

The Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages

**Annual Newsletter
Summer 2022**



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Aanii, She:kon, Tansi, Tunnagaugit, Wachay, Greetings, Bonjour,

First and foremost, I want to say Chi Miigwech to all our Associates and supporters. Your enthusiasm for our mandate and steadfast support has been inspiring. Building any organization comes with challenges, yet the encouragement we have received along the way has made this journey worthwhile.

As we reflect on our first year, I want to highlight some of our many successes. We currently have over 30 Associate members, including undergraduate students, graduate students, a post-doc, faculty researchers, and community members. In February, we administered nearly \$205,000 in Seed Grant funding for Indigenous researchers, many of whom are members of CIKL. We are also in the process of hiring a CIKL postdoctoral fellow under the auspices of the Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars at YorkU program.

There are many exciting initiatives planned for our second year. We will be highlighting different Indigenous research methods used by our members through a lecture series. We have planned three Professional Development workshops for Indigenous students and faculty, with several others in development. I am also excited to share with you that we have started moving into our new space. We will be hosting an Open House on September 13 (2-4pm) and encourage you to stop by to visit our space this Fall (see page 7 of this Newsletter for more information).

We hope you enjoy reading through this newsletter and learning about the exciting initiatives and successes of our members.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah McGregor".

Deborah McGregor

Director | Centre for Indigenous Knowledges & Languages

ABOUT CIKL

The Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages (CIKL) is an interdisciplinary research centre that supports Indigenous and decolonizing scholarship. Bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers, we aim to facilitate knowledge that re-centres Indigenous knowledges, languages, practices and ways of being.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CIKL?

- ◆ Collaborative Research
- ◆ Grant Application Support
- ◆ Indigenous Women's Speakers Series
- ◆ Graduate Professional Development
- ◆ Undergraduate Workshops
- ◆ Community Engagement
- ◆ Knowledge Sharing
- ◆ Outreach

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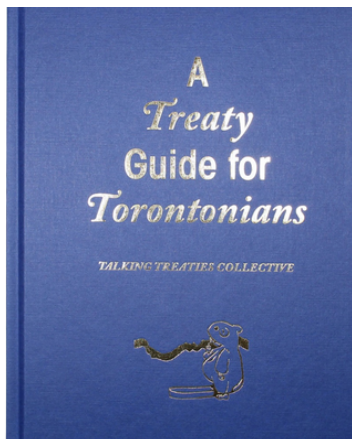


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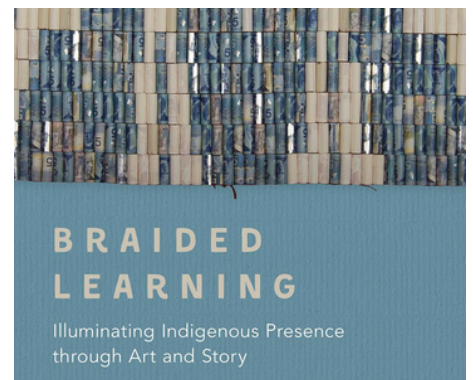
Recent Publications and Releases

Angele Alook released [Pikopayin: It is Broken](#), a documentary film featuring stories on the land, Indigenous traditional land users, environmental officers and elders on the effects of climate change, fuel and forestry industries on Treaty 8 territory. (March 2022)



Martha Stiegman published [“A Treaty Guide for Torontonians”](#) created by the Talking Treaties Collective alongside Ange Loft, Victoria Freeman, and Jill Carter, with assistance from Alan Corbiere. It artfully examines the complex intercultural roots of treaty relationships in the place we now call Toronto, tracing the history of treaty-making between Indigenous nations and between Indigenous nations and the Crown. (June 2022)

Susan Dion published [“Braided Learning: Illuminating Indigenous Presence through Art and Story.”](#) It examines how the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and Indigenous activism have made many Canadians uncomfortably aware of how little they know about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. (June 2022)



