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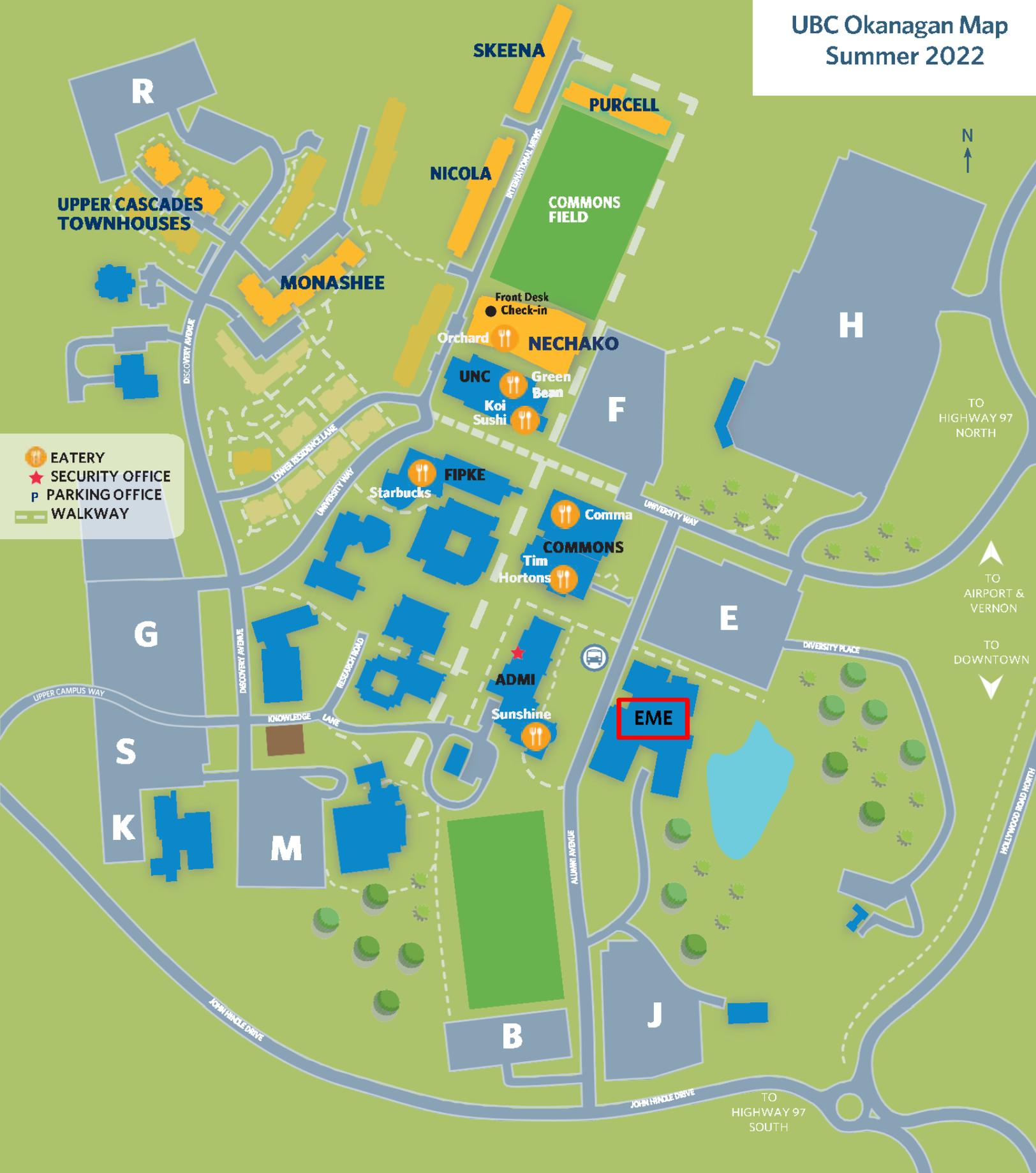


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1 WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With pride and pleasure, we welcome you to the Pushor Mitchell West Coast Brain Injury Conference on June 23, 2022 at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan Campus in beautiful Kelowna, BC. We respectfully and humbly acknowledge the Syilx Okanagan Nation and their Peoples, in whose traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory UBC Okanagan is located on.

Sponsored by Pushor Mitchell and UBCO's Faculty of Health and Social Development, we've brought together leading minds and change-makers in the field of brain injury research for a full day of learning and interaction. It has been a long two years as we have all been forced to navigate a pandemic, social crisis, and overall disconnection from our communities. In an effort to increase collaboration and awareness of the challenges facing those with brain injury, we've created this very special community event.

Today you will be joining us on our mission towards targeting the root of chronic social and systemic issues as we strive to shift away from the "one practice fits all" mandate. In line with this year's conference theme, "Changing the Narrative on

Brain Injury", our focus is on synergistic therapeutic interventions in the context of Trauma-Informed Practice, with the integration of First Nations perspectives.



AMANDA MCFARLANE

Executive Director
BrainTrust Canada

We are thrilled at this year's turnout of both in-person and virtual participants. All speaker sessions will be hosted on a dedicated Virtual Technical Gallery, and can be accessed by all attendees after the conference. Thank you for your commitment to brain injury awareness and professional development, we hope to see you again next year. Keep saving those dates! Together, I believe we can make this community safer and more inclusive for all.

