



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Emeritus College

INDIGENOUS INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR UBC EMERITUS COLLEGE MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

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The Continuing Scholarly Activity and Engagement Committee (CSAEC) of the Emeritus College (EC) is pleased to offer the Indigenous Information Booklet to Emeritus College members. In 2022, the CSAEC led the development of the EC's Indigenous Strategic Plan that includes seven thematic actions, one of which encourages Emeritus College members to increase their knowledge and understanding of Indigenous historical and current topics, cultural approaches, issues of concern from Indigenous perspectives, and Indigenous services and businesses. Jo-ann Archibald Q'um Q'um Xiiem, EC member, worked with UBC Indigenous PhD student Noah Chenoweth to identify and summarize information related to these areas.

This booklet begins with brief descriptions and weblinks for local Indigenous Nations of the UBC Vancouver and Okanagan campuses, and then highlights the UBC Indigenous Strategic plan and various Indigenous units that work across the university. Next, learning opportunities are included such as free online courses, video resources, and visits to an art gallery, museum, and cultural centre, followed by Indigenous primers, Indigenous bookstores and publishing companies to access and acquire books written and edited by Indigenous authors. The booklet concludes with a description of Indigenous-owned catering services and restaurants.

The learning resources in this booklet, which include the photos are meant to facilitate rather than overwhelm your learning journey, especially if you are just beginning to learn about Indigenous history, culture, and current issues. Most of the examples are centered in the Vancouver and Okanagan areas out of respect for local Indigenous Nations. If you are much further along on your Indigenous learning journey, we hope that you will still find a useful resource here that can be shared with your family and friends.

Above: Aerial view of UBC Point Grey Campus. Hover Collective / UBC Brand & Marketing.
Musqueam Elder Dr. Larry Grant shares a Welcome Message and Dr. Linc Kesler, former Director of the UBC First Nations House of Learning discusses "Why We Acknowledge Musqueam Territory" on [the UBC Indigenous Portal](#).



1. LOCAL INDIGENOUS NATIONS & UBC VANCOUVER-OKANAGAN CAMPUSES

This section highlights the Indigenous Nations of xʷməθkʷə́yəm/Musqueam and Syilx/Okanagan on whose traditional and unceded lands the UBC Vancouver and Okanagan campuses are located. The Indigenous Nations of Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw/Squamish and sə́lilwə́təʔ/ Tsleil-Waututh are also included to acknowledge that some UBC facilities and programs operate on their unceded lands in the Vancouver area. Their websites are a great starting point to gain an understanding of local First Nations, their current projects and events.

xʷməθkʷə́yəm - Musqueam Indian Band
musqueam.bc.ca

The Musqueam website has numerous current events posted for both community members and visitors to attend. Curricular resource guides, educational videos, and history are also posted on the website to inform community members and those who are interested in learning about the Musqueam community. The Musqueam website also has an interactive place map to locate and identify varying landmarks and locations throughout Musqueam territory.

UBC has also partnered with Musqueam to create a [learning portal](#) for educators. This portal includes resources for Musqueam language study as well as stories, an interactive timeline, educational materials, community profiles and history from Musqueam's perspective. For example, there is a [video of Musqueam member and leader Wendy Grant](#) discussing some of the negative consequences of Indigenous peoples sharing their world views and culture with early Europeans.

Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw - Squamish Nation
squamish.net

The Squamish Nation website features resources informing community members and visitors about services, history, strategic plans, businesses, governance, and current events. This website includes a news and current events page highlighting the many events and workshops offered by the communities.



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səlilwətał - Tsleil-Waututh Nation
twnation.ca

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation website offers an overview of their history, events, services, and educational initiatives. The [Takaya canoe tours](#), an eco-tourism experience offered by Tsleil-Waututh Nation, provide an opportunity for visitors to learn about this Nation's cultural history and storytelling about their lands and waters.

Okanagan Nation Alliance
syilx.org (Syilx)

The Okanagan Nation Alliance website offers numerous resources for community members and visitors, including a Nation map and information about current events, history, governance, educational resources, and language lessons. The Okanagan Nation also publishes and sells books ranging from accounts of history to traditional stories and available at syilx.org/shop/

In 2005, the UBC Okanagan campus was founded in partnership with Indigenous communities of the Syilx Okanagan Nation. The Okanagan Nation Alliance and its member Nation Bands have signed a Memorandum with UBC, outlining the relationship of cooperation involved in the teaching of the history, language, and culture of the Okanagan Nations. For a timeline of this cooperation, see: <https://ok.ubc.ca/about/indigenous-engagement/>



2. UBC INDIGENOUS STRATEGIC PLAN, 2020

The 2020 [UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan \(ISP\)](#) outlines UBC's response and commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice. The ISP includes 8 goals and 43 actions, which significantly extend the work of the first UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan of 2009. The ISP will be reviewed every three years by the UBC community and external community partners.