Deborah McGregor contributed to the report [“Strengthening a One Health Approach to Emerging Zoonoses”](#) for The Royal Society of Canada. She provided specific insights for the Chapter on Social Inequities and Determinants from a One Health perspective. (June 2022)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- ◆ **Kenzie Allen** was selected as a Fellow by the Indigenous Nations Poets to participate in the National Poetry Organization's Inaugural Retreat in May 2022.
- ◆ **Alan Corbiere** received a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Indigenous History and was recognized as a York Research Leader at the Annual York University Research Award Celebration.
- ◆ **Susan Dion** received the 2021 F.E.L. Priestly Prize from the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English (ACCUTE) and the President's University-Wide Teaching Award presented at Convocation 2022.
- ◆ **Ruth Green** received the Mino Bimaadiziwin Award for her contributions to the well-being and advancement of the Urban Indigenous Community of Toronto. She was also appointed as a Special Advisor to the Dean on Indigenous Issues at York University.
- ◆ **Sean Hillier** was appointed to the position of Co-Chair of the Indigenous Council at York University, along with CIKL associate Susan Dion. He also received a Tier 2 York Research Chair in Indigenous Health Policy & One Health and was recognized as a York Research Leader at the Annual York University Research Awards Celebration.



Dr. Susan Dion receives the President's University-Wide Teaching Award at York University's Convocation 2022

GRANTS RECEIVED

As an Organized Research Unit, we support the application and administration of the grants of our members. Most of the grants received this past year have been collaborative projects, bringing together researchers from different disciplines and backgrounds. To view a complete list, see our [website](#).

Indigenous Climate Leadership and Self-Determined Futures

York University Catalyzing Interdisciplinary Research Clusters

\$450,000 (2021-2024)

Co-PIs: Angele Alook and Deborah McGregor

Researchers: Alan Corbiere, Sean Hillier, Lisa Myers, Carolyn Podruchny, Brock Pitawanakwat, and Martha Stiegman.



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'Cultivating & Growing' the Next Generation

York University Academic Innovation Project

\$300,000 (2022-2025)

Co-Leads: Sean Hillier and Jessica Vorstermans

G̃ahsr̃o:nih (To Make Something):

Repatriation of Haudenosaunee Collections

Canada Council for the Arts (2021-2024)

Co-Lead: Kiera Brant-Birioukov



Polishing the Chain

SSHRC Connections Grant (2020-2022)

Martha Stiegman, Ange Loft, Victoria Freeman, Jill Carter, Alan Corbiere

Website: <https://talkingtreaties.ca/>

Community-led wildlife health monitoring for a resilient and healthy Nunavik

Canada-Inuit Nunangat-United Kingdom Arctic Research Programme (CINUK)

\$1.3 Million (2022-2025)

Co-PI and Work Package 1 Lead: Sean Hillier



OFFICE SPACE

After many months of renovations and delays, we are pleased to share that we have finally started moving into the CIKL space! We are located on the 3rd floor of York Lanes. We have a boardroom, three offices, and a project room. We also have a beautiful purple accent wall in our boardroom.

Join us on September 13, from 2:00PM - 4:00PM for an Open House!



MEMBERSHIP

Leadership Team

The leadership team provides guidance and direction to CIKL in terms of policy, membership, and initiatives. Their goal is to ensure CIKL is a dynamic and thriving centre for research. The team is working on establishing a larger Executive Committee for CIKL, stay tuned this year for more details.



Dr. Deborah McGregor
Director

Faculty of Environment and Urban
Change, Osgoode Hall Law School



Nathalie LaCoste Ling
Coordinator



Dr. Brock Pitawanakwat
Associate Director

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies



Dr. Sean Hillier
Associate Director

School of Health Policy & Management

MEMBERSHIP

Current Associates (2021/2022)

Research Associates

Kenzie Allen	Department of English
Angele Alook	School Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Rebecca Beaune-Stuebing	Faculty of Education
Kiera Brant Birioukov	Faculty of Education
Cora Coady	YorkU Libraries
Elaine Coburn	Centre of Feminist Research
Alan Corbiere	Department of History
Sheila Cote-Meek	Centre for Human Rights, Equity, and Inclusion
Don Davies	Faculty of Health
Ashley Day	School of Kinesiology and Health Science
Susan Dion	Faculty of Education
Karen Drake	Osgoode Hall Law School
Leora Gansworth	Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change
Jeremy Green	Department of Humanities
Ruth Green	School of Social Work
Celia Haig-Brown	Faculty of Education
Jeffrey Hewitt	Osgoode Hall Law School
Bonita Lawrence	Department of Humanities
David McNab	Department of Equity Studies
Nicole Muir	Department of Psychology
Deb Pepler	Department of Psychology
Carolyn Podruchny	Department of History
Martha Steigman	Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change

Undergraduate Student Associates

Hunter Bidder
Ryan Gladwin
Cassidy McInnis
Leah Stammis
Noah Verhoeff

Community Associates

Nathalie LaCoste Ling
Casey Bas

Graduate Student Associates

Connie LeGrande
Rachel Arsenault
C. Jennifer Bolton
Melissa Major
Stephanie McKenzie
Chandra Maracle