2 INFORMATION

2.1 ORGANIZER - BRAINTRUST CANADA

Founded in 1986, BrainTrust Canada is the only organization in the Central and North Okanagan that solely focuses on providing brain injury rehabilitation, prevention, and education programs and services. Our overall mission includes bringing the issue of brain injury to the forefront, reducing preventable brain injuries and maximizing the potential of those affected by brain injury.

In line with this year's conference theme, "Changing the Narrative on Brain Injury", we seek to advance knowledge about brain injury by supporting the development and innovation of brain injury programs, projects, and services through community cooperation. As organizer of the annual West Coast Brain Injury Conference (WCBIC; formerly BrainX), we actively encourage the development of brain injury professionals and ardently support the dissemination of scientific and practical information related to brain injury.



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Every one of us at Pushor Mitchell is committed to our clients and to Kelowna. We have developed countless long-term relationships through practical advice and conscientious service, and we have established ongoing support with professional, charitable, athletic and cultural organizations throughout the Okanagan. Many of us were born and raised right here, while others hail from abroad. But no matter how we came to Pushor Mitchell, we all share a common characteristic: we genuinely contribute to the community around us.



2.3 LIVESTREAM & RECORDED SESSIONS

The Pushor Mitchell WCBIC 2022 livestream and recorded speaker sessions will be available to participating in-person and virtual attendees. On Wednesday, June 23, attendees will be emailed a Zoom link and password to login and access the livestream. Please check your spam folder for this email. If you did not receive an email or you have trouble connecting,

please contact: executiveassistant@braintrustcanda.com

In-person and virtual conference attendees will also have complementary access to the recorded speaker sessions. An email with the recorded sessions will be sent on Friday, June 24.

2.4 VENUE

Room 0050, Engineering, Management, and Education (EME 0050)
University of British Columbia, **Okanagan Campus**
1137 Alumni Avenue
Kelowna, BC V1V 1V7

Map

Opened in 2013, the Engineering, Management, and Education (EME) building is the largest academic building on campus. Located on the southeast side of the University of British Columbia's Okanagan Campus, this multi-purpose academic and research facility includes spacious lecture halls and an open foyer space perfect for large learning events.

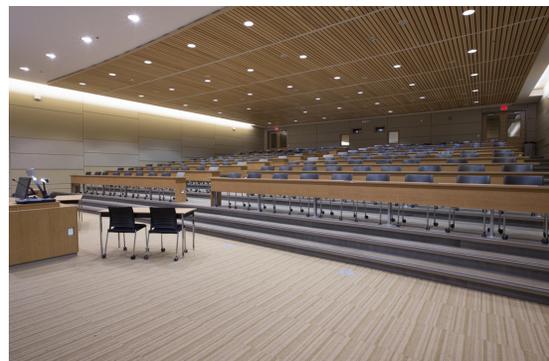
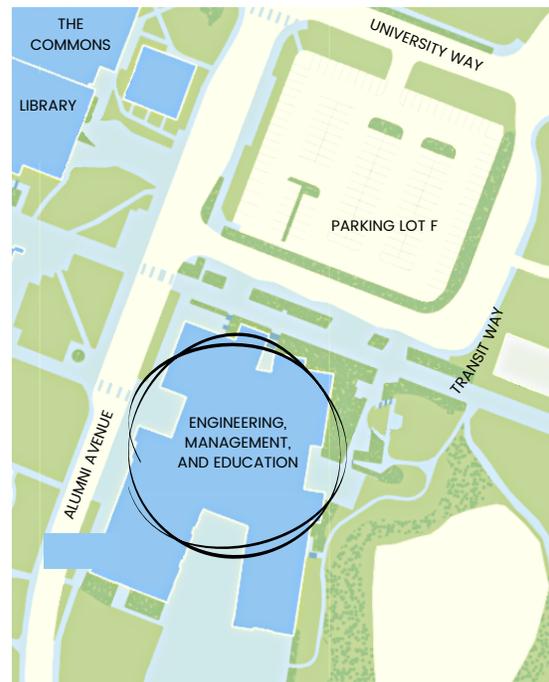
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 10 minutes from 3 major car rental services



2.5 CONTACT & SUPPORT

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Accommodations

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Accommodations available on campus can be booked through the UBCO website:
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<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ylwfp-four-points-kelowna-airport/>

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Kelowna Airport:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hampton/>

2.6 CHECK-IN & EXHIBITION HOURS

Check-In

Check-in will be at the front entrance of the Engineering, Management, and Education (EME) building between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM. Please bring appropriate ID if applicable. Grab-and-go breakfast will also be served at this time.

Exhibition

The Exhibition will be held in the Engineering, Management, and Education (EME) building foyer between 12:00 PM and 6:30 PM. The Exhibition officially opens during the Lunch Reception.