Office of Indigenous Strategic Initiatives
isp.ubc.ca

The UBC Office of Indigenous Strategic Initiatives coordinates university-wide implementation of the Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISI) by offering an Implementation Toolkit consisting of a Self-Assessment Tool for the analysis of where individuals and Departments are in relation to Indigenous engagement and the ISP. Workshop guides, a Performance Measurement Framework, and information about funding for ISI initiatives are also provided on this website.

[Emeritus College Indigenous Strategic Plan](#)

The UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan provided guidance for the Emeritus College to develop its own [Indigenous Strategic Plan in 2022 \(PDF\)](#). Seven thematic actions were developed that include ways for emeriti to learn about and support Indigenous communities, faculty, and staff.



3. UBC'S INDIGENOUS PORTAL & INDIGENOUS UNITS

The [UBC Vancouver Indigenous portal](#) provides a wealth of information about Indigenous engagement at the Vancouver campus. This portal is a good starting point for locating information related to Indigenous units, resources, and stories at UBC and includes information relevant to student services, research units and other units affiliated with UBC.

UBC Indigenous Units

Information about the many Indigenous academic, research, and student service units at the Vancouver campus can be found on UBC's Indigenous Portal at [indigenous.ubc.ca](#). For information about discipline-specific units, see the Indigenous Portal or the relevant Faculty website.

[Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology Indigenous Initiatives](#)
[hindigenousinitiatives.ctlt.ubc.ca](#)

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT) is a resource centre for faculty and staff on varying educational needs including curriculum, Indigenous initiatives, professional development, and integration of technology into education.

[First Nations House of Learning](#)
[indigenous.ubc.ca/longhouse/fnhl/](#)

The First Nations House of Learning (FNHL) supports the university's Indigenous strategic planning and communications and is an important university connection for Indigenous communities and organizations. Based in the First Nations Longhouse, the First Nations House of Learning makes the university's resources accessible to Indigenous students, faculty, and staff through student services, Indigenous public and academic programming, and Indigenous events offered within the Longhouse. Their website features a 360 degree virtual tour of the House Posts in the Sty-Wet-Tan Great Hall and videos of some of the artists who carved them. The artists share their perspectives about their carvings.

Above: Detail from inside the [First Nations Longhouse](#) on the UBC Vancouver campus. The image of the life cycle of the salmon on the doors was created by Heiltsuk artist Bradley Hunt.



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Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre
irshdc.ubc.ca

The Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre (IRSHDC) facilitates access to historical records and information about the Indian Residential Schools for Indigenous community members and UBC faculty, staff, students, and others. The IRSHDC also supports the oral history documentation of Residential School Survivors, draws on emerging digital technologies, hosts critical educational dialogues about IRS and the impacts of other forms of colonialism, and is Survivor-centred and trauma-informed in its services to Indigenous Peoples of Canada. An important community partner of the IRSHDC is the Indian Residential School Survivors Society.

Indigitization Program
indigitization.ca

The Indigitization program is a cooperative endeavour between Indigenous community groups, UBC, the University of Northern British Columbia, and other academic partners. This program provides resources for Indigenous communities and organizations such as an Indigitization toolkit and training workshops to conserve, digitize, and create a management system for Indigenous knowledges.

xwćícəsəm Health Research and Education Garden
fs-iherg.sites.olt.ubc.ca/the-garden/

The xwćícəsəm garden is an educational and research support system for Indigenous knowledge, focusing on Indigenous traditional ways of knowing, food sovereignty, and land-based education for UBC faculty, staff, and students.

Xwi7xwa Library
xwi7xwa.library.ubc.ca

A leading centre for Indigenous academic resources, the Xwi7xwa Library uses an Indigenous classification system and is the only Indigenous university branch library in Canada.



4. MOOCS, SHORT COURSES & VIDEO SERIES

This section highlights free online courses and resources such as Indigenous MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), self-directed short courses/modules, and a video speaker series about a wide range of topics.

