CONFERENCE

Aboriginal Self-Governance in North America:

Dreams and Realities since 1970

Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, 2012

The Gifford Room, 221 Kroeber Hall, UC Berkeley

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Background

The Canadian Studies Program at UC Berkeley is inviting academic and aboriginal leaders, as well as members of the public, to a conference on Aboriginal Self-Governance in North America. We will explore several important issues:
What is the current situation of Aboriginal self-governance for each of Canada’s four Aboriginal Communities: Status Indians, Non-Status Indians, the Métis, and the Inuit?

What range of self-governance models were developed over the past four decades and which of these models have proven successful and under what conditions and circumstances?

What other possible models of self-governance are available that might be useful for the expanding urban and suburban Aboriginal populations, particularly in the Western Canadian provinces? What might be learned from U. S. experiences and perspectives?

Friday keynote dinner by invitation only

All Saturday sessions free and open to the public and press.

Participant bios

Rapporteur's summary (with links to presentations where available)

Partial list of relevant links

Schedule

Friday, April 27 Conference dinner, by invitation only, International House

Keynote Speaker:
J.R. (Jim) Miller, Canada Research Chair in Native-Newcomer Relations and Professor of History at the University of Saskatchewan

"Aboriginal Self-Government: Past, Present, and Future"

Saturday, April 28 The Gifford Room, 221 Kroeber Hall

9:00 Registration, continental breakfast
9:25 Welcome by Nelson Graburn, Director of Canadian
Studies Program

9:30–11:00  Session 1: Historical Background
Chair/discussant: Beth Piatote, Native American Studies, UC Berkeley (Nez Perce)
Robert Talbot, History, University of Ottawa, “Métis and Non-Status Indian Organizations in the Era of Mega-Constitutional Politics”
Cheryl Suzack, English, University of Toronto (Batchewana First Nations), “Local Self-Determination Struggle in Canada and its Gender Implications”
11:00–11:30  Plenary discussion
11:30–12:30  Buffet lunch for all attendees

12:30–2:00  Session 2: Case Studies
Chair/discussant: Nelson Graburn, Anthropology/Canadian Studies, UC Berkeley
Teresa Edwards, Native Women’s Association of Canada (Mi’kmaq, Listuguj First Nation), “Reclaiming Our Nations: Gathering Women’s Wisdom”
Minnie Grey, Makivik Corporation (Nunavik Inuit), “Nunavik Government: Appraisal and Solutions to Impasse”
2:00–2:30  Plenary discussion
2:30–3:00  Coffee break

3:00–4:30  Session 3: Models for the Future and U.S. Perspectives
Chair/discussant: Shari Huhndorf, Native American Studies, UC Berkeley (Yup’ik)
of Local Control”

Roy Huhndorf, Alaskan Native leader (Yup’ik), “Alaska Native Politics Since the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act”


4:30–5:30 Plenary discussion

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