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3 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

3.1 SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

7:30 – 8:30	Registration & Breakfast	
8:30 – 9:15	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Address	
9:15 – 10:00	Speaker 1: Ian Cull	
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:30	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kim Gorgens	
11:30 – 12:00	Speaker 3: Lori Kline	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Reception Exhibitor Hall Opens	
13:00 – 13:30	Speaker 4: Bryan Fitzpatrick	Criminal Justice Professionals Workshop Dr. Kim Gorgens 13:00 – 14:15
13:30 – 14:15	Speaker 5: Dr. Maya Libben	
14:15 – 14:30	"Who We Are" Video presented by BrainTrust Canada	
14:30 – 14:45	Break	
14:45 – 15:30	Speaker 6: Dr. Zach Walsh	
15:30 – 16:15	Speaker 7: Dr. Sheila Cote-Meek	
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	
16:30 – 18:30	Pushor Mitchell and Northern Computer Wine & Cheese Reception	

3.2 FULL PROGRAM

Thursday - June 23, 2022

7:30 - 8:30 Registration & Breakfast

Location: EME Entrance & Foyer

8:30 - 9:15 Opening Ceremony & Welcome Address

Location: EME 0050

The WCBIC 2022 Opening Ceremony will feature an invigorating combination of performances by local Indigenous Elders and musicians.

- **Master of Ceremony**



Angela Price-Stephens
Lawyer - Counsellor

- **Welcome Address**



Amanda McFarlane
Executive Director
BrainTrust Canada

9:15 - 10:00 Speaker Session: Ian Cull

Location: EME 0050

Changing the Narrative on Brain Injury: Using the TRC Calls to Action as a Path Forward

The Truth and Reconciliation Report has made several recommendations concerning the delivery of health care to Indigenous people. It's my intention to identify how the calls to action can be acknowledged and used to change the narratives and approaches to the delivery of care for Indigenous people living with brain injury.

I will outline the importance of not only acknowledging the truth, but also understanding what that means in terms of relationship with Indigenous peoples as the crucial first step. Next, I will talk about some strategies that can be useful to promote good relationships with Indigenous clients. It is my hope that participants will come away with a fuller understanding of the historical traumas and intergenerational traumas Indigenous peoples have experienced with health care, and an openness to anticipating these considerations and using trauma informed interventions in their practice.

Speaker



Ian Cull
Former Senior Advisor on
Indigenous Affairs
University of British Columbia,
Okanagan

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Okanagan Campus

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 11:30 Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kim Gorgens

Location: EME 0050

The Colorado Brain Injury Model: Lessons from the US about Brain Injuries in Criminal Justice

This presentation will highlight data on brain injury history and related psychosocial vulnerabilities from adult and youth correctional, court and treatment facilities in Colorado. This presentation will also highlight a novel model (the Colorado Brain Injury Model) that is designed to identify brain injury history, assess cognitive functioning and these psychosocial vulnerabilities, and to make recommendations and referrals that support the individual through (and out of) the system.

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Kim Gorgens
Professor
University of Denver

Speaker Sponsored By



11:30 - 12:00 Speaker Session: Lori Kline

Location: EME 0050

Traumas and Triumphs: My Experience as a Caregiver

My talk will be about the traumas and triumphs of my personal journey as a loving Caregiver of a young woman living with brain injury. I will also address the ripple effects of brain injury on the entire family.

I respectfully acknowledge that this is only one family's experience. Therefore, my desired take-aways are as varied as the group of attendees: **for fellow caregivers** – to feel completely understood and acknowledged, with no judgement whatsoever; **for people living with brain injury** – to feel completely loved, supported, acknowledged, and admired; **for loved ones of people living with brain injury** – to feel inspired to keep loving and to keep learning; **for friends and acquaintances of people living with brain injury** – to resolve to be present for, and available to, the individual and his/her family; and **for all health professionals involved** – to acknowledge that love and hope pair well with science.

Speaker



Lori Kline
Caregiver of a Person
with Brain Injury

Speaker Introduced By



12:00 - 13:00 Lunch Reception

Location: EME Foyer

Lunch will be served in the EME Foyer with additional seating available in the Mezzanine on the 2nd floor.

13:00 - 13:30 Speaker Session: Bryan Fitzpatrick

Location: EME 0050

Advocating for Yourself in a “No-Fault” World

In this talk, I will share my experience as a criminal lawyer to provide insight on how persons with brain injury can advocate for themselves in today’s “no fault” insurance world, including how to navigate a Civil Rights Tribunal to resolve a personal injury claim.

Speaker



Bryan Fitzpatrick
Lawyer & Partner
Pushor Mitchell LLP

Speaker Introduced By



13:30 - 14:15 Speaker Session: Dr. Maya Libben

Location: EME 0050

Psychological Treatment for Brain Injury: Current Approaches and Future Growth

Psychological impacts including anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress are common following a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Psychological treatment is a critical component of TBI rehabilitation and plays a significant role in improving clinical outcomes. In this talk I will discuss the links between TBI and emotional function and will review empirically supported treatments that specifically address the unique barriers faced by those who have suffered a TBI. Finally, I will discuss new and cutting-edge psychological approaches for TBI treatment and will discuss how these can be used by health-professionals, clients and caregivers to improve overall function.

Speaker



Dr. Maya Libben
Associate Professor & Clinical Psychologist
University of British Columbia,
Okanagan

Speaker Introduced By



14:15 - 14:30 "Who We Are" Video

Location: EME 0050

A highlight video of the passionate and hardworking team at BrainTrust Canada.

14:30 - 14:45 Break

14:45 - 15:30 Speaker Session: Dr. Zach Walsh

Location: EME 0050

Cannabis, Substance Use, and Public Health

This talk will review the research on how cannabis can be used in the context of harm reduction as a substitute for other potentially more dangerous substances. We will examine how cannabis substitution may have an overall positive impact on public health, with a particular focus on issues of relevance to individuals living with acquired brain injury, their loved ones, and their caregivers.

