

Inspiring Women Among Us (IWAU)

...moving from 2018 to 2019



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PRINCE GEORGE CITY COUNCIL. OCT 7, 2019

THANK YOUs

- ▶ **Prince George: The City & citizens**
- ▶ **UNBC**
- ▶ **IWAU guests & attendees**
- ▶ Student assistants & volunteers
- ▶ IWAU Organizing Committee
- ▶ *All local media outlets*
- ▶ CNC & other community partners
- ▶ **Social Sciences and Humanities
Council of Canada & others**



In 2019 the popular Ms. Mayor event takes on a new form...

Origins of IWAU (est. 2015)



- ▶ To increase attendance at the UNBC Ceremony to commemorate Dec 6th
- ▶ To grow the period of discussion and activities on gender, society & success BEYOND the ceremony...
- ▶ To create an umbrella organization/series of events to draw great additions from the outside, and to celebrate local good works
- ▶ To fund deserving speakers and unique events not readily found elsewhere

Reporting on IWAU 2018



- ▶ Theme was *Women, Leadership & Power*
- ▶ Hosted 45+ unique events
- ▶ Had 1000+ attendances
- ▶ 3rd SSHRC Connection Grant
- ▶ Continued IWAU research project
- ▶ Increased LGBTQ++ content
- ▶ Emphasized Indigenous content
 - ▶ Memorable NRESI panel with Indigenous Environmental Leaders



Keynote Speaker Marissa Johnson (L) at local CBC office for an interview



Thinking Outside the BOX

REVOLUTION

By Any Means Necessary

IWAU KEYNOTE ADDRESS

MARISSA JOHNSON

Entrepreneur and Founder (Phoenix Fighter)

November 14, 2018
12:00 - 1:30 pm

UNBC WinterGarden

All Genders Welcome



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Poetry, Stories, Art, Song, every expression -- for Social Justice and Kindness.

November 15, 2018

6:00 to 7:00pm: tour/open house of the Women's Center & the Art Room

7:00 to 9:00pm: Creativity Event at UNBC Rotunda

8:30 to 9:00pm: Open microphone

Free food (cupcakes and somosas!)

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Friday, Nov 16, 2018

3:30 - 5:00

Room 8-164

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To participate remotely: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/colloquium-webcasts>

IWAU/NRESi Joint COLLOQUIUM Panel



Kanahus Manuel (Secwépemc First Nation), Indigenous Climate Action Steering Committee & Tiny House Warriors



Melanie Goodchild (Anishinaabe), Waterloo Institute for Social Innovation and Resilience



Michelle Brass (Peepeekis First Nation), ICA Steering Committee Member

Guest Moderator: **Angela Sterritt** (CBC)



Indigenous Women As Key Leaders in Environmental Scholarship, Stewardship, and Activism

Climate change and ecological degradation are challenges with impacts at all scales, from local to global. Mitigation, adaptation, management and rethinking carbon-heavy ways of life and "business as usual" will require creative tactics, solutions, and worldviews. As Indigenous knowledge keepers, advocates, activists, scholars, and key contemporary voices, Indigenous women are integral to finding new ways forward. In this panel, we listen, learn, and discuss about insights they can offer for improved environmental stewardship.

Panel Sponsors:



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Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada



Come enjoy a comradely lunch & share some mentoring through some fun activities.

UNBC's FAMOUS MENTORING LUNCH

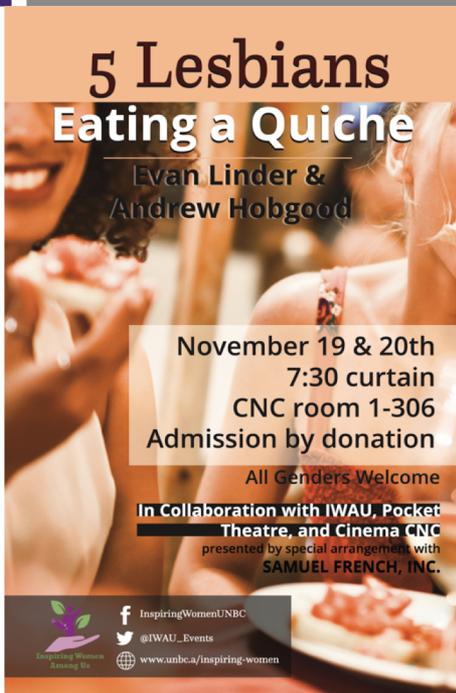
November 19, 2018

11:30 to 1:00 pm

UNBC GATHERING PLACE

All genders welcome
RSVP to iwau@unbc.ca
Limit 47 spaces

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5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche

Evan Linder & Andrew Hobgood

November 19 & 20th
7:30 curtain
CNC room 1-306
Admission by donation

All Genders Welcome

In Collaboration with IWAU, Pocket Theatre, and Cinema CNC presented by special arrangements with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

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FRIDAY NOV 16

FROM BA TO SENIOR DIRECTOR A UNBC ALUMNA'S JOURNEY

GATHERING PLACE 9:30 - 11:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST

COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH BA ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ALUMNA GEORGINA LLOYD, NOW SENIOR DIRECTOR, CONSULTATION AND ACCOMMODATION UNIT, IMPLEMENTATION BRANCH, INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA. GEORGINA WILL TALK ABOUT HER CAREER PATH INCLUDING HOW THE KNOWLEDGE SHE GAINED AT UNBC HAS CONTRIBUTED TO HER CAREER, WHY SHE CHOSE GOVERNMENT AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN INDIGENOUS LEADER IN GOVERNMENT.

