience working with all levels of government,

hospitals and non-government organizations. While living in the north and employed by the Government of the Northwest Territories as the Territorial Epidemiologist, she was introduced to the cultural richness of Indigenous people but also the distinct challenges they face. As an employee of FNIGC, she is fortunate to partake in the movement towards First Nations data sovereignty and thus self-determination as a way for improving First Nations' health and well-being.





Cherylee Bourgeois Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto (SGMT)

My name is Cherylee Bourgeois, I am a Metis midwife and follow Cree / Metis teachings in line with my ancestry from the Red River District in southern Manitoba and North Dakota. I have been a midwife here since 2007 and helped to develop and set up SGMT when I was a student midwife at Ryerson.

I worked as a Registered Midwife for 11 years before give-up my registration in 2018 to work under the exemption clause, which is unique at



SGMT. This means that I am able to provide care in line with needs identified by the Indigenous community in Toronto. I provide sexual and reproductive health care through the life cycle and I am very committed to both increasing access to Indigenous focused health care and supporting more Indigenous folks to become midwives.

I am very grateful to live and work in the Dish with One Spoon territory as a midwife and to raise my three kids here.



Tasha Shields Well Living House

Tasha Shields is a research manager at Well Living House.

Tasha has a diverse work background as a policy analyst, health promoter, research project coordinator, and community connector, within both Indigenous and mainstream community and public health organizations.

Since completing her Master's in Public Health degree in 2013 she has been part of several complex Indigenous health

research projects, devoting her career to improving the wellbeing of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

She currently lives in London (ON).



Robyn Rowe Laurentian University

Robyn Rowe is Anishinaabe-kwe and a mother of four. Her maternal family's traditional territory is called Friday's Point and is on Lake Temagami in northeastern, Ontario near Temagami First Nation. Robyn is an Indigenous health researcher, a PhD candidate in the school of rural and northern health at Laurentian University, and a sessional professor in the school of Indigenous relations. Robyn is an emerging global leader and advocate for Indigenous data sovereignty and governance. As such, she is an active member of the International Indigenous Data Sovereignty Interest Group through the Research Data Alliance and an executive member of the Global Indigenous Data Alliance. Robyn's PhD work focuses on Indigenous data sovereignty and governance in Canada and around the world.



Pamela Wolfe-Roberge Indigenous Services Canada

Pamela Wolfe-Roberge is a member of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation in Ontario, and was raised in Ottawa. Pamela maintains a career in First Nations and Inuit health policy, currently working as the Director of Communicable Disease Control at Indigenous Services Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. Pam joined the public service in 2006, and has had the opportunity to experience many types of work in the areas of strategic policy and program development through her work at the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch's Strategic Policy Unit,



Health Facilities and Capital Program, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office; and, Health Canada's Health Products and Food Branch, Deputy Minister's Office, and Opioid Response Team. Pam volunteers as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for Minwaashin Lodge, an Indigenous Women's Support Centre in Ottawa. Pamela studied Mass Communications and Political Science; and, later completed a graduate diploma in Indigenous Policy Administration at Carleton University.

THANK YOU

Leena Evic

Thank you for accepting our invitation to open and close our virtual series in such a kind and generous way.

Ray "Coco" Stevenson

Thank you for sharing your cultural performance with us today.