Speaker



Dr. Zach Walsh
Professor & Registered Psychologist
University of British Columbia,
Okanagan

Speaker Introduced By



15:30 - 16:15 Speaker Session: Dr. Sheila Cote-Meek

Location: EME 0050

Considerations for Decolonizing the Healthcare System: An Indigenous Perspective

The mission of this conference, Changing the Narrative on Brain Injury, is to dialogue on how we can shift away from models that focus on 'one size fits all' approaches and to enrich understandings of alternative models and practices. This presentation starts with recognizing how the health care system remains deeply rooted in colonial practices which has resulted in extreme health inequities for Indigenous peoples. This is followed by exploring how we can do better and work towards decolonization.

Speaker



Dr. Sheila Cote-Meek
Vice-President Equity, People & Culture
York University, Toronto, ON

Speaker Introduced By



3.3 SPEAKER PROFILES

Angela Price-Stephens - MC



Lawyer - Counsellor

Angela Price-Stephens is a British and Canadian lawyer with over 28 years' experience of handling some of the most complex areas of litigation. She now focuses her time on matters of the family including law, mediation and as a family therapist. Angela spent many years representing individuals who suffered brain injury and now supports injured individuals and their families through counselling and therapy.

Dr. Kim Gorgens - Keynote Speaker



*Professor
University of Denver*

Dr. Kim Gorgens is a Professor of Psychophysiology, Clinical Neuropsychology and Psychology of Criminal Behavior at the University of Denver. She is board-certified in Rehabilitation Psychology and is the current President of the American Psychological Association Division on Rehabilitation Psychology. She manages a large portfolio of traumatic brain injury (TBI) related research and has lectured extensively on those issues (including a 2010 TED talk on youth sports concussion, a 2018 TED talk on brain injuries in criminal justice, several NPR spots and an interview on CNN with Anderson Cooper). Her work has been featured in USNews, Newsweek, the Economist, and more. Her research studies the reported injury history, cognitive function and brain biomarkers of youth and college athletes, probationers and inmates. She is also a board-certified rehabilitation psychologist and maintains a robust caseload of clinical work related to forensic neuropsychology. Her mission is to better understand the short and long-term impacts of injuring our most vital organ.

<https://psychology.du.edu/about/faculty-directory/kim-gorgens>

<https://kimgorgens.wordpress.com/>

Ian Cull



*Former Senior Advisor
on Indigenous Affairs
University of British Columbia,
Okanagan*

Ian Cull previously worked at the University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus (UBCO) for 15 years, with his recent appointment being the Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs. As a member of the Dokis First Nation in Ontario, he sought to build innovative programs to support Indigenous culture, history, language, philosophy, and knowledge on campus. He has brought this vision to life, helping the campus nurture their ties with Indigenous community partners and sustaining UBCO's commitments to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation process.

<https://news.ok.ubc.ca/2020/06/19/thank-you-to-ian-cull-for-15-years-of-exceptional-leadership/>

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Lori Kline



Caregiver

Lori Kline is an advocate, veteran caregiver, and loving mother. Now retired, Lori was a kindergarten teacher for the last half of her teaching career. Seventeen years ago the lives of Lori and her family changed dramatically when her teenage daughter, Noni, suffered a brain injury from sudden cardiac arrest while living as an exchange student in France. Today, Lori lives in Kelowna with Noni and her husband, and is the mother of five grown children, and Grammy to six grandchildren. She participates in BrainTrust Canada's Caregiver Support Program and is enthusiastic about supporting other caregivers.

Bryan Fitzpatrick

*Lawyer & Partner
Pushor Mitchell LLP*

Bryan Fitzpatrick is a Partner with Pushor Mitchell LLP, and practices in the areas of Personal Injury, Criminal Defense and Canadian and U.S. Immigration law. He started practicing law in Washington State in 2008 and became a member of the Law Society of British Columbia in 2012. For personal injury matters, he works for plaintiffs and aids with negotiated settlements, mediation, and trial. He also deals with an extensive range of criminal matters, from white collar crime to driving-related offences. He assists clients who want to live, work, and visit Canada and the United States, with a focus on business immigration and start-up visas for entrepreneurs in both Canada and the United States.

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Dr. Maya Libben

*Associate Professor &
Clinical Psychologist
University of British Columbia,
Okanagan*

Dr. Maya Libben is an Associate Professor of Psychology and the lead investigator of the PLAN Lab at the University of British Columbia – Okanagan. She is trained as both a clinical psychologist and a neuropsychologist; her research interests similarly fall into these two domains. She studies neurocognitive assessment and treatment for conditions such as stroke and traumatic brain injury. She also uses cognitive platforms to investigate the basis of a variety of psychological phenomena including anxiety and depression. Dr. Libben is a registered clinical psychologist with the College of Psychologists of British Columbia. She has over 15 years of clinical experience and maintains an active clinical practice focused on psychological assessment and treatment for brain injured and non-brain injured populations.

