

The Powley Legacy: *Mapping the History of Métis Nation Rights*



This two-day conference hosted by the Métis National Council features a variety of speakers and panel discussions pivotal in advancing rights of the Métis Nation

The Métis, as a distinct Aboriginal people, fundamentally shaped Canada's expansion westward through their on-going assertion of their collective identity and rights. From the Red River Resistance to the Battle of Batoche to other notable collective actions undertaken throughout the Métis Nation Homeland, the history and identity of the Métis people will forever be a part of Canada's existence.

The Powley Legacy: *Mapping the History of Métis Nation Rights* Conference will bring together Métis Nation leaders, community members, policy makers, legal experts, academics and representatives from the federal and provincial governments to explore the outcomes and implications of the MNC's National Research Initiatives with the University of Alberta, the University of Ottawa, the University

of Saskatchewan, the Saint Boniface Historical Society and others. This two-day conference hosted by the MNC features a variety of speakers and panel discussions on the pivotal role research plays in the recognition and exercise of Métis Nation rights.

July 16 & 17, 2010
Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, SK

Who Should Attend

- Métis Nation Community Members
- Federal & Provincial government representatives
- Institutions of public government
- Private sector organizations with an interest in Métis land and resource development
- Businesses serving Métis clients: consulting and legal firms, airlines, banks & others
- Academic and training institutions



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Day One: July 16, 2010 Battleford Ballroom

8:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer, Senator Nora Cummings
9:10 a.m.	Welcome by President Robert Doucette, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
9:30 a.m.	The People and Territory of the Métis Nation, Jean Teillet of Pape, Salter & Teillet, Vancouver, B.C.
10:15 a.m.	Health Break
10:30 a.m.	Métis Nation Land Rights Panel, Moderated by President David Chartrand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Métis Federation v. Canada and Manitoba, Thomas K. Berger • Morin v. Canada and Saskatchewan, Clément Chartier, Q.C., Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation • Dominion Lands Acts and Scrip, Dr. Frank Tough, University of Alberta (Matrix) – Q&A
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Mapping the Métis Nation, Moderated by President Gary Lipinski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Métis Federation, Al Benoit • North West Saskatchewan Métis Council, Kathy Hodgson-Smith • Métis Nation of Alberta, Jason Madden • Métis Nation British Columbia, Dean Trumbley • Métis Nation of Ontario, Brian Tucker – Q&A
3:00 p.m.	Health Break
3:15 p.m.	National Research, Moderated by Kathy Hodgson-Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Métis Byte Back: The Historical Online Database and Digitization of Archival Information, Dr. Tough and MAP Team • Defining Métis Economic Communities, Dr. Kenichi Matsui and Dr. Arthur Ray – Q&A
5:00 p.m.	Closing Prayer, Senator Nora Cummings
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Networking Reception

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Day Two: July 17, 2010 Adam Ballroom

9:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer, Senator Nora Cummings
9:10 a.m.	Taking Métis History to Court: Reflections of an Expert Witness About Powley and its Aftermath, Dr. Arthur Ray
10:15 a.m.	Health Break
10:30 a.m.	Aboriginal Rights Litigation, Moderated by Mark Stevenson <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jean Teillet, PST Law, Métis Harvesting Rights• Jason Madden, JTM Law, Litigating s.91(24) of the Constitution Act 1867• Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Hodgson-Smith Law, McIvor, Cunningham, Bill C-3 and Métis Nation Citizenship<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Q&A
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Expert Witness Panel, Moderated by Jason Madden <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Arthur Ray• Dr. Frank Tough• Ms. Gwynneth Jones<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Q&A
2:00 p.m.	Atlas of the Métis of Northwest Saskatchewan, Professor Keith Carlson and Stephanie Danyluck, MA Student, University of Saskatchewan
3:00 p.m.	Health Break
3:15 p.m.	Land Demarcation and Indian Autonomy on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua, Moderated by Clément Chartier Q.C. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salvador Fermin Chow, Miskitu Representative• Orlando Dixon Rodriguez, Mayangna Representative<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Q&A
5:00 p.m.	Closing Prayer, Senator Nora Cummings

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Speakers:



ALLAN D. BENOIT holds Masters' Degrees in Natural Resources Management and Architecture from the University of Manitoba. He is the owner of Ahtikaki Consulting Inc., a community development consulting firm for cultural and economic initiatives in Manitoba, and is a Senior Policy Advisor with the Manitoba Métis Federation. He currently serves as the Chairperson for the St. Norbert Parish Métis Council and is a member of the Métis National Museum Steering Committee in Winnipeg.



THOMAS R. BERGER has been one of the pre-eminent legal figures in Indigenous rights. He was counsel for the Nisga'a nation of B.C. in a case in which the Supreme Court of Canada recognized the place of Aboriginal rights in Canadian law. He is also representing the Manitoba Métis Federation in its land claim case, MMF v. Canada and Manitoba. He was the youngest judge appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia in the 20th Century, and served for 12 years. Dr. Berger holds honorary degrees from 13 universities, and received the Order of Canada in 1990.



