

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On Mental Health and Land-Based Healing

Conference Program

In-Person Location:

Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig

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

Room 1:

Classroom 4 (Niiwin)

Room 2:

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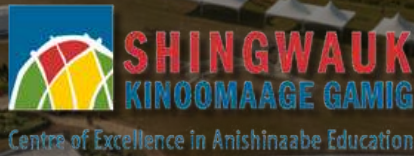
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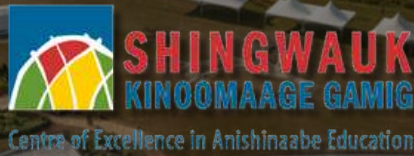


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Thursday, April 24th, 2025

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Ceremony
Opening Prayer:
Leona Stevens and Wes Whetung
Elders in Residence
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Opening & Welcoming Remarks:
Mary Wabano-McKay
President/Chief Academic Officer
Shingwauk Kinooaage Gamig
- Dr. Melanie Goodchild**
*Vice President Indigenous Knowledge,
Scholarship and Research*
Shingwauk Kinooaage Gamig
- Dean Sayers**
Chair of the Board
- 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM BREAK
- 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Susan Chiblow, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
School of Environmental Sciences
University of Guelph
- 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM Cultural Show:
Prof. John Paul Chalykoff
Assistant Professor & Department Chair
Anishinaabe Studies, Algoma University
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH



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Session 1

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Room 1: Reconnection To Ancestral Lands As A Form Of Healing

Chair: Dr. Suleyman Demi

Presenters:

1. Integrating science, spirit and story into a curriculum review process using an Anishinaabe inspired methodology and framework: An Anishinaabe-led evaluation project

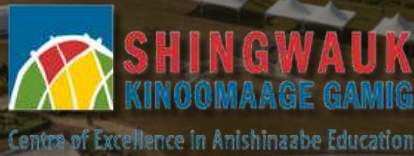
Maxine Lesage, RN, BScN; Grace Suva, RN, MN; Tanya Costa, Hon. B.A.; Doris Grinspun, RN, BScN, MSN, PhD, LLD (hon), Dr (hc), DHC, DHC, FAAN, FCAN, O.ONT.

2. Constellations of Care: Wisdom from Indigenous young people organizing for mental health and wellbeing in Canada

Samantha Matharoo (Anishinaabe – Sagamok First Nation), Rachel Thorburn, Deanna Zantingh, Jeffrey Ansloos (Nêhiyaw – Fisher River Cree Nation)

3. Actua's In STEM Model - Land-based STEM Education as a Catalyst for Healing and Reconnection

Ethan Boyer



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Room 2: Invisible Clients; Necro-Carism; I, too, am oppressed

Chair: Dr. Rose Ann Torres, Ph.D.

Presenters:

1. The “Invisible Clients”: HealthCare Practitioners’ Refusal to Bear Witness to Black, Indigenous, and Racialized People’s Tragedies in the HealthCare System:

Paul Banahene Adjei, Ph.D.

2. On necro-carism and white modernity in social work:

Dionisio Nyaga, Ph.D.

3. “I, too, am oppressed”: The Complicated Relationship Between White Practitioners and Indigenous Clients in Mental Health Spaces

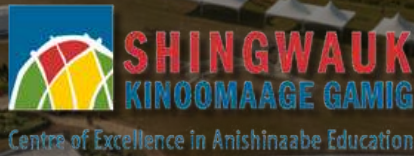
Susan Hunter, MA

BREAK: 2:15 PM - 2:25 PM

MEDICINE GARDEN PRESENTATION: 2:25 PM - 2:55 PM

Joanne Jones, Cultural and Land Based Academic Lead

Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig



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Session 2

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Room 1: Culturalization of Mental Health; Effects of Neoliberalism;
Critical Research Methodology**

Chair: Dr. Jessica Ticar

Presenters:

1. Culturalization of Mental Health: A Transnational Feminist and
Indigenous Theoretical Analysis

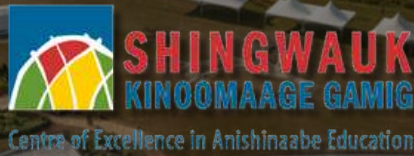
Rose Ann Torres, Ph.D.

2. Effects of Neoliberal Agricultural Policies on Land-Based Practices of
Indigenous Farmers in Ghana

Suleyman Demi, Ph.D.

3. Critical Research Methodology in Mental Health and Healing

Iwu Lilian Adanne



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Room 2: Intersections of Climate Change; Mindfulness-Based Intervention

Chair: Dr. Dionisio Nyaga

Presenters:

1. Intersections of climate change and mental health

Barbara Calixte, Ph.D.

2. Applying Mindfulness-Based Interventions and Land-Based Healing to Mitigate Intergenerational Trauma Triggers Among First Nations Job Seekers

Anita Vaillancourt, Ph.D.; Lana Ray, Ph.D. Associate Professor; Mr. Dave Neegan; Ms. Tahshiina Cheechoo

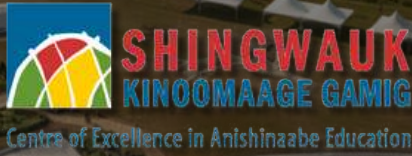
3. Centering Climate Justice within Indigenous Maternal Praxis

Jennifer Brant, Ph.D.