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<https://psych.ok.ubc.ca/about/contact/maya-libben/>

<https://www.libbenlab.com/>

Dr. Zach Walsh



*Professor & Registered
Psychologist
University of British Columbia,
Okanagan*

Dr. Zach Walsh is a Professor in the UBC Okanagan Department of Psychology. He received a PhD in Clinical Psychology in 2008 from the Chicago Medical School/Rosalind Franklin University and completed a clinical internship and research fellowship at the Brown University Centre for Alcohol and Addiction Studies. Dr. Walsh is a registered clinical psychologist whose research has been supported by the Canadian Institute of Health Research, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Health Canada, BC Interior Health Authority, the Peter Wall Endowment, and the American Psychological Association. Zach sits on the advisory board for the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies. Dr. Walsh is the Principal Investigator for a clinical trial evaluating the efficacy of cannabis for chronic PTSD.

<https://psych.ok.ubc.ca/about/contact/zach-walsh/>

<https://blogs.ubc.ca/walshlab/>

Dr. Sheila Cote-Meek



*Vice-President Equity,
People & Culture
York University*

Dr. Sheila Cote-Meek is Anishinaabe from the Teme-Augama Anishnabai and currently holds the position of Vice-President of the Equity, People and Culture (EP&C) office at York University. She engages in work that ensures that York's employees, culture, and equity principles are essential considerations in developing and implementing the University's strategies, priorities, and policies. Her background includes work as a professor in Indigenous health and research methodologies, as well as Senior Academic Administration.

<https://www.canadianscholars.ca/authors/sheila-cote-meek>

<https://www.yorku.ca/vpepc/about-vice-president-equity-people-and-culture/>

https://ca.linkedin.com/in/dr-sheila-cote-meek-24193424?original_referer=

3.4 ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Thursday - June 23, 2022

13:00 - 14:15 WORKSHOP

Location: EME 2141 | [Classroom Link](#)

Traumatic Brain Injury in Criminal Justice: Lessons from the US

In this special workshop facilitated by keynote speaker, Dr. Kim Gorgens, participants will:

- Gain an understanding of a model being implemented in Colorado, US to identify and support individuals with brain injury.
- Learn about the 8-year outcomes from this project and plans for sustainability.
- Be able to list the prevalence of brain injury in the US adult and juvenile justice system.

Facilitator



Dr. Kim Gorgens
Professor
University of Denver

16:30 - 18:30 Pushor Mitchell and Northern Computer Wine & Cheese Reception

Location: EME Foyer

The Pushor Mitchell and Northern Computer Wine and Cheese Reception takes place alongside the Exhibitor Hall. It's a valuable networking event and excellent opportunity to relax and wind down after a long day of learning! Every attendee is provided with one complimentary drink ticket in their name badge.

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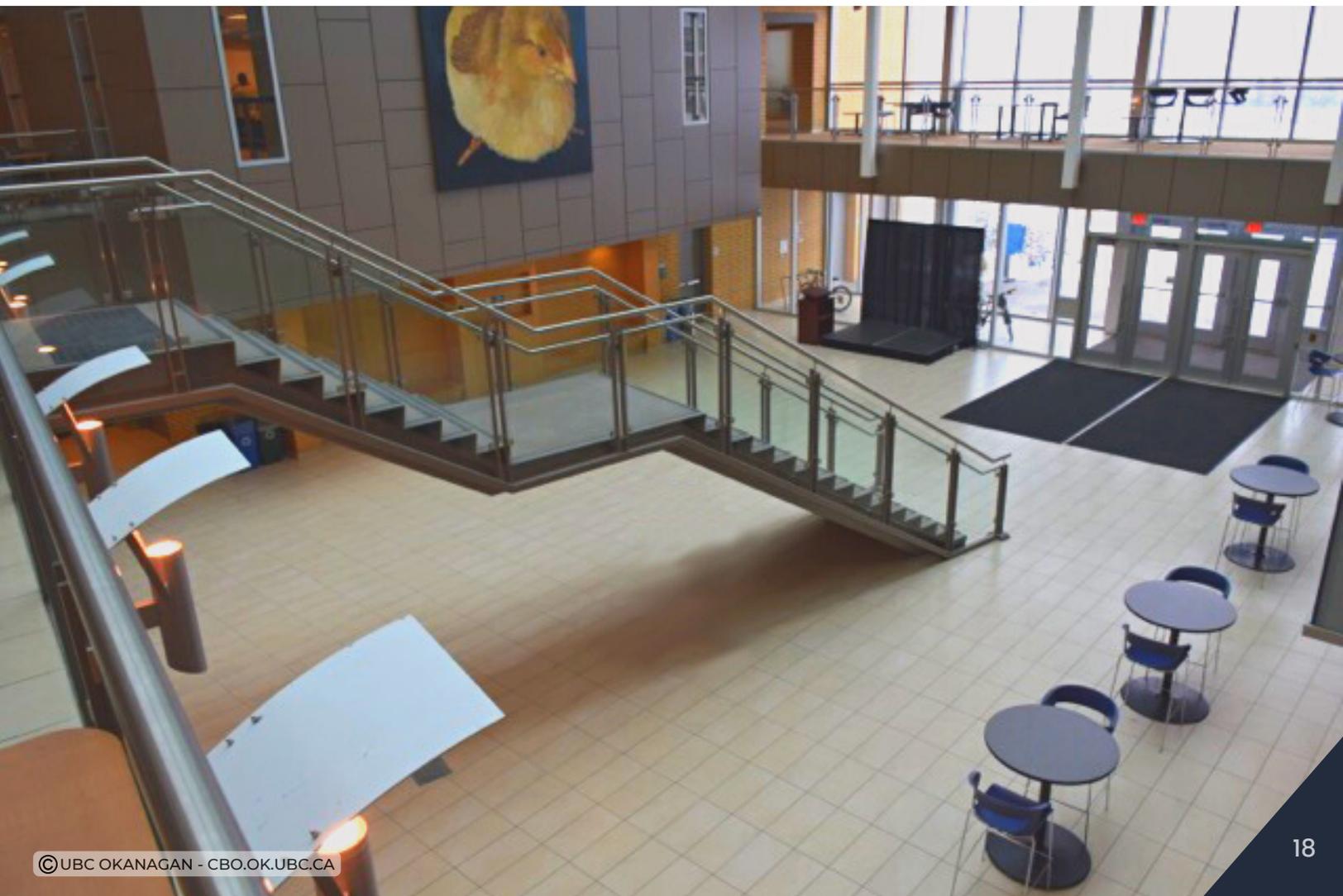
4.1 EXHIBITION AREA & DETAILS

