

# TRANSNATIONAL LACROSSE CONFERENCE 2014

Hosted by the Centre for the Study of Sport and Health at Saint Mary's University  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.



## CONFERENCE THEME THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Lacrosse in Historical and Contemporary Perspective

### Who should attend?

- Academic researchers
  - Sport
  - Kinesiology
  - Management
  - History
  - Sociology
  - Psychology
  - Scholars interested in Indigenous sport
  - Any other disciplines are welcome...
- Lacrosse experts and historians
- Lacrosse enthusiasts and advocates



## PLAY IT – STUDY IT – LOVE IT



## OUR OPENING ANCHOR EVENT PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP GAMES

Breaking tradition of anchoring the event with a guest speaker, the Saint Mary's University Lacrosse Team will be hosting an exhibition game with lacrosse team members of the Haudenosaunee and Mi'kmaq Nation, and local clubs in the spirit of peace and friendship. Other conference events include a storytelling reception with members of the Iroquois National Team and a Mi'kmaq Feast at the closing banquet.



Youth are invited to participate in a skills competition camp and a try lacrosse session.

Lacrosse enthusiasts will have a chance to pick up lacrosse sticks and toss the ball around with players.

Lacrosse experts will host coaching clinics to showcase the breadth of lacrosse in both field and box games. These activities promote the inclusion of youth to elders in all aspects of the game of Lacrosse. Ideas for panels from practitioners, heritage organizations and the academic community are welcomed as well.

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Gerald Gloade, Mi'kmaq Artist, Millbrook First Nation

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Mi'kmaq Treaty Day in Nova Scotia

### **Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Registration
- Peace and Friendship Anchor Games hosted by the SMU Lacrosse Team
- Storytelling reception with the Iroquois National Team Members

### **Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Stick Making Cultural and Historical Panel Session
- Academic Paper Sessions
- Stick Making Course (all day event)

### **Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Academic Paper Sessions
- What is the Future of Lacrosse Panel Session
- Mi'kmaq Feast – Closing Banquet

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Submissions are invited for an international conference to discuss issues related to the game of lacrosse, its historical evolution and its place in contemporary culture. We are interested in papers that include lacrosse as a critical point in indigenous worldview and culture (both past and present); as a game appropriated, codified and played by Victorian amateurs; its flourishing at the community, collegiate and professional levels; its borderland and transnational development and relationship to the Olympic movement; the growth of women's lacrosse, notably in Britain; the development of box lacrosse as an alternative to field lacrosse; the close connection between lacrosse and hockey; and its growing popularity at the present. In addition, the conference will address the re-appropriation of the game in the modern era by indigenous peoples and to movements for social emancipation and national recognition. In this regard we also invite global comparison with other indigenous sporting practices and the struggle for liberation.

Call for papers link: [www.smu.ca/campus-life/events-and-conferences.html](http://www.smu.ca/campus-life/events-and-conferences.html)

Please send 200 word abstracts to [CSSH@SMU.CA](mailto:CSSH@SMU.CA) by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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