

ASEC Spring Conference April 21, 2013 Continuing the Journey

Schedule

9:00 am - 9:30 am - Conference Registration
9:30 am - 10:00 am - Conference Opening Remarks
10:00 am - 11:30 am - Keynote: Kevin Chief
11:30 am - 11:45 am - Break
11:45 am - 12:30 pm - Adult Learning & Literacy Documentary Discussion with Kevin Nikkel
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch & Networking
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm - Afternoon Breakout Session 1
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm - Break
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm - Afternoon Breakout Session 2
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm - Conference Wrap Up

Keynote Presentation - Kevin Chief: Sharing Stories of Resiliency and Reconciliation

As a sought after speaker, Kevin draws on his humble beginnings as an Indigenous youth in Winnipeg's North End to working alongside business, community, and government leaders. Through sharing personal stories of resiliency, possibility, and hope, he is able to engage diverse crowds into inclusive and healthy conversations about reconciliation.

Kevin Chief is Principal of Chief Partnerships Manitoba Incorporated. He is currently the chairperson for the Centre of Aboriginal Human Resource Development Inc. and Senior Advisor at True North Sports and Entertainment. Kevin brings a commitment to community and leadership development through his dedication to education, training, and employment.

Born and raised in Winnipeg's North End, he has considerable public sector and community experience. He served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, representing Point Douglas, and was appointed to Cabinet as Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities in 2012, Minister responsible for the City of Winnipeg in 2013, and Minister of Jobs and the Economy in 2014. Following public service, Kevin was the Vice President at the Business Council of Manitoba. Chief is the co-founder of the Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre.

Kevin and his wife Melanie have three young sons: Hayden, Kellan, and Daxton. He is also known as a high steppin' square dancer as a part of the Norman Chief Memorial Dancers.

Adult Learning & Literacy Documentary Discussion with Kevin Nikkel

Kevin Nikkel is proposing a short documentary called *What Sparked My Thinking*, a film about transformative learning in adulthood. The project is motivated by several initial questions: What is the process we go through as we think critically about our life situation, as we overcome barriers, as we seek out knowledge, and as we reach new perspectives? What does this type of learning look like? Does learning in adulthood have a direct impact on levels of poverty and prospects for employment? How does it affect self-esteem? Where have adults in Manitoba gone to experience this kind of learning?

Kevin Nikkel teaches high school courses to adults at the St Norbert Adult Education Centre. He has also taught courses at Red River College and University of Winnipeg. His documentary films have reached audiences in theatres, on CBC television, Knowledge Network, Bell FIBE1, and on the web. His 2014 film *On the Trail of the Far Fur Country* won best Canadian documentary at Vancouver's DOXA Film Festival. He has completed a Bachelor of Education from University of Manitoba and a Master of Adult Education from St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. His first book *Establishing Shots: An Oral History of the Winnipeg Film Group* will be released in March 2023 published by the University of Manitoba Press. He lives in Winnipeg.

Afternoon Breakout Session 1

Option A - Brightspace Tools to Enhance Teaching and Learning (Advanced)

This presentation will provide teachers with an overview of tools in Brightspace (Learning Management System) that can be used to increase engagement and enhance the online and blended teaching and learning experience. Previous experience with Brightspace is necessary as this as this presentation explores advanced Brightspace features.

Shannon Magee is an Education Consultant with Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. Since joining the Department in 2015, Shannon's role has been to support teachers in the implementation of online and blended learning. Prior to this role, Shannon was a high school teacher with Lakehead Public Schools in Thunder Bay, as well as a course developer and teacher for the Canadian Online High School. Outside of work, Shannon enjoys spending her time with her family - often exploring new play places (Shannon has a 3 year old daughter), going for walks with her pup - a west highland terrier and traveling (or planning trips).

Option B - Dyslexia Workshop

What is dyslexia? Accommodations for adult learners in the classroom. Looking at different technology that can be used to help dyslexic learners.

Cheryl Hoffmann is a graduate of the Computer Analyst Programmer curriculum at Red River College. She is a Certified Barton Tutor at the Masters Level and a Certified Dyslexia Testing Specialist. In her spare time she enjoys golfing, playing baseball, camping, travelling, and spending time with family and friends. As a single mom Cheryl balances her duties at KC Dyslexic Learning Centre with home life but she remains intensely loyal to her daughter Kersten and son Deonté.

Option C - Lessons From the Edge: Empowering Indigenous Students Through the Voices of Their Own People

Maurice is a member of the Mattawa Algonquin First Nation. He is a traditional man and has been walking the red road for some thirty years now.

Truck driver, railroader, miner and high level bureaucrat his life's journey has been colourful and adventure filled to say the least. His greatest and most humbling achievement however is being the proud father of three amazing children who, some 33 years ago, decided to be born on the same day!

Maurice can be best described as an educated bush rat and is happiest solo tripping in his canoe, hunting in Manitoba's wilds or riding his beloved Indian Chieftain.

Afternoon Breakout Session 2