The WCBIC 2022 Exhibitor Hall is officially open during the Lunch Reception.

Location: EME Foyer (pictured below)

Time: 12:00 - 6:30 PM

Of Note: The Exhibitor Hall takes place in the same area as the Pushor Mitchell and Northern Computer Wine and Cheese Reception. Both events are located in the EME Foyer.



4.3 EXHIBITOR PROFILES



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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central and Southern Interior BC

At Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central and Southern Interior (BBBSCSI) our mission is to enable life changing Mentoring relationships to ignite the power and potential of young people, and our vision is for all young people to realize their full potential. Our Mentoring agency's existence goes back over 50 years and was created in direct response to community needs. The Programs and Strategies we offer are research and evidence-based, accessible to all students, and delivered in partnership with local schools during school hours. The benefit to today's community in the Central and Southern Interior of British Columbia is even greater as the demands on our children and youth have changed. Healthy development of children and youth is critical to the continued well-being of our communities. Children and youth are our future. The quality of their early lives and their healthy integration into civil society is important, not only to the on-going process of social health and renewal but also to our safety and security.



BrainTrust Canada

BrainTrust Canada is a non-profit organization working to maximize the potential of those affected by acquired brain injury. The organization began in 1986 as a small group who saw a need for greater support and resources for those with brain injury. They had two goals; to create formal support groups and find more supportive housing for those living with brain injury. Today, our focus is on improving the lives of those affected by concussion and brain injury. We also raise awareness about brain injury, reduce preventable brain injury, and offer a wide variety of services, programs, and educational resources to the Central and North Okanagan communities.



ICBC

ICBC is a provincial crown corporation providing auto insurance, driver licensing, vehicle registration, road safety, and other products and services. ICBC is committed to protection and peace of mind for BC Drivers, quality products and services, and offering customers the best coverage at the lowest possible price. On May 1, 2021, ICBC implemented a new care-based insurance model, one that lowered the price of insurance for drivers in B.C. and provided access to significantly better care and recovery benefits. ICBC will continue to focus on creating a supportive and transparent customer experience. Enhanced Care enables customers to achieve recovery through quality care and delivers the greatest value to British Columbians.



Image One MRI

Established in 2003 as a diagnostic facility, Image One MRI provides imaging options to residents of the Okanagan and beyond. For almost 20 years we have offered high quality MRI services with professionalism and dedication, and pride ourselves in outstanding compassionate patient care and customer service. Image One MRI provides a steppingstone to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. As a long time community member, we are privileged to partner with and support organizations such as BrainTrust Canada, WorksafeBC, Medical Arts Research Group, and Okanagan Clinical Trials. We are also honoured to work alongside our Okanagan amateur sports teams and athletes supporting and cheering them on from the sidelines! Our goal at Image One is to offer timely medical services that enhance healthcare delivery to improve the outcomes and advanced care of our patients.



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Spin

Spin operates electric bikes and electric scooters in more than 70 cities and campuses across the United States and Canada. Spin launched the first-ever stationless bike share program in the U.S. and was instrumental in crafting the world's first micromobility permitting system that is now used around the world. The company is also the first in the world to successfully pilot city-first innovations like sidewalk riding detection technology that help to make shared micromobility safe for all road users. Spin consists of a diverse team of experienced professionals from government and private sectors, to the transportation advocacy world, all of whom are committed to fulfilling the company's mission: to help create a world full of 15 minute cities. For more information, visit <https://www.spin.app>.



Spirit of the Lake Native Boutique

Visit page 26 of the program to learn more about us!



Unlocking the Gates Services Society (UTG)

Unlocking the Gates Services Society (UTG) began in 2007 as a group of women with lived incarceration who saw a need for greater support and resources for those who were being released from corrections. UTG is a peer-led non-profit organization that supports the reintegration of individuals who are being released from correctional facilities in British Columbia. The support and outreach offered through our program aims to assist people transitioning from correctional facilities in accessing the health and social services they need upon release, in order to increase their chances of a successful reintegration and reduce recidivism. Each interaction is tailored to the needs of each individual. In 2021 UTG piloted a warrant program to help those with outstanding warrants to vacate without being reincarcerated. UTG staff support them through the court process and through their probation period to give them the best chances of not reoffending.