University of Alberta MOOC: Indigenous Canada

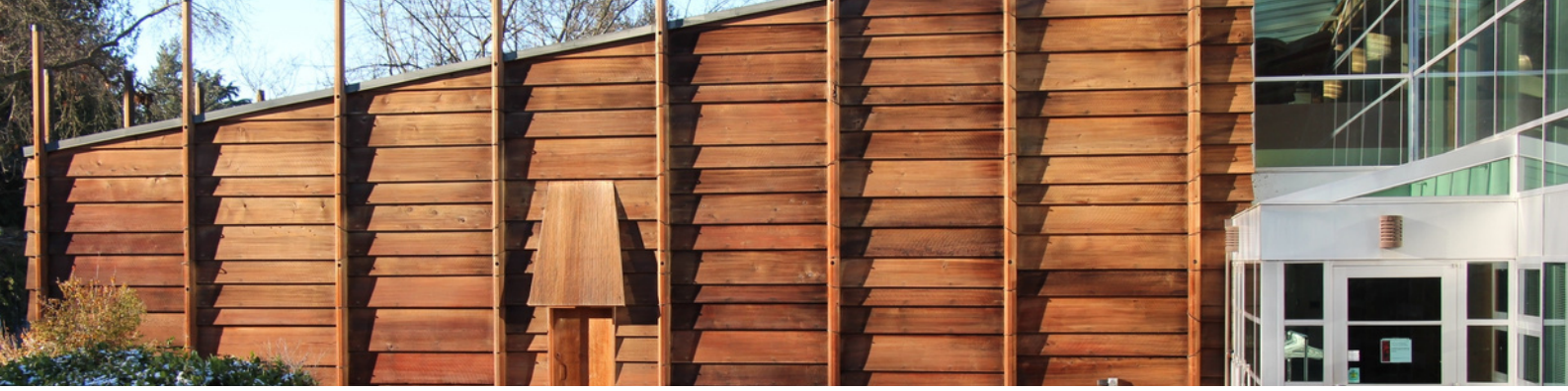
The University of Alberta's [MOOC, Indigenous Canada](#), informs our understanding of the diverse history of Indigenous people's in relation to Canada from Indigenous perspectives. This 12-lesson course is introductory and offers a broad range of information, perfect as a starting place on Indigenous content in Canada.

UBC MOOC: Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education

This UBC [Faculty of Education MOOC](#) offers an introduction for educators and others who want to reimagine assumptions often made about Indigenous peoples and how those assumptions may impact classroom dynamics. This six-week MOOC explores, analyzes, and develops strategies for engaging with Indigenous people, communities, and classrooms to enhance learning. This MOOC is offered at various times during the year. Check the website for future course dates.

Indigenous Learning Pathways: Land Acknowledgements at UBC

This [90 minute self-paced online course](#) offered through UBC allows you to gain an understanding of why we participate and engage with land acknowledgments at both the Vancouver and Okanagan campuses. You will need to use your CWL to register.



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Weaving Relations

apsc.ubc.ca/weaving-relations

Weaving Relations is a self-paced online course developed by the Faculty of Applied Science and the Faculty of Land and Food Systems at UBC. The course examines Indigenous history, contexts, settler colonialism in Canada, and Indigenous-Canadian relationships.

Learning with Syeyutsus Speaker Series

trc57speakerseries.ca/season-one/

The three-season speaker series, Learning with Syeyutsus, is a partnership between the Nanaimo Ladysmith School District, UBC Press, and Vancouver Island Regional Library. Syeyutsus is a Reconciliation Policy & Framework for the Nanaimo Ladysmith School District. The 35 speakers are UBC Press authors and thought leaders who share ideas from their books to support learning about Indigenous topics such as pedagogy, allyship, language resurgence, storytelling, treaties, law, history, politics, decolonizing education, and reconciliation. Each speaker's one-hour talk was videotaped and is available to the public.

Home on Native Land

[Home on Native Land](#) is a self-guided course about Indigenous justice in Canada. Through a series of 10 videos, cartoons & lessons, take a walk down the back alley of history — and the frontlines of legal action — with Anishinaabe comedian Ryan McMahon. A user-friendly accessible resource, ideal as an introduction.



5. ART GALLERY, MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE

Among the many art galleries, museums and cultural centres focused on Indigenous art, history, and culture, three examples are listed here. Each includes digital as well as in-person access.

Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art

billreidgallery.ca

639 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC

Bill Reid, a Haida First Nations member, was an acclaimed artist, carver, sculptor, master goldsmith, and mentor. In 2008, the Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art was established in Vancouver to honour his legacy and to celebrate the art of the Northwest Coast and contemporary Indigenous art. The gallery offers art exhibitions, artist talks, tours, and experiential workshops.

UBC Museum of Anthropology (MOA)

moa.ubc.ca/educational-websites/

6393 NW Marine Drive, Vancouver, BC

The Museum of Anthropology at UBC is closed until June 2024 due to seismic upgrades to the Great Hall. However, there are online resources and digital access to various collections (e.g., canoeing traditions, First Nations opposition to the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline, the weavers of Musqueam, and a tribute to the Bill Reid Pole).

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

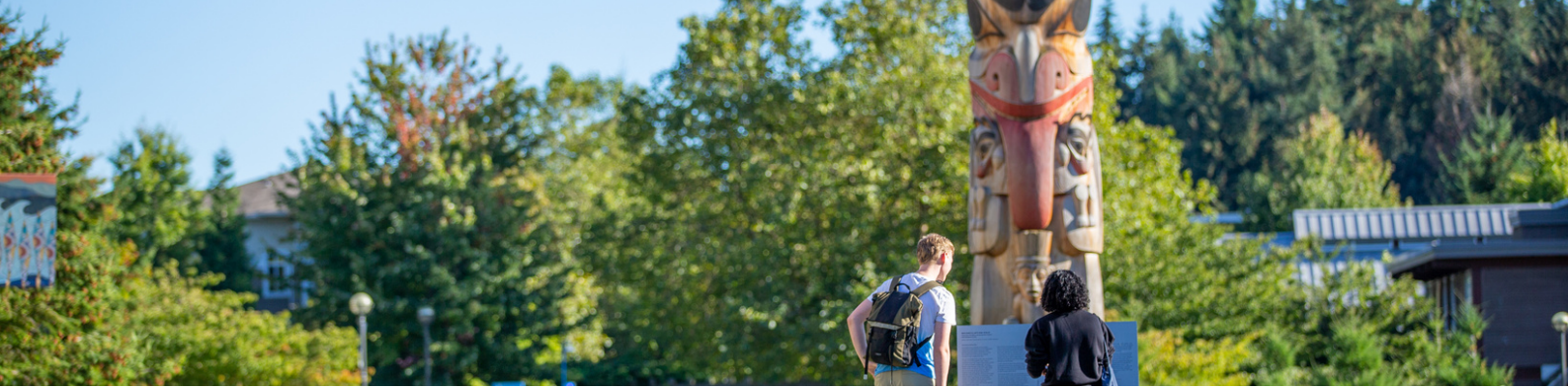
slcc.ca

4584 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC

The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre is a partnership between the Skwxwú7mesh and the Lil'wat7úl Nations showcasing culture, community, education, and history. This Centre offers programming and services for community members, Elders, and youth, and features guided tours, exhibitions, workshops, gallery, gift shop, and a cafe for visitors.

Above: Detail from "The Respect to Bill Reid Pole," by Haida artist James Hart,

Museum of Anthropology.



6. INDIGENOUS PRIMERS, INDIGENOUS BOOKSTORES & INDIGENOUS PUBLISHING COMPANIES

This section lists two Indigenous primers to facilitate the start of your learning journey, followed by Indigenous bookstores and Indigenous publishing companies. These various resources provide access to the wealth of material published by Indigenous creators both nationally and internationally.

Indigenous Primers

Gray, Lynda. *First Nations 101: Tons of Stuff You Need to Know. Updated & Expanded 2nd Edition*. Addaawx Publishing, 2022.

firstnations101.com

Lynda Gray's second edition of *First Nations 101* is a holistic primer about historical and contemporary contexts of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Informal in tone and highly accessible to a variety of readers, this book provides an excellent overview for those beginning their learning journey.

Joseph, Bob. *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act. Page Two*, 2018.

[Iron Dog Books](http://IronDogBooks.com)

Bob Joseph's book is an essential guide to the Indian Act and the impact of this legislation on Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Indigenous Bookstores & Indigenous Publishing Companies

Iron Dog Books

irondogbooks.com

2671 E Hastings St, Vancouver, BC

Iron Dog Books is an Indigenous-owned bookstore and book truck in Vancouver, offering a wide range of books for all reading levels. The owners, Cliff and Hilary Atleo, are of Nuu-Chah-Nulth/Tsimshian/Anishinaabe/Settler ancestries.



