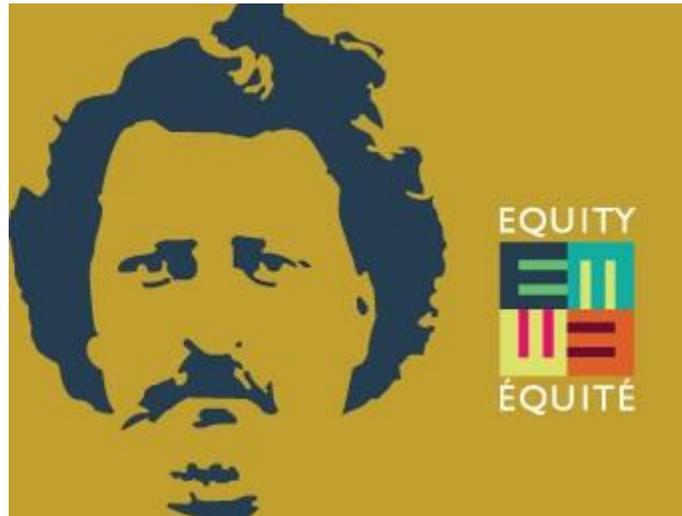


Louis Riel Day Program 2018



The Question of “Who”? : Reconciling Métis Identity, Metis Rights and Section 35

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Friday, November 16, 2018

12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSION

12:30 – 3:00 P.M.*

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12:30 – 12:35 p.m. Opening Prayer – Senator Rene Gravelle

12:35 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 1:05 p.m. Welcoming Remarks – [TBC], Law Society of Ontario

1:05 – 1:10 p.m. Opening Remarks – Margaret Froh, President, Métis Nation of Ontario

1:10 – 1:15 p.m. Opening Remarks – The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

1:15 – 2:55 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q & A

2:55 – 3:00 p.m. Closing Prayer – Senator Joseph Poitras

PERFORMANCE 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

**** This portion of the program is eligible for up to 1.75 Substantive Hours***

Photographs and video taken at this public event will be used in Law Society and partner organization print and online publications. Members of the media may also attend this event

Speaker Biographies

Darryl Leroux

Darryl Leroux is an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Justice & Community Studies at Saint Mary's University. His current research is on race shifting or the phenomenon whereby white French-descendants are increasingly claiming an "Indigenous" identity based on ancestry in the 1600s. Tens of thousands of self-identified "Indigenous" individuals supported by dozens of organizations have emerged in the past half-generation in the eastern provinces, largely due to the Supreme Court of Canada's Powley decision. Despite having failed to prove the existence of a historic Metis community under the Powley test in 15 separate court cases in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec during this period, the "eastern metis" movement continues to gain momentum. Dr. Leroux's most recent publication, in the current issue of [Maisonneuve magazine](#), outlines in considerable detail the origins of the "Quebec metis" movement in anti-Indigenous/white rights activism. His book on the topic, tentatively titled *Distorted Descent: Whiteness and the Desire to Become Indigenous*, will be published in September 2019.

Jason Madden

Managing Partner, Pape Salter Teillet LLP

Jason is a Métis lawyer and a descendant of the 'Halfbreeds of Rainy Lake and River' who collectively adhered to Treaty #3 in 1875. He is a managing partner in the law firm Pape Salter Teillet LLP with offices in Toronto and Vancouver. Jason's practice is primarily focused on litigation, Aboriginal consultation and accommodation issues as well as the negotiation and implementation of modern day treaties.

Jason is recognized as being at the forefront in the advancement of Métis rights in Canada. He has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada in all of the cases dealing with Métis rights issues over the last decade, including the recent Daniels case. He has also been counsel in a majority of the Métis harvestings rights cases decided since Powley from Ontario westward. Jason also regularly represents Métis governments and communities in their negotiations other levels of government and industry, including acting as legal counsel for the Manitoba Métis Federation ("MMF") on implementation of the Supreme Court of Canada's 2013 decision in *MMF v. Canada*.