CULTURAL CELEBRATION SOCIAL: 4:30 PM

Prof. John Paul Chalykoff

Music, Appetizers, Fun

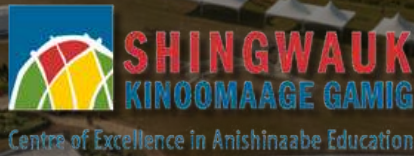


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Friday, April 25th, 2025

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| 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM | <u>LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</u> |
| 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM | Ceremony
Opening Prayer:
Leona Stevens and Wes Whetung
<i>Elders in Residence</i> |
| 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM | Opening & Welcoming Remarks:
Dr. Melanie Goodchild
<i>Vice President, Indigenous Knowledge
Research and Scholarship</i> |
| 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Candace Linklater (she/her),
ECE, BA, BEd, MEd, Ph.D.
<i>Visionary Founder & CEO Relentless
Indigenous Woman Co.</i> |
| 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM | <u>BREAK</u> |



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Session 3

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Room 1: From Jailer to Healer; Imagining Decolonial Care; House Demolition

Chair: Dr. Rose Ann Torres, Ph.D.

Presenters:

1. From Jailer to healer; Reimagining Justice and mental health; Afrocentric alternatives to carceral and psychiatric logics.

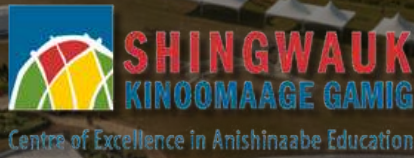
Ebenezer Inkumsah

2. Imagining decolonial care: Conversations on mental health promotion work with queer, femme, and Two Spirit Indigenous young people

Samantha Matharoo (Anishinaabe – Sagamok Anishinawbek First Nation), Ph.D., C. Psych

3. Mental Health Impacts of House Demolitions on Bedouin Communities in Unrecognized Negev Villages

Nuzha Allasad Alhuzail, Ph.D.



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Room 2: Psychological Impacts; Social Work for Land Back; and Community-Led Initiatives

Chair: Dr. Dionisio Nyaga

Presenters:

1. Psychological impacts of environmental degradation, displacement and land loss

Shella Milien

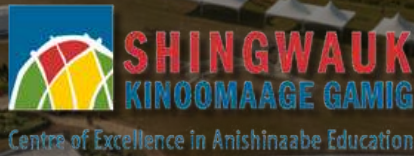
2. Social Work for Land Back: Connecting with the Land & Waters to Decolonize, Learn & Heal

Dani Sherwood & Walter Chan, Ph.D.

3. Community-led environmental initiatives for mental health and healing

Judeline Cherenfant

LUNCH: 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM



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Session 4

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

Room 1: Revitalizing Indigenous Languages; Land as a Source of identity

Chair: Dr. Walter Chan

Presenters:

1. Revitalizing Indigenous languages is crucial to the health and well-being of all people, plants, animals and Shkagamik-kwe (Mother Earth).

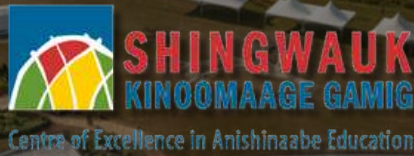
Renee Lemoyne

2. Land as a source of identity and resilience

Gensly Tonme

3. The Water as a Healing Resource of Bedouin Women

Nuzha Allassad Alhuzail, Ph.D.



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Room 2: Grade 7 presentation and Promoting Wellness at a Rural Elementary School

Chair: Dr. Dionisio Nyaga

Presenters:

1. Grade seven presentation (13 students)

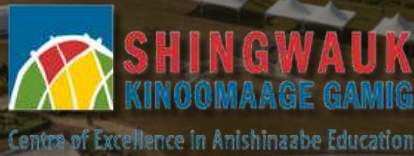
2. Promoting Wellness at a Rural Elementary School Through Truth and Reconciliation Initiatives for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Students: JK Students Wears Her Ribbon Skirt to School.

Mona Jones

3. “Scars In Our Stories”- A journey of mental health land-based healing

Mandi Olson

BREAK: 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM



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Room 1: Longing for Land Based Healing; Deep and Rippling Impact of Water and the Canoe

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Chair: Dr. Suleyman Demi

Presenters:

1. “Longing” for Land-Based Healing in the Mental Health & Addictions Field: Utilizing Filipino Epistemologies

Jessica Ticar

2. The Deep and Rippling Healing Impact of Water & the Canoe: The Transition of Youth Mental Health and Well-being with Two Row on the Grand River Paddle.

Bonnie M. Freeman, Ph.D.

Trish van Katwyk, Ph.D.

Ellie Joesph

CLOSING REMARKS: 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Dr. Melanie Goodchild, Vice President Indigenous Knowledge, Research and Scholarship Shingwauk KinooMaage Gamig

CLOSING CEREMONY: 4:30 PM

Leona Stevens and Wes Whetung, Elders in Residence