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TWO SPIRIT:

CULTURAL RECLAMATION AND POSITIVE SPACE



JOIN HOSTS
GERALD BENT & LAURA LEASK

NOVEMBER 15TH 3:30-5:30PM
IN THE GATHERING PLACE, UNBC

THIS WORKSHOP WILL DISCUSS:

- TWO SPIRIT IDENTITY AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH TWO SPIRIT AND INDIGENOUS LGBTQ2+ PEOPLE.
- POSITIVE SPACE IS AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT THAT STRIVES TO INCREASE SAFETY AND INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL GENDERS AND SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS.
- WORKSHOP IS IDEAL FOR ALL GENDERS, PROFESSIONALS & STUDENTS



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Media Coverage of IWAU 2018

Des ateliers sur le féminisme animent des discussions à Prince George

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Photo prise lors de la lecture de la pièce : 5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche Photo : Fournie par Zoe Meletis

Zoë Meletis, professeure de géographie à l'Université du Nord de la Colombie-Britannique (UNBC) a coorganisé des activités pour discuter du rôle des femmes dans notre société. Elle explique comment les mentalités ont évolué sur les questions de

- ▶ Social media sharing
- ▶ Livestreaming & archiving of some talks
- ▶ Television and online media coverage
- ▶ Bilingual radio coverage

Year 2 of IWAU research

- ▶ **2018 UNBC Undergraduate Research Experience awardees**
- ▶ **Peer-reviewed paper submitted**
 - ▶ **Presented:**
 - @ feminist conference (Montreal)**
 - @ IWAU 2018**
- ▶ **Plans for 2019:**
 - ▶ **Radio intern & podcasts**



Laura Pyke (L);
Zoë Meletis (centre)
and Ashley Riceman (R)

IWAU successes

- ▶ Ongoing community buy-in & ongoing discussions
- ▶ Interest/appreciation for Indigenous women leaders
- ▶ Training & mentoring; creative fundraising; research
- ▶ IWAU as known entity in PG and beyond
- ▶ **Resources with reach** (e.g. Two Rivers Gallery video)
 - ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYvvolnNlw8&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1RVBqKEBsvsSEbmL6P71nKnaCNa8xQOWMz0FhcK92hl9d5IRVILDZcj6Q>
- ▶ **PG known as SUPPORTING and FUNDING IWAU**
 - ▶ *Irish Geography article in May 2019; article in review*

IWAU challenges

- ▶ Continual fundraising (events; award)

THREAT TO SUSTAINABILITY

** needed significant base

25-30,000\$ + matching/yr



- ▶ Including MEN (theme & activities in 2019)
- ▶ Increasing youth content
 - ▶ Flagged in schedule; SD 57/City If I Were Mayor
 - ▶ Library co-hosted events; Second Feminist Storytime

IWAU award

- ▶ Totals (April 2019)
 - ▶ Over \$25,000 raised
 - ▶ 13 awards given
 - ▶ 4 committed for 2019-20

UNBC

Employee Matching Week '19



**Councillor Susan Scott
at IWAU 2018 Opening**

Masculinities, Making Space, & Moving Forward

Nov (12) 13-21st, 2019

- ▶ *Sept, 20: Ivan Coyote, with UNBC Dept. of English & GF*
- ▶ **Nov. 12 and 13: Flag raisings at City & UNBC; Opening**
- ▶ **Nov. 13: UNBC President's series: Dr. A. Trimbee**
- ▶ **Nov. 15 Dr. Devi Mucina (healthy masculinities)**
- ▶ **Nov. 15 Rosemary Wardley (National Geographic)**
- ▶ **Nov. 15: Tomboy (w GenderOutlines Trans Soc. of PG)**
- ▶ **Nov 16 & 18: Paperbag Princesss (w Pocket Theater)**
- ▶ **Nov. 16 & 18: Dual mentoring workshops (w MAWA)**
- ▶ **Nov. 17: Helen Knott's *In My Own Moccasins* book launch**
- ▶ **Nov. 20: Women & Trades (w City of Prince George; CNC)**
- ▶ **Nov. 20 & 21: Days of Remembrance w ceremonies**

IWAU asks of Mayor & Council

- ▶ Wear gear; share social media posts & help to promote events
- ▶ Attend flag raising(s) & other events
- ▶ Connect your hobby/service groups w IWAU
- ▶ Start or renew your personal support
- ▶ Continue planning joint City IWAU activities
 - ▶ City rep now ON committee!
- ▶ Envision 2020! **Sponsorship is KEY**

THANK YOU



The Khas't'an Drummers;
NRESi panel of women
Indigenous leaders; a
Two-Spirit workshop

