

# First Peoples' Week 2019

	Monday April 1	Tuesday April 2	Wednesday April 3	Thursday April 4	Friday April 5
		<b>Rock your Mocs Day</b>			
9:00		Friendship Centre in Conrods open 9 am to 5 pm each day			
10:00	Opening prayer <b>Lower Atrium</b>		<b>Dr. Wesley Cote</b> 10:00 to 11:15 <b>Conrod's</b>		<b>Blanket Exercise with Vicky Boldo</b> <b>10:00 – 13:00</b> <b>Conrod's</b>
10:30					
11:00	Mini- Pow Wow feat. <b>Buffalo Hat</b> singers with dancers <b>Lower Atrium</b> <b>11 am to 12 pm</b>		Seal Skin Project: Inuk sewing expert <b>Daisy Savard</b> will teach students how to make an Ookpik (owl) out of sealskin.	<b>Destiny Gregoire:</b> Spoken Word Performance	
11:30					
12:00	No lunch today	NDN tacos Strawberry Juice Tea <b>Conrod's</b>	Moose Stew Fry Bread Strawberry juice Tea <b>Conrod's</b>	<b>Black Ash</b> Basket making with <b>Robin Lazore</b> <b>Conrod's</b>	Lunch TBD Strawberry juice Tea <b>Conrod's</b>
12:30		<b>David McComber</b> – Outdoor survival workshop  <b>Western Grounds</b>			
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13:30					
14:00				<b>Emer O'toole, Gearoid OhAllmhurain, &amp; Emer Nic Labhrai</b> - Irish language revitalization Special panel 5B.16	Closing Ceremony: <b>Fox Tail singers</b> <b>Conrod's</b>
14:30					
15:00		<b>Kanentokon Hemlock</b> – Language Revitalization and Decolonization <b>4C.1</b>	<b>Moe Clark</b> – Onkwaka:ra spoken word performance <b>5B.16</b>	<b>André-Yanne Parent</b> – Climate Change: What do we know and what can we do? A call to action <b>5B.16</b>	
15:30					
16:00					
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Friendship Centre (Conrod's) will be open 9 am to 5 pm from Tuesday to Friday. The following activities will be available throughout that time:

- Red Dress project – an interactive awareness campaign about the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- Artisan marketplace - Indigenous artists selling handmade items
- Indigenous traditional food
- Beading projects
- Raffles

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Rock Your Mocs day. Students, Faculty, and Staff are encouraged to wear their moccasins. Post a picture with #RockYourMocsDAWSON to be entered to win a prize!

### About our Speakers:

**Dr. Wesley Cote:** Anishnabe from Kitigan Zibi. Dr. Cote is a recent graduate from McGill Medical School. He will be speaking about his journey to becoming a doctor and all the struggles he faced throughout. The goal is to inspire the students to reach for the stars, to pursue their goals and to not give up no matter comes their way

**David McComber:** Kaniienkehaka from Kahnawà:ke. Mr. McComber is a teacher at the Kahnawà:ke Survival School. He also operates a camp during the summer where he teaches survival skills to youth.

**Kanentokon Hemlock:** Kaniienkehaka from Kahnawà:ke. Mr. Hemlock is pursuing an MA in Indigenous Language Revitalization from the University of Victoria. Kanentokon is a Bear Clan chief and recently spoke at the United Nations during the beginning of the International Year of Indigenous Languages. He will be speaking about Indigenous language revitalization in Kahnawà:ke.

**Moe Clark:** Multidisciplinary Métis artist Moe Clark is a nomadic songbird with wings woven from circle singing and spoken word. Mistress of the looping pedal, she creates sonic landscapes of layered voice that invite audiences into a trance-like space. Her poetic songs soar through these landscapes, with tonal and lyrical resonance. In music collaborations, Moe's intuitive and sensual approach to vocal improvisation pulls from soul, gospel, folk and spoken word genres. She's trained with the likes of Rhiannon (Bobby McFerrin's Voicestra), Pura Fé (Ulali) and David Smukler (Linklater approach). (Taken from [moelark.ca/about/bio/](http://moelark.ca/about/bio/))

**Emer O'toole :** Associate Professor in the school of Irish Studies at Concordia University. This special panel will discuss the colonial impact on the Gaelic language in Ireland and the revitalization efforts to renew and protect the Gaelic language for future generations. The goal of this panel is to showcase some similarities between Indigenous peoples in Canada and other cultures around the world.

**André-Yanne Parent:** Ms. Parent was Quebec Director of Youth Fusion and has a new position as Exec Director of The Climate Reality Project Canada. Founded and chaired by Nobel Laureate and former US Vice President Al Gore, The Climate Reality Project is dedicated to catalyzing a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every level of society. Her presentation is Climate Change: What do we know and what can we do? A call to action. She is Mi'gmaq.

**Vicky Boldo:** Vicky Boldo was born in British Columbia and raised on Vancouver Island. She is a transracial adoptee from the '60's Scoop Era. Although she was placed for adoption at birth, she is a strong ally to the survivors of this time. Vicky is of Cree/Coast Salish/Métis heritage. She is the mother of 4 and grandmother of 4. The healing journey that Vicky has been on for over 25 years has brought her to a place of strength and compassion. Her joy in living is matched by her desire to give back to the community.