KEITH T. CARLSON is a professor of history at the University of Saskatchewan and the Interim Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Culture and Creativity. Working with Métis Elders and cultural experts, along with a team of scholars and students from the University of Saskatchewan and other universities across Canada, Keith is editing an atlas on Métis people and land use in Northwestern Saskatchewan.



PRESIDENT CLÉMENT CHARTIER Q.C., a citizen of the Métis Nation, was born at Ile la Crosse in Northwestern Saskatchewan in 1946 and raised in the nearby Métis community of Buffalo Narrows. He is known widely around the world as a lawyer, writer, lecturer and activist. President Chartier has served in both political and administrative capacities with numerous Indigenous organizations nationally and internationally, but is most well known for his work on Métis. President Chartier was elected president of the Métis National Council in 2003, and is currently serving his second term.



PRESIDENT DAVID CHARTRAND has humbly served the Manitoba Métis and the Métis People throughout the Métis Nation Homeland for over 20 years. David has been a part of the Manitoba Métis Federation since 1988 and was elected as President in 1997. His strong leadership and sharp vision has resulted in five consecutive re-elections, which makes him the longest-serving President of the MMF. Through his role on the Métis National Council Board of Governors, he has also held numerous national ministerial portfolios, including those of MNC Vice-President and Minister of Métis Veterans, Health, Finance and Social Development.



SENATOR NORA CUMMINGS was born and raised in Saskatoon. Founder of the Saskatchewan Native Women's Association (in 1971), she has been involved in the creation of several organizations including the Saskatoon Métis Society Local #11 and the Native Women's Association of Canada (founding member of the Board of Directors). In December 1993, Senator Nora Cummings took the Oath of Office as a Senator for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Senate, where she still serves. Senator Cummings resides in Saskatoon and has 28 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

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STEPHANIE DANYLUCK is a Masters student in the History Department at the University of Saskatchewan working with Professor Keith Carlson. She is conducting oral history with Métis Elders and cultural experts in Ile a la Crosse, Buffalo Narrows, and La Loche to help create atlas plates describing Métis language, drama, and skiffs. Stephanie is also conducting analysis on the way provincial government resource regulatory regimes impact Métis harvesting activities and governance.



PRESIDENT ROBERT DOUCETTE was born in Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan and spent his first four years in Duck Lake with his parents – Marcién and Rita Doucette. Now, President Doucette and his partner, Betty Garr, live and work in Saskatoon, and have three children: Brady, Breanna, and Julia. Robert also has a daughter, Kyra, from a previous relationship. President Doucette has run for and won several elected positions in the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and has spent many years working within the MN-S in various capacities.



PRESIDENT BRUCE DUMONT was born May 25th, 1944 in Olds, Alberta and was educated in Alberta at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT). Based on his years of volunteer work in the Métis community he was elected Vice-president for the Métis Nation British Columbia on April 17, 2004. President Dumont was elected in a provincial by-election on December 3, 2005 and has remained as the elected President for the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) to this day.



WILL GOODON is a Métis Nation citizen from the Turtle Mountains – his grandmother from the American side and his grandfather from the Canadian side. Mr. Goodon has been involved with the Métis Nation since 1996, and has also chaired several Métis assemblies and conferences including those of the Manitoba Métis Federation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Métis National Council. He has also facilitated the MMF's Commission for the Laws of the Hunt, the Commission on Métis Self-Governance and MMF Duty to Consult community consultations.



KATHY L. HODGSON-SMITH is a Saskatoon lawyer who practices criminal and Aboriginal law under the firm name Hodgson-Smith Law. She has worked on various national policy initiatives for the Métis National Council including the AHRDA Strategy, Canada-Aboriginal Peoples Roundtables, the Kelowna Accord and Post-Powley. She currently testified at the Aboriginal Affairs Standing Committee on the effects of the McIvor decision on the Métis. She earned a Masters in Education in 1997 and has researched, published and lectured in the area of Aboriginal pedagogy. She has conducted research for the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the Canadian Education Association and the Canada Council on Learning.

GWYNNETH C. D. JONES has twenty-six years experience in historical research, policy and negotiations on issues related to Aboriginal land and natural resource harvesting claims. From 1984 to 1995, she worked for the Government of Ontario on Aboriginal issues. Since 1995, she has practiced as an independent historian based in Vancouver, and has been engaged by Canada, provincial governments, First Nations and Métis organizations in western Canada to conduct historical research on a variety of land and natural resource issues. She has appeared as an expert witness in *R. v. Powley*, *Montana v. HMQ*, *R. v. Goodon*, and *R. v. Jones and Hirsekorn*. Ms. Jones is a member of the Canadian Historical Association and has been a frequent presenter at its annual conferences.