Urban Matters

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5.1 DINING

Sandhill Wines

Located a 5 -minute walk from Kelowna's downtown core, Sandhill is the perfect space to host the WCBIC 2022 Pre-Conference Dinner. With a variety of tastings and experiences available daily, the 8000 square foot winery is sure to have something for everyone!

Sandhill's Wine Country Concierge team is available by LIVE CHAT at mywinecountry.com by clicking CHAT WITH AN EXPERT or by emailing info@mywinecountry.com.

5.2 VISITOR CENTRE & CITY MAP

Kelowna Visitor Centre

238 Queensway Avenue
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6S4

Hours of Operation
Monday - Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m

City Map

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5.3 A HISTORY OF THE SYILX PEOPLE OF THE OKANAGAN NATION

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This year, the West Coast Brain Injury Conference will take place at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan Campus in beautiful Kelowna, BC. The Conference Organizing Committee respectfully and humbly acknowledges the *Syilx Okanagan* Nation and their Peoples, in whose traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory UBC Okanagan is located on.

About the *Syilx* People of the Okanagan Nation

The *Syilx* People of the Okanagan Nation are a trans-boundary tribe separated at the 49th parallel by the border between Canada and the United States. Our Nation is comprised of seven member communities in the Southern Interior of British Columbia: Okanagan Indian Band, Osoyoos Indian Band, Penticton Indian Band, Upper Nicola Band, Upper and Lower Similkameen Indian Bands, and Westbank First Nation; and in Northern Washington State, the Colville Confederated Tribes. Our members share the same land, *nsyilxcən* language, culture, and customs. We are a distinct and sovereign Nation.

Today the *Syilx Okanagan* People continue to assert their jurisdiction and responsibility over the stewarding of our land, resources, and quality of life of our citizens. Our *nsyilxcən* language and our *Syilx Okanagan* culture respectfully honour the natural laws of the *tmix^w* – *that which gives us life*.



Territory

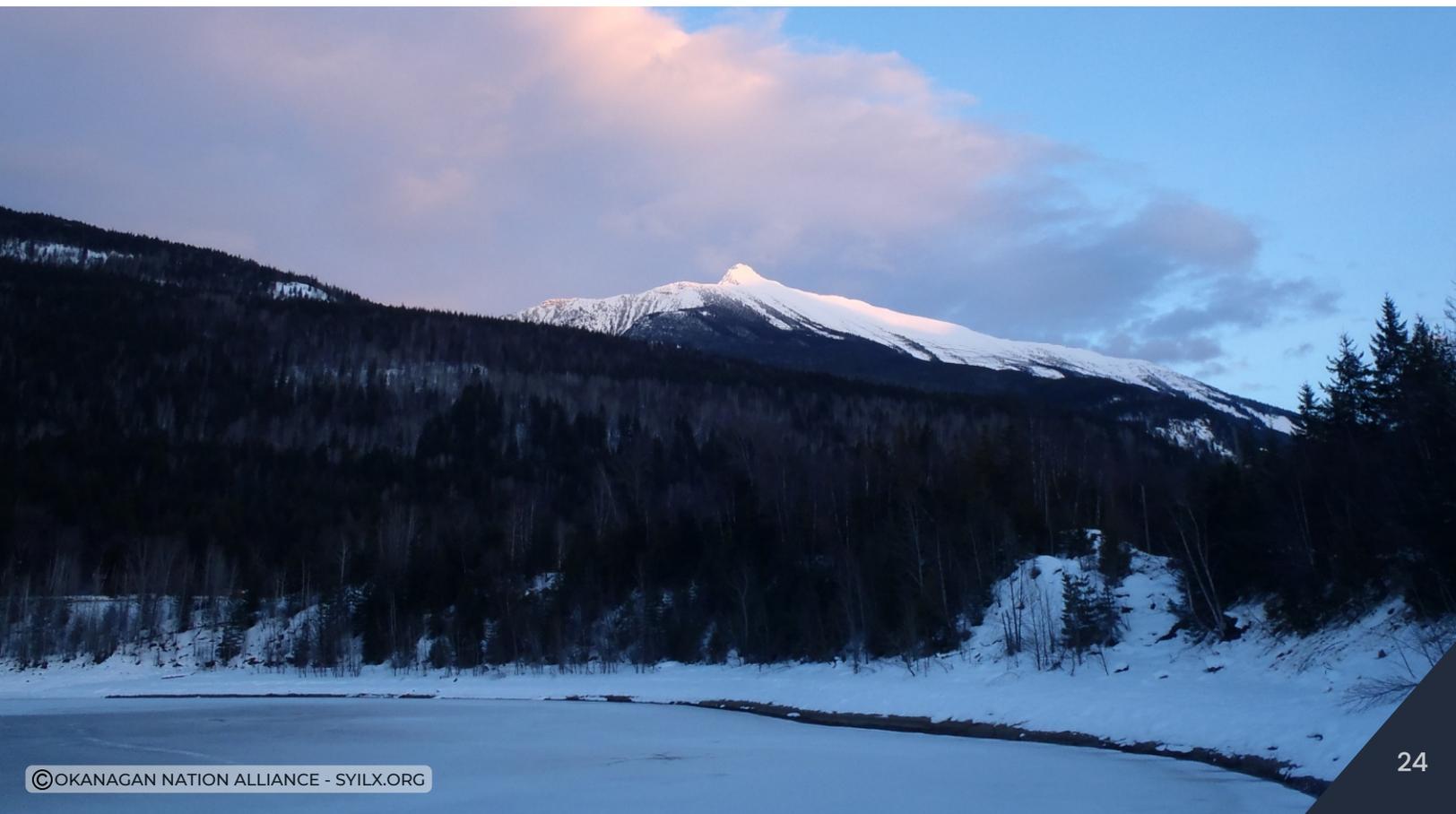
The *Syilx Okanagan* People's territory is a diverse and beautiful landscape of deserts and lakes, alpine forests and endangered grasslands. It extends over approximately 69,000 square kilometers. The northern area of this territory was close to the area of Mica Creek, just north of modern day Revelstoke, BC, and the eastern boundary was between Kaslo and Kootenay Lakes. The southern boundary extended to the vicinity of Wilbur, Washington and the western border extended into the Nicola Valley.