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR EVENTS

◆ The 20th 'All Nations' Pow Wow ◆ May 2022



◆ Ambe Daga Wijiwishin: An Indigenous Walk on Campus ◆ June 2022

(come with me)

AMBE DAGA WIJIIWISHIN: AN INDIGENOUS WALK ON CAMPUS

Join us for a walk to reflect on Indigenous History Month as we explore Indigenous spaces on campus. Stops include Ahqazhu, Skennen'kó:wa Gamig, the Centre for Indigenous Student Services, and more.

Rain or shine! All students, staff, and faculty are welcome.

DATE: JUNE 29TH
TIME: 12-12:45PM
MEETING POINT: OUTSIDE VARI HALL



◆ Other CIKL Events ◆

YORK The Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages & Supporting Indigenous Graduate Student Enhancement Program (SAGE)

hosts

PRESENTING YOUR RESEARCH A WORKSHOP FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Presenting your research is a critical part of academic life. Join us for a discussion on where to present your research, how to apply to and present at a conference, and general advice on presenting your research in a clear and concise way. The session is designed for graduate students whose research aligns with Indigenous Studies. If you have never presented before or are looking to further develop your presentation skills, this session is for you. A resource guide will be assembled following the session to be shared on the CIKL website.

Panelists:
Dr. Kiera Brant-Birioukov: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education.
Dr. Nathalie LaCoste Ling: PhD Study of Religion (UoT), CIKL Coordinator.
Dr. Brock Pitawanakwat: Associate Professor in the Department of Humanities and the Coordinator of the Indigenous Studies Program at York University.

CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGES AND LANGUAGES

presents

Pikopayin (It is Broken)

Angele Alook
Assistant Professor, School of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
York University

Film Screening followed by Q&A

MARCH 7 3-4:30PM

Taking place in the oil sands region of Alberta, Pikopayin (It is Broken) is a documentary video project that foregrounds Bigstone Cree Nation members' perspectives and insights on energy projects and industrial activity within their 8 Territory. The video project documents Bigstone Cree Nation members' experiences of resource-extraction projects and activity within the First Nations' traditional territory. Also featured are discussions about the cumulative impact of the oil industry and forestry industry on land-based traditions, and the lack of consultation Indigenous community members' feels takes place when these large projects are approved by government and industry.

EUC Seminar Series 2021/22

Polishing the Chain: Treaty Relations in Toronto

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SUBSCRIBE

EVENTS

2021/2022

Date	Event	Presenter / Mediator
2021-09-30	Fireside Chat: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Deborah McGregor, Angele Alook, Brock Pitawanakwat, Ruth Green
2021-10-27	Indigenous Women's Speakers Series: Mapping Urban Communities of Care in Cartographic Art Practices	Mishuana Goeman
2022-02-16	Q&A Session for Indigenous Faculty and Staff to learn about CIKL	CIKL Leadership
2022-03-07	Pikopayin – Virtual Film Screening and Q&A	Angele Alook
2022-03-23	Two-Eyed Seeing	Albert Marshall
2022-03-25	Water and Language Dialogue	Myrle Ballard, Stewart Hill, and Alan Corbiere
2022-04-32	In Conversation with Joseph Pitawanakwat	Joseph Pitawanakwat
2021-09-28 and 2022-02-14	Polishing the Chain: Treaty Relations in Toronto. EUC Seminar Series. Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change	Martha Stiegman
2022-05-02	Spring Associates Welcome	CIKL Leadership
2022-06-29	Ambe Daga Wijiwishin: An Indigenous Walk on Campus	CIKL Leadership

