

# Aboriginal Wellness: Knowledge, Culture and the Importance of Context

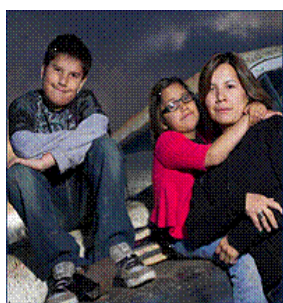
Thursday March 3, 2011  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
The Sheraton Ottawa

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## AGENDA

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*All activities to take place in the Rideau Room*

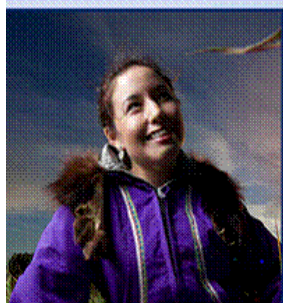


**1630 – 1700 Registration**

**1700 – 1710 Blessing**

**1710 – 1720 Welcome**

John Sproule, Institute of Health Economics  
Dr. Malcolm King, CIHR Institute for Aboriginal Peoples' Health



**1720 – 1805 Keynote address and reading**

Joseph Boyden, Giller Prize Winner and Author of *Through Black Spruce*

**1805 – 1845 Panel Presentation**

Moderator: Don Newman, Canada 2020

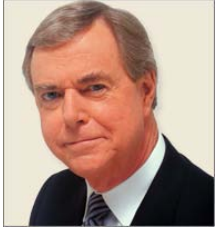
Dr. Madeleine Dion Stout, President, Dion Stout Reflections  
Dr. Evan Adams, Aboriginal Health Physician Advisor, Office of the Provincial Health Officer, British Columbia Ministry of Health



**1845 – 1930 Reception**

## Speakers

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### **Don Newman, Journalist; Chair, Canada 2020**

Don Newman, one of Canada's most respected journalists, is the Chairman of Canada 2020, a non partisan centre working to develop programs to further the political, social and economic well being of Canadians. He is Member of the Order of Canada, a life member of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery, and has received numerous awards including a Gemini lifetime achievement award in public affairs broadcasting, the Hy Solomon Award for excellence in public policy journalism, and the Charles Lynch Award for outstanding coverage of national affairs. He is also on the Boards of Canada's National History Society and the Science Media Centre of Canada, the Canadian Committee of World Press Freedom and the Advisory Board of the Canadian International Council's Ottawa Foreign Policy Initiative; Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council; Chair of the Jury for the 2010 Canadian Foreign Service Officer Awards; and has also served as a judge of Canada's National Newspaper and Charles Lynch Awards. He holds honorary degrees from Queen's and Winnipeg universities.

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### **Evan Adams, Aboriginal Health Physician Advisor, British Columbia Ministry of Health**

Dr. Evan Adams, Sliammon First Nation (Powell River, BC) completed his Medical Degree at the University of Calgary, his Aboriginal Family Practice residency at St Paul's Hospital at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and is currently the Director of the Division of Aboriginal People's Health with the Faculty of Medicine and the Aboriginal Health Physician Advisor for the Office of the Provincial Health Officer at the BC Ministry of Health Services in Victoria. He has a Masters of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, MD.

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### **Joseph Boyden, Author**

A Canadian of Irish, Scottish, and Metis heritage, Joseph Boyden has written a collection of stories, *Born with a Tooth*, and two novels, *Three Day Road*, and *Through Black Spruce*. *Through Black Spruce* won Canada's most prestigious literary prize, the ScotiaBank Giller on November 11, 2008, as well as the Libris Book of the Year and Author of the Year awards. To date, *Through Black Spruce* has been published internationally in a dozen languages. He is a contributing writer for Canada's *Macleans* and *Zoomer* magazines and has published and continues to publish fiction and nonfiction in a variety of places, including *Spirit Magazine*, *Black Warrior Review*, *Walrus*, *Driven*, and *Globe and Mail*. His work has been anthologized in *PEN International*, *Penguin Anthology of Contemporary Short Stories* and elsewhere. Joseph was awarded an honorary doctorate from Nipissing University in June, 2009.

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### **Madeleine Dion Stout, President, Dion Stout Reflections**

Madeleine Dion Stout, a Cree speaker, was born and raised on the Kehewin First Nation in Alberta. After graduating from the Edmonton General Hospital as a Registered Nurse, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, with Distinction, from the University of Lethbridge and a Master's Degree in International Affairs from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University. Ms. Dion Stout was President of the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada and member of the National Forum on Health. In August, 2007 she was appointed to the Mental Health Commission of Canada as an inaugural Vice-chair of the Board of Directors. She was a Professor in Canadian Studies and founding Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Education, Research and Culture at Carleton University. Now self-employed, she continues to work as a researcher, writer and lecturer on First Nations, Inuit and Métis health and health care and is increasingly adopting a Cree lens in this work. She has received the Assiniwikamik Award from the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada; a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Lethbridge; and Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of British Columbia and the University of Ottawa.