

MCSW AGM & EDUCATION EVENT 2019

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

RECLAIMING POWER AND PLACE: INSIDE THE FINAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED WOMEN AND GIRLS

Summary

This session will address the inner workings of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the drafting of the Final Report, with special reference to its emphasis on the need to address systemic problems within child welfare, as well as other service areas. Presented by Dr. Karine Duhamel, former Director of Research for the National Inquiry, and drawing from the testimonies and artistic expressions of family members and survivors, the session will discuss the processes and the ideas that led to its historic findings and Final Report – and why action is crucially important, right now.

Biography



Dr. Karine Duhamel is Anishinaabe-Métis and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Allison University, a Bachelor of Education from Lakehead University and a Master's Degree and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Manitoba. Dr. Duhamel was formerly Adjunct Professor at the University of Winnipeg where she developed and taught courses on the history and legacy of residential schools and Director of Research for Jerch Law Corporation, conducting research related to a number of cases related to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.

Most recently, Dr. Duhamel was Director of Research for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, drafting the Final Report, as well as managing the Forensic Document Review Project and the Legacy Archive. She is now a Curator at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, working across teams to develop and to deliver superior content, programming and visitor experience.

Dr. Duhamel is a member of the Board of Directors for the International Council of Museums, a board member for the Facing History Board of Scholars, a Speaker for the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and Co-Chair of the Expert Group on Indigenous Matters for the International Council of Archives.