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MARC LECLAIR is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada with over 25 years of experience working with local, provincial and national Aboriginal organizations as well as the federal and provincial governments. Mr. LeClair was an active participant and one of the lead negotiators in the Aboriginal Constitutional Conferences held between 1984-87. He was retained as the lead Métis negotiator during the Meech Lake and Charlottetown Constitutional Accord rounds. He has worked extensively with Aboriginal organizations and federal and provincial governments throughout Canada with a focus on Aboriginal economic development policy and program design, health promotion, education and skills training, and Aboriginal self-governance and capacity-building initiatives.



PRESIDENT GARY LIPINSKI lives in Fort Frances, Ontario where he was born and raised. President Lipinski began his political career as an elected Councillor for the Sunset Country Métis, was first elected to the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO), as Councillor for Northwestern Ontario (Region One) and served as PCMNO Chair for nine years. He was acclaimed President of the MNO in May 2008 and has since worked within the MNO-Ontario Framework Agreement to attain recognition from provincial government ministries for Métis rights.



JASON MADDEN is a Métis lawyer and the former General Counsel to the Métis National Council. He returned to private practice in 2005 forming his own firm (JTM LAW) based in Toronto. Mr. Madden has been at the forefront of the new prominence of Métis rights and claims in Aboriginal jurisprudence. He acted as counsel for the MNC in its interventions in *R. v. Powley* and *R. v. Blais* – the first Métis rights cases before the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also acted as counsel in a majority of the Métis harvesting rights cases that have applied the Powley decision from Ontario westward.



KENICHI MATSUI is an Assistant Professor of Sustainable Environmental Studies in the Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences at the University of Tsukuba in Japan. He is the author of "Canada's Indigenous Rights and the Powley Test: A History of Métis Rights." Kenichi is a member of the MNC National Research Team.



ARTHUR J. RAY is Professor Emeritus at University of British Columbia, specializing in the historical geography of the Native people of Canada. He has authored over 60 scholarly articles and book chapters. Professor Ray is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and recipient of Killam Research, Bora Laskin, and Woodrow Wilson fellowships. He has appeared as an ethnohistorical geography expert in numerous Aboriginal and treaty rights cases.



MARK L. STEVENSON is a Métis lawyer whose family comes from the historic Métis community of Lac Ste Anne in northern Alberta. Currently he works with a number of First Nations as legal counsel and Chief Negotiator under the B.C. Treaty Process. He also works for First Nations and Métis organizations in matters related to conflict management, constitutional development, governance, natural resource law and economic development. Mr. Stevenson recently served as President of the Indigenous Bar Association and as a Commissioner with the Law Commission of Canada.

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JEAN TEILLET is called to the Bars in Ontario, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. She is a partner in the firm of Pape Salter Teillet and specializes in Aboriginal rights litigation and negotiations, with a particular emphasis on Métis rights. The 2005 Aboriginal Justice Award was presented to Ms. Teillet by the Aboriginal Law Students' Association, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta "In Recognition of Service to the Aboriginal Community" and for her "Outstanding Contributions to the Development of Aboriginal Justice". Ms. Teillet is the great-grandniece of Louis Riel.



DR. FRANK TOUGH, Associate-Dean (Research) and Professor of Native Studies (University of Alberta), is a historical geographer with an interest in Aboriginal rights. Tough is an adjunct with the Department of Rural Economy and his last overseas sojourn was as an academic visitor to Department of Economic History (London School of Economics). Tough directed the development of the Métis Nation Historical Online Database. Current efforts focus on maintaining a research lab, which digitizes historical documents, making archival records accessible online through database technology, and training undergraduate students. Tough has provided expert testimony in a number of court cases involving Métis rights.



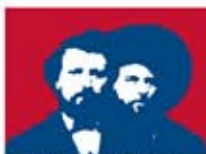
DEAN TRUMBLEY comes from a long-line of Métis harvesters, which he still honours today. Dean's family gains the majority of their sustenance from hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering. Dean completed all his post-secondary schooling in Ontario following which he moved back to British Columbia. In 1992, Dean became involved in the Métis political movement in British Columbia and in 2003, took on the full-time position as the Director of Natural Resources and developed a 1.5-year natural resource strategy for the MNBC; the resultant was the creation of today's B.C. Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR). In the summer of 2005, Mr. Trumbley became the Chief of Operations for the MNBC and still maintains that position.



BRIAN TUCKER is from a large Métis family in Fort Frances, Ontario, where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping on and around Rainy Lake. Before moving away to attend post-secondary education, he worked in his family's commercial fishing, trapping, and logging operations. He has a diploma in Environmental Engineering Technology from Confederation College, as well as a B.Sc. in Environmental Earth Sciences and a M.Sc. in Biology from Laurentian University. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Ecology through the University of Alberta, and is the Manager of the Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch of the Métis Nation of Ontario.

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