

Upcoming Campus Community Presentation – March 27, 2019

Promoting Palliative Care Cultural Competency within the Circle of Life: Beliefs, Practices, Protocols and Preferences among First Nations Peoples in Canada

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 – 4:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Location: Room 204, Toldo Health Education Building
(Restricted seating on a first-come, first-served basis)

Featured Speakers:

Elder Mona Stonefish, Anishinaabeg Elder
Audrey Logan BA, Delaware, Moravian-of-the-Thames First Nation

Background

Indigenous peoples in Canada bear a disproportionate burden of illnesses, disabilities and premature death as compared with other populations in Canada. Peoples representing 634 distinct First Nation communities comprise the largest sector of this population. Each community holds unique beliefs, protocols, practices and preferences concerning the experience of illness, and death within the circle of life.

A primary goal of this presentation is to promote cross-cultural knowledge exchange between First Nations and non-First Nations peoples regarding First Nations lived experiences within the circle of life, and how healthcare personnel can foster *positive palliative and death care experiences within mainstream health care settings*.

This presentation will focus upon:

- The everyday life experiences of First Nations peoples in Canada
- The challenges that they often experience as patients *within mainstream health care systems*
- The beliefs, protocols, practices and preferences that health care providers may be asked to accommodate for First Nations patients and families
- A First Nations' vision of culturally safe and relevant health care provision within the circle of life

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¹ The title is taken from the words of Gwawaenuk Elder Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, speaking as Reconciliation Canada's Ambassador. 'Reconciliation includes anyone with an open heart and an open mind, who is willing to look to the future in a new way. Let us find a way to belong to this time and place together. Our future, and the well-being of all our children, rests with the kind of relationships we build today.'