Jason was recognized as one of the 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada by Canadian Lawyer Magazine in 2014 and is the recipient of the 2015 Osgoode Hall Law School's Dianne Martin Medal for Social Justice through Law. Jason is also recognized as a leading practitioner in Aboriginal law by the annual peer rankings published by both Chambers & Partners and Lexpert ("most frequently recommended").

Mitch Case

[Bio coming soon]

Moderator Biography

Jean Teillet, IPC, OMN (B.F.A., LL.B., LL.M.)

Senior Counsel, Pape Salter Teillet LLP, in Vancouver and Toronto.

Ms. Teillet's legal career has focused on Aboriginal rights and reproductive rights. For many years she was legal counsel for the Association of Ontario Midwives and the Midwives Association of BC. She is currently the chief negotiator for the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw, a coalition of six Stó:lō bands who are negotiating a treaty in the lower Fraser Valley in BC.

Ms. Teillet was counsel at the Supreme Court of Canada in *Pamajewon*, *Powley*, *Taku River* and *Beckman* and acted for interveners in other cases including *Blais*, *MMF*, *Paul*, *Cunningham*, *Haida*, *Delgamuukw* and *Behn*. She also acted for an intervener in *Daniels* at the Federal Court of Appeal.

Ms. Teillet maintains an active role as a public speaker and primarily speaks on Aboriginal rights, identity, access to justice and Charter issues. She is published in many journals and law books and is the author of *Métis Law in Canada*. Ms. Teillet is currently writing a popular history of the Métis Nation, which will be published by Harper Collins in 2018.

Ms. Teillet is an adjunct professor of law at UBC where she teaches constitutional law. She is on the board of Indspire, Save the Children, the Association of Canadian Studies and sits on the Canadian Judicial Council Chairperson's Advisory Group. She is a former Treasurer and Vice-President of the Indigenous Bar Association, and was the first recipient of the Law Society of Upper Canada's Lincoln Alexander Award.

In 2011, the Indigenous Bar Association awarded Ms. Teillet the honourable title of "Indigenous Peoples Counsel". In 2012, she was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. She has been awarded three honorary doctorates: Guelph University (2014), the Law Society of Upper Canada (2015) and University of Windsor (2017). In 2016, the Association of Ontario Midwives made Jean an honorary lifetime member in recognition of her services to midwives and aboriginal women. Also in 2016, the Métis National Council awarded Jean its highest honour, the "Order of the Metis Nation". *Lexpert* ranks Ms. Teillet as a "consistently recommended" Aboriginal rights lawyer and Chambers and Partners ranks her nationally as a "leading lawyer" in Aboriginal rights law.

Ms. Teillet is the great grandniece of Louis Riel.

Performers

Alicia and Liam Blore – Fiddler and Guitarist

Born and raised in Toronto, Alicia and Liam have never forgotten their Manitoba Métis roots. Alicia and Liam's Great Grandfather, Phillip Zastre was a well-known Métis fiddler from St. Rose du Lac, Manitoba.

In 2008, Alicia was asked to join the Fiddle Stories: Elder Youth Legacy project. The goal of the group is to pass on the oldest surviving traditions and teachings onto the next generation. Alicia traveled with the Fiddle Stories group to Newfoundland in 2008 and Scotland in 2010 for the North Atlantic Fiddle Convention.

Liam has been playing music since a very young age and has accompanying Alicia with guitar and spoons for the past few years.

They recently performed at Pan Am Opening ceremonies, Para Pan Am Athletes village, Aboriginal Pavilion at Fort York, and the Métis Heritage Days in Oshawa.

Auriele Diotte - Dancer

Auriele Diotte is a graduate of Redeemer University College (2014) holding a B.A. in Theatre Performance. She learned about her Métis culture and about jigging from the Oshawa Durham Region Métis Council and has, since, been an active Métis dancer for 8 years. She was in association with the Act One School of Drama in Pickering as Counsellor, Instructor and Camp Director for 4 years and Auriele is now a children's party entertainer with The Fairytale Factory. She is also furthering her film acting skills at the Alza Acting Studio in Toronto.

Since her childhood, performing has been a deep passion of hers, and her enthusiasm for the performing arts, fuels her ability to express herself in different ways. Her Métis culture has become very important to her and she takes any opportunity she can to share it with others as well as teaching people some fancy dance moves.