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Massy Books

massybooks.com

229 E Georgia St, Vancouver, BC

Massy Books, located in Vancouver, is an Indigenous-owned bookstore, offering a wide range of books from rare and out-of-print to current bestsellers. Indigenous titles are an important part of the collection. The owner, Patricia Massy, is of Cree/Metis/English ancestry. She established Massy Arts Society which hosts book launches, performances, discussions and is home to an art gallery. Priority is given to Indigenous and over-excluded artists. See the Massy Bookstore web site for information about Massy Arts Society and its various events.

Theytus Books

theytus.com

Green Mountain Rd., Lot 45, Penticton, BC

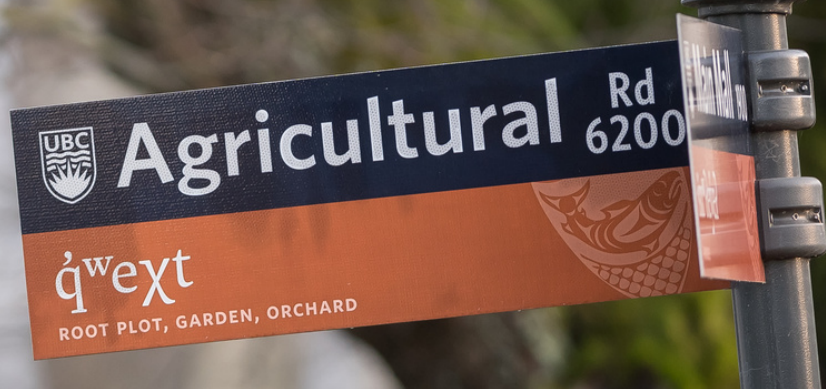
A leading publisher of Indigenous literature, Theytus Books is First Nations-owned and located in Penticton, BC., and associated with the En'owkin Centre (an Indigenous post-secondary institute). Theytus Books publishes creative work by Indigenous writers and suited to different reading levels. Books are available for purchase in-person or online.

Strong Nations

strongnations.com

2595 McCullough Rd, Nanaimo, BC

Strong Nations is an Indigenous owned publishing company and online book store located in Nanaimo, BC, and offering a massive selection of Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis children's books. Strong Nations also offers resource books for educators to support Indigenous education.



7. INDIGENOUS CATERING & RESTAURANTS

If you need catering for an event or a special occasion or want to taste some Indigenous food, try one of these Indigenous caterers, cafes, or restaurants located in Vancouver and the Okanagan area.

Friendship Catering Service

vafcs.org/friendship-catering

1611 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC

This catering service owned by the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS) operates as a social enterprise company that supports programs and initiatives of VAFCS. Their menu is quite varied and includes “West Coast cuisine with an Aboriginal Twist.”

Kekuli Café

kekulicafe.com

West Kelowna: 3550 Carrington Rd #307, Westbank, BC

Kelowna: 1000 K.L.O. Rd, Kelowna, BC

Sharon Bond from the Nooaitch First Nation in the Merritt area is the founder and CEO of Kekuli café, which offers a wide variety of bannock dishes with locations in Kelowna, Merritt and Kamloops.

Mr. Bannock

mrbannock.com

433 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, BC

Mr. Bannock is owned by chef Paul Natrall, member of the Squamish Nation. Paul operates an online store selling his secret bannock recipe mix to create a taste of Indigenous cuisine at home. Mr. Bannock also has a food truck that serves the greater Vancouver area. A downloadable app is available to track where the food truck is located.

Above: Detail of [UBC Vancouver campus street signs](#) featuring hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓ə́ translation.



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Salishan Catering
salishancatering.com

Salishan catering owned by Musqueam member, Denise Sparrow offers catering services to the greater Vancouver area with various Indigenous inspired dishes.

Salmon n' Bannock
salmonandbannock.net
1128 W Broadway #7, Vancouver, BC V6H 1G5
Also at YVR.

Salmon n' Bannock is owned by Inez Cook, member of Nuxalk Nation. This Indigenous restaurant offers a menu inspired by traditional Indigenous foods from local nations. Salmon n' Bannock also offers business catering services.

Above: Detail of a [skʷəqʷcəs](#) (Red Huckleberry Fruit). Explore the hə́hqəmíəh pronunciation of this and other Musqueam plants on the [UBC student Housing website](#).
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