Dawson First Peoples Initiative Bi-monthly News
May 2, 2016

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On campus events THIS WEEK!

TOMORROW!!! The ALC Festival invites you to a screening of HIGHWAY OF TEARS.

Highway of Tears is an award winning documentary about the missing or murdered women along a 724 kilometer stretch of highway in northern British Columbia. The film, directed by former Dawson student Matt Smiley, exposes what generational poverty, residential schools, systemic violence, and high unemployment rates have done to First Nation reserves, and how these tie in with the missing and murdered women in the Highway of Tears case.

Tuesday, May 3rd; 11:30 in Oliver’s Screening and Talk back with Orenda Boucher-Curotte (Coordinator of Dawson’s First Peoples’ Center)

This Thursday’s First Peoples Initiative Tea & Talk will focus on Acknowledging traditional territories: What does this mean and why is it important to decolonisation? Join our First Peoples Coordinator, Orenda, and Indigenous law expert Anjali Choksi for this discussion. 3F.43 between 1 and 4 pm Thursday May 5. You are welcome to attend at whatever time fits your schedule. Refreshments will be served!

Come join the Dawson College Peace Centre, The First Peoples’ Centre and Dawson Gardens Thursday at 2:30 in the Conrod’s garden to help prepare and plant the New 3 Sisters Garden. The Three Sisters Garden Project is the most recent addition to the Dawson Gardens. As part of the Seeds of Sovereignty series, this is co-sponsored by the First Peoples’ Centre, the Peace Centre, and Dawson Gardens to establish a garden based on the Iroquois creation story and companion planting strategy consisting of corns, beans, and squash.

If you would like to learn more about the new Three Sisters Garden or if you would like to participate in the gardening process please contact:
Diana Rice at the Dawson College Peace Centre: peacecentre@dawsoncollege.qc.ca or drice@dawsoncollege.qc.ca
Orenda Boucher at the First Peoples’ Centre: oboucher@dawsoncollege.qc.ca
Anna-Liisa Aunio Dawson Gardens/Sustainable Dawson: aaunio@dawsoncollege.qc.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pow Wow Montreal
May 7 and 8 2016 at Vanier College, Montreal
https://www.facebook.com/mtlpowwow/

Pitching Tents in Terra Nullius
Matt Macintosh (Kamloops, BC) + Keesic Douglas (Rama First Nation, Ontario)
April 7 – May 14, 2016
MAI (Montréal, arts interculturels),3680, rue Jeanne-Mance, Montréal (Québec)
In this performance/installation that takes the form of a social science fiction docu-drama, Matt Macintosh and Keesic Douglas imagine the fall of civilization and the near extinction of the planet—thirty years or so into a not-too-distant future.

First Peoples, First Screens
February 8 – May 31, 2016
Cinema Politica, Concordia University
First Peoples, First Screens (FPFS) showcases contemporary Indigenous political filmmaking* from across Canada, including documentary, animation, experimental and genre fiction of varying lengths. We are thrilled to circulate four separate clusters of thematically grouped works throughout the Canadian part of the Cinema Politica network, and to provide a platform to discuss Indigenous art, culture, politics, history and struggle at each screening location.
http://www.cinemapolitica.org/fpfs

2016 NWSA Annual Conference: Decoloniality
November 10-13, 2016 • Montréal, Québec
http://www.nwsa.org/conference2016

NEWS

New Digital Atlas Returns Early Traditional Knowledge to Inuit Communities

AFOA Canada And Cape Breton University Sign Agreement On Building Relations That Create Aboriginal Post-Secondary Pathways

Seven new National Film Board of Canada short films celebrate Governor General's Performing Arts Awards laureates. NFB’s GGPAA film portraits now total 70 inspired works—discover them at NFB.ca!

Don’t shortchange residential school survivors of $20 million: Editorial

Ottawa freed Catholic groups from residential-school obligation to ensure other promises met, draft reveals

Local Aboriginal Youth Get New Tech Tools for School

Ontario Funding Research on Sexual Violence Against Indigenous Women
http://nationtalk.ca/story/ontario-funding-research-on-sexual-violence-against-indigenous-women

NWAC Proposes Three Iconic Indigenous Women for Next Bank of Canada Note

UPDATE: Regina police say missing 12-year-old girls have been located
Cape Breton Mi'kmaq community projects receive grants to help prevent sexual violence

Petit atelier de sensibilisation pour toutes les Denise Bombardier du Québec

Federal govt, Ontario First Nation formally sign settlement over Camp Ipperwash

Supreme Court gives rights to Métis, non-status Indians under Canada's 1867 Constitution

Minister Bennett Discusses Ways to Improve Education Outcomes for First Nation Students at Education Roundtable

Equal education funding gets big results on Manitoba reserve
http://www.macleans.ca/news/equal-education-funding-gets-big-results-on-manitoba-reserve/

Legal Strategy Coalition on Violence Against Indigenous Women Statement on the importance of full provincial and territorial cooperation with the upcoming national inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Residential school survivor turned NDP MP tables bill on Indigenous rights

Massive Turn-out for Truth and Reconciliation Education Day at University of Regina

Attawapiskat suicide crisis moves boy, 9, to put message on school uniform

Federal govt, Ontario First Nation formally sign settlement over Camp Ipperwash