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IRSI Newsletter - November 2018

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Ninety people attended the Principles of Engagement Gathering on Friday, October 26th, traveling from communities



In addition to the feedback IRSI is seeking during a series of gatherings, we can learn from examples of Indigenous research

throughout B.C. and Canada. The conversation throughout the day was shaped and guided by the Indigenous voices in the room, privileging Indigenous worldviews as participants discussed ways that IRSI can facilitate respectful collaborations between researchers and Indigenous communities.

Here are some of the highlights and outcomes of the day.

Musqueam Elder Larry Grant set the tone for the day with a traditional welcome. He emphasized the need for a collaborative approach that provides value to the community. "Otherwise," he said, "it's only half collaborative."

Following the welcome, Dr. Helen Burt, UBC's Associate Vice-President Research & Innovation, provided background about the historically exploitive and often detrimental approaches to Indigenous research. Dr. Burt spoke about the need to transform research practices.

Lerato Chondoma, IRSI's founding Associate Director, gave a presentation about the work IRSI has done to date to establish partnerships Indigenous communities. Lerato also highlighted the opportunities and tasks ahead for IRSI to co-create a research engagement framework that respects and provides value to the university's Indigenous partners.

Leslie Bonshor, *Executive Director: Aboriginal Health for Vancouver Coastal Health*, gave an impassioned keynote address, sharing some of her personal experiences engaging with academics in her role with the Health Authority. Leslie

engagement frameworks that have already been developed in other parts of Canada and around the world.

[The National Inuit Strategy on Research \(NISR\)](#)

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) is the national organization representing the 65,000 Inuit in Canada. In March, 2018, ITK released its *National Inuit Strategy on Research*, which identifies areas for partnership and action that can strengthen the impact and effectiveness of Inuit Nunangat research for Inuit.

The strategy identifies and details five priority areas for action:

- Advance Inuit governance in research
- Enhance the ethical conduct of research
- Align funding with Inuit research priorities
- Ensure Inuit access, ownership, and control over data and information
- Build capacity in Inuit Nunangat research

[Framework for Research Engagement with First Nation, Metis and Inuit Peoples](#)

Led by the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Health Sciences, the framework for research engagement was developed by Manitoba First Nation, Metis, and Inuit health researchers and for those involved in Manitoba First Nation, Metis, and Inuit health research.

It provides direction for developing meaningful and respectful partnerships

emphasized the need to move forward in a way that is collaborative and respectful and that builds capacity for Indigenous people. “We need ensure to that Indigenous communities have true ownership, control, access and possession of research findings,” Leslie said, imploring researchers to only use their work to help Indigenous communities.

Dory Nason, Senior Instructor in the First Nations Indigenous Studies (FNIS) program and Chair of the FNIS Internal Research Ethics Review Board, presented on her experience with UBC’s internal ethics review process. She spoke of the need to support Indigenous researchers doing work in their own communities as well as how to support Indigenous Faculty at UBC with their work.

In addition to the presentations, participants were invited to work in round-table groups to brainstorm principles and practices for research engagement. Some of the key ideas were:

- remain open and flexible, and be able to adapt research expectations to the needs of the community
- listen as a first principle
- engage early on with Indigenous communities; involve communities in design of research questions
- take a holistic approach
- gain an understanding of the community and take time to build relationships
- understand that the researchers’ timelines are not the same as community timelines
- address the need for systemic change, i.e. how can IRSI to

that support and encourage shared excellence in collaborative, community-driven research. It also provides guidance to ensure that the partnerships between First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people and researchers are characterized by ethical accountability and responsibility to both Indigenous and research communities.

[Te Ara Tika - Guidelines for Māori research ethics: A framework for researchers and ethics committee members](#)

Published by the Health Research Council of New Zealand on behalf of the Pūtaiora Writing Group in 2010, *Te Ara Tika – Guidelines for Māori research ethics* draws on Māori protocols and practices to guide researchers, ethics committee members and others as they engage in consultation or advice about Māori ethical issues.

The guidelines have four main objectives:

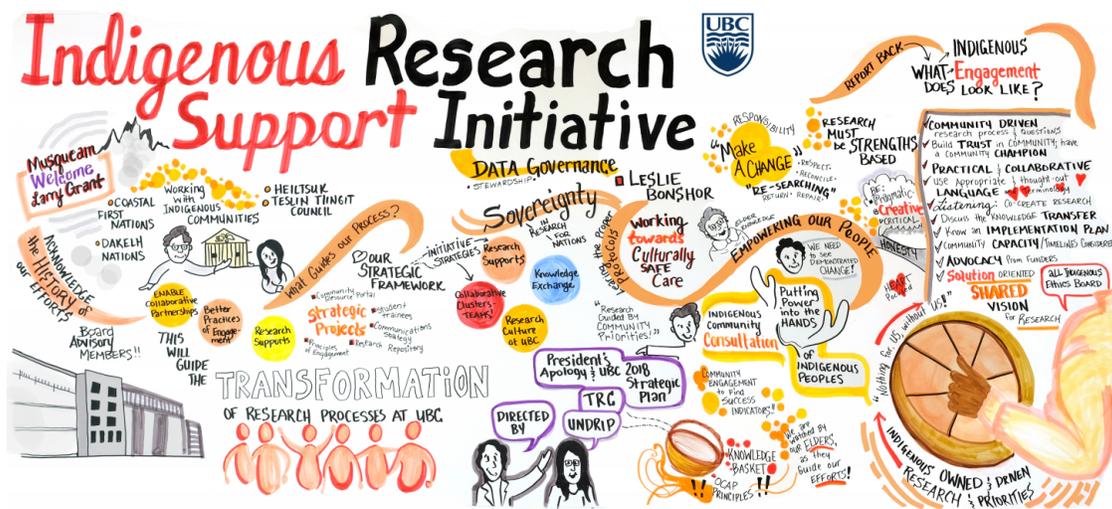
- To explain key ethical concepts for Māori
- To support decision-making around Māori ethical issues
- To identify ways to address Māori ethical concerns
- To clarify the kaitiaki roles of Māori ethics committee members