Workshops

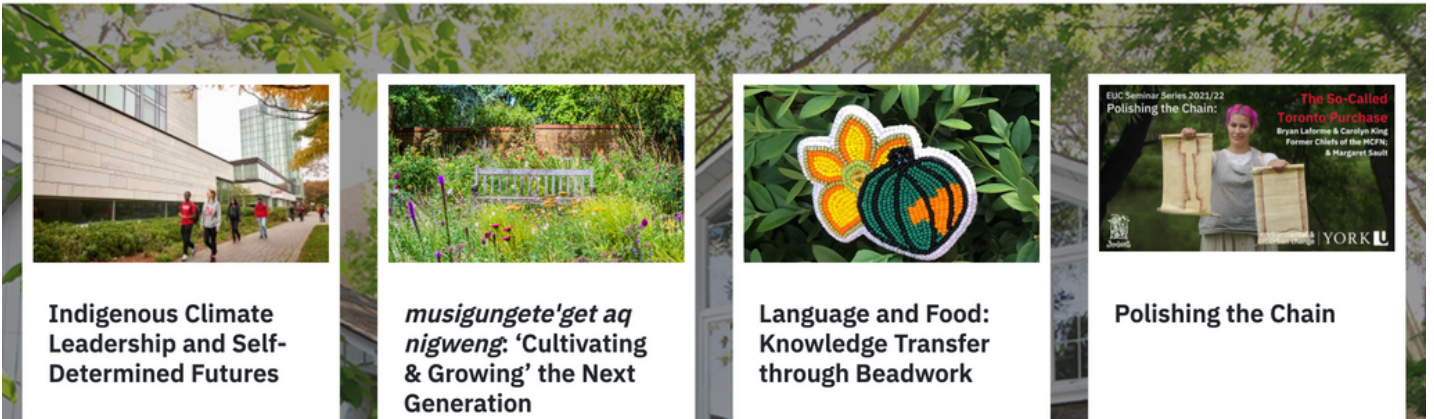
Date	Event	Presenter
January 2022	Workshop: Applying for Grants – for Faculty	Deborah McGregor and Sean Hillier
January 2022	Workshop: Preparing a Grant Budget – for Faculty	Deborah McGregor and Sean Hillier
March 2022	Workshop: Applying to Graduate School	Panelists: Brock Pitawanakwat, Nathalie LaCoste Ling, and Lance Morrison
May 2022	Workshop: Presenting Your Research – for Graduate Students	Panelists: Brock Pitawanakwat, Kiera Brant-Birioukov, and Leora Gansworth
May 2022	Research Ethics Workshop – for CIKL Associates	Hosted by Alison Collins-Mrakas (Director of Research Ethics)

OUR WEBSITE

Our website is a hub to learn about the **Centre for Indigenous Languages & Knowledges** and stay updated on our research projects and initiatives.

Research Projects

As a new Centre, our list of research projects is continually expanding. Check back frequently to see the groundbreaking work being done in CIKL.



Indigenous Climate Leadership and Self-Determined Futures

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Language and Food: Knowledge Transfer through Beadwork

Polishing the Chain

Indigenous at York

BOOZHOO, SHE:KON, TANSI, TUNNGASUGIT, WACHAY, GREETINGS

Indigenous groups and resources for Indigenous students, staff and faculty can be located throughout York University. This page serves as a hub for those looking to connect with some of the resources and people on campus. We welcome additions and suggestions to further improve this page. Please email cikl@yorku.ca with your suggestions.

People, Groups & Spaces

Indigenous Council (IC)

Indigenous Studies Program (Undergraduate)

Indigenous Faculty

Student Associations

Research Networks

Spaces on Campus

Alumni



Our website also features resources for Indigenous students and staff at York University

To learn more about CIKL and how to become an associate, please visit:

www.yorku.ca/research/cikl

Become an Associate

The Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages (CIKL) is a network of interdisciplinary researchers focused on advancing Indigenous and decolonizing scholarship. We support research involving both traditional and contemporary knowledge, as care-taken, shared, and created by scholars located in the university and Indigenous knowledge holders from the community. Membership in CIKL is determined by the Executive Committee.

[CIKL Associate Members](#)

Membership Categories

Benefits of Membership

The benefits of being an Associate member of CIKL include:

- Being part of a community of likeminded scholars, researchers, and community leaders
- Assistance in putting together research applications
- Administrative support for projects and events run through CIKL
- Promotion of events and workshops on Indigenous topics (regardless of which department is hosting the event)
- A central place to house and promote your research (e.g. YorkSpace hub)

LOOKING FORWARD

Fall 2022

**Sept 13, 2-4PM
CIKL Open House**

**Oct 31, 7-8PM
One Health Lecture**

**September 30
Fireside Chat**

**Four Research Seminars
CIKL Associates**

**CIKL Mentorship
Program**

**Graduate Student & PDF
Workshop: Applying for
Academic Positions in
Indigenous Studies**

**Undergraduate
Workshop: Applying
to Graduate School**

**Visiting Lecturer
Dr. Edward Doolittle**

Details coming soon.

For more information on our events & initiatives:

<https://www.yorku.ca/research/cikl/>



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