

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On Mental Health and Land-Based Healing

Anishinaabe Discovery Centre

1491 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

April 24 - 25, 2025

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Meet Our Keynote Speakers!



Dr. Candace Linklater (she/her) ECE, BA, BEd, MEd, PhD
Visionary Founder & CEO | Relentless Indigenous Woman Co.

Dr. Candace Linklater, a proud Moose Cree First Nation member from her reservation in Moose Factory, is a leading voice in Indigenous education and advocacy. Rooted in her culture and inspired by her grandfather—a former chief and Treaty 9 descendant—she champions Indigenous sovereignty and community-led change.

She holds a PhD in Educational Leadership, with an award-nominated dissertation exploring queer-responsive and decolonial approaches for Indigenous 2SLGBTQ+ students. A trauma-informed somatic coach, she brings a holistic lens to healing and leadership.

Dr. Linklater began as an early childhood educator and teacher in her home community, later serving as an elected official and Vice Chair of the Moose Cree Education Authority. Now, she leads Relentless Indigenous Woman Co., an internationally recognized consulting company.

With over 750,000 followers, she educates and inspires through social media and her podcast, Relentless Indigenous Woman, creating powerful spaces for truth-telling, healing, and Indigenous joy.



Dr. Susan Chiblow

Dr. Susan (Sue) Bell Chiblow is Anishinaabe, born and raised in Garden River First Nation. She has worked extensively with First Nation communities for the last 30 years in environmental related fields. Sue has a B.Sc. in Biology, M.Sc. in Environment and Management, and has her PhD in Environmental Science with a focus on N'bi Kendaaswin (Water Knowledge).

Sue has worked with the Chiefs of Ontario as the Environmental Coordinator of the Environment Unit and continues to work with First Nation communities and Elders as an Anishinaabe Advisor on environmental projects and policy analysis (i.e., watershed planning, source water protection, Anishinabek law development, policy development, facilitation, strategic planning, report writing, environmental assessments, documenting Anishinabek science, and environmental management planning).

Dr. Chiblow is a Vanier Scholar and Assistant Professor at the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph in the Bachelors of Indigenous Environmental Science and Practice. She has recently been appointed as a Commissioner to the International Joint Commission. Dr. Chiblow strives to be a good ancestor in all that she does.

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