IRSI will be hosting two additional

- support researchers who are restricted by confines and agendas of their institutions or funders?
- make sure that research is for the community – that there is a value to the community

workshops in early 2019 to gather feedback about Indigenous data governance and Indigenous research ethics. The results of the three gatherings, as well as ongoing dialogues with Indigenous leaders and researchers, will provide the foundations for the engagement framework and guide UBC in its focus and priorities for Indigenous research going forward.



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Grants and Awards:

- Indigenous Gender and Wellness: Idea Fair and Learning Circle**

CIHR is inviting applications from individuals who are interested in attending an [Idea Fair and Learning Circle](#) regarding Indigenous Gender and Wellness. The event will be held on June 18-20, 2019 in Montréal, located on traditional and unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk). Applicants can request up to \$5,000 to support their travel and accommodations in Montreal, and do not need any research experience. **The application deadline is November 8, 2018.**

- Team Grant: Transitions in Care**

CIHR recently launched this [Team Grant](#) that will provide research funds to “implement, evaluate, spread, and scale pragmatic solutions to problems associated

with transitions in care from a clinical, health care or health system perspective". First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples are considered key populations of interest. Please contact [Tessa Cheng](#) in SPARC if you are interested in applying.

The application deadline is January 24, 2018.

Did you know?

UBC has an online resource for faculty and staff who are interested in finding out about new CIHR Strategic grants. Hosted by the SPARC office, this webpage is updated daily and mirrors the information in ResearchNet, CIHR's official grants website, in a more user-friendly format. This resource lists all the CIHR Strategic grants that are open for applications and tracks pre-announcements for upcoming competitions. Please click [here](#) to visit the page (CWL required). For those who do not have a UBC login (known as a "CWL"), please visit [ResearchNet](#). Contact Tessa Cheng if you are interested in learning more about these competitions or would like to discuss SPARC support for your application (Tessa.Cheng@ubc.ca).

Have you heard?



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The University of Victoria has just launched its Indigenous Law Degree Program.

Find out more [here!](#)



UBC has awarded Honorary Degrees to Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and internationally recognized Haisla and Heiltsuk author Eden Robinson.

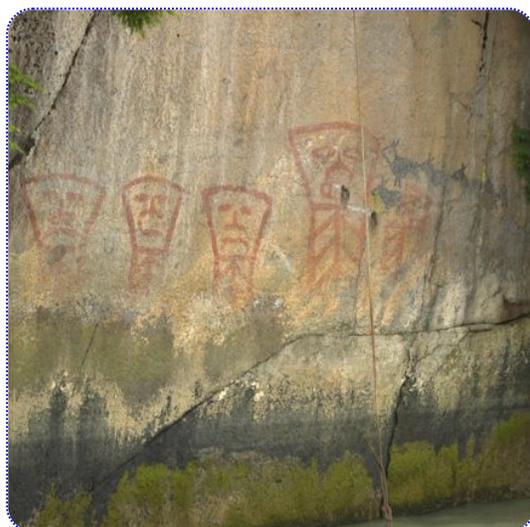


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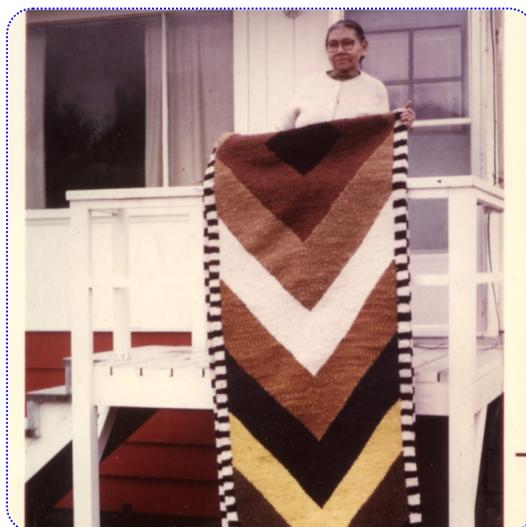


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[Beginning with the Seventies: Collective Acts](#) [Hexsa'am: To Be Here Always](#)

See them at:

Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery

1825 Main Mall

Vancouver, British Columbia,

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On the Blog:

The Cedar Project Study
[Reflecting on Process](#)

Kristin Smart, Seraphine
Munroe and Adina
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[Three Voices: On
Reconciliation, and
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Our office is always open to community members and researchers. We'd love to hear about the work you're doing with Indigenous communities this year! You can reach us at irsi.info@ubc.ca, or our coordinator Alexis Okabe at 604-827-2801.



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