nsyilxcən Language

nsyilxcən is the language spoken by and distinguishes the *Syilx Okanagan* from other indigenous peoples. It is part of the Salish language family which is distinct from our Salish neighbours, like the *Spokan*, the *Nlaka'pamux*, and the *Secwepemc*. *nsyilxcən* is spoken in all the districts of the *Syilx Okanagan* territory with varying dialects.

As part of colonization, Indian Residential Schools were introduced and Indigenous Peoples were severely punished for speaking their own languages and forced to speak English, resulting in a severe loss of the language retention in our communities.

Today, community based language revitalization strategies such as immersion schools, language nests, developing curriculum, web based tools and books are all making language a major component of educational curriculum.



Okanagan Nation Declaration

The *Syilx Okanagan* people signed the Okanagan Nation Declaration on August 1987 at Komasket Park, declaring their sovereignty.



We are the unconquered aboriginal people of this land, our mother; The creator has given us our mother, to enjoy, to manage and to protect; we, the first inhabitants, have lived with our mother from time immemorial; our Okanagan governments have allowed us to share equally in the resources of our mother; we have never given up our rights to our mother, our mother's resources, our governments and our religion; we will survive and continue to govern our mother and her resources for the good of all for all time.



Unity Declaration

On July 15th and 16th, 2010 at Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos B.C., the member Chiefs and Council of the *Syilx Okanagan* Nation signed the Declaration of Unity with the Colville Confederated Tribes Business Council (CCTBC). Hundreds of members from our Nation on both sides of the international border, including Chiefs, Councilors and Elders attended the event to witness the signing.



captikʷł

captikʷł are a collection of teachings about *Syilx Okanagan* laws, customs, values, governance structures and principles that together define and inform *Syilx Okanagan* rights and responsibilities to the land and to our culture. These stories provide instruction on how to relate to and live on the land. captikʷł stories serve as reminder of *Syilx Okanagan* natural laws and protocols that need to be followed in order for future generations to survive in harmony with the tmixʷ. These stories are embedded in our culture and language and play a vital role in cultural renewal and revitalization.

In our histories, we are told that kʷuləncutn (Creator) sent sənklip (Coyote) to help our people survive on this land. sen'k'lip's travels are a record of the natural laws necessary for our *Syilx Okanagan* people to survive and carry on. We weren't born with the instincts to know how to live in nature's laws. Instead, we were given memory to remind us of what we can and cannot be doing. Understanding and teaching our young generations about the land and how to become a "part of it" is the way that we, the *Syilx Okanagan*, have survived.

Today, our captikʷł are still used in this fast paced modern world. *Syilx* knowledge and cultural values from the captikʷł are being passed on to the youth to help them live in this modern world and to let them know who they are and where they come from.

Resources

For more information on the Original *Syilx Okanagan* People, the first chapter of "*We Get Our Living Like Milk From the Land*", a book compiled by the Okanagan Rights Committee and The Okanagan Indian Education Resources Society for the Okanagan People, is a great resource for further education.

To find the first chapter of this book and to learn more about the Enowikin Center, Okanagan First Peoples, Nk' Mip Desert Cultural Centre and Sncəwips Heritage Museum please visit:

<https://www.syilx.org/about-us/syilx-nation/resources/>

Exhibitor Highlight - Spirit of the Lake Native Boutique

Okanagan Lake is known for legend Ogoopogo/N'ha-a-itk. In honour of N'ha-a-itk, I named my business Spirit of the Lake Native Boutique.

Spirit of the Lake Native Boutique has a wide range of Native Art, Native Jewellery and Native Gifts inspired and made by local First Nation Artists. We also carry a selection of authentic gifts and the latest Native fashion trendz. When you visit our booth, we will share knowledge about Ogoopogo/Na'h-a-ika, Kelowna/?-lawna?, Black Bear /Skimhiest and share stories of my family's history in West Kelowna/ Tsinstikeptum 10.

I am the Proud owner of Spirit of the Lake Native Boutique, and I invite you to visit our booth.
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We also help affected individuals adjust to the devastating social changes that a brain injury can bring by focusing on maintaining relationships with family and friends, providing opportunities for social and community re-integration, and offering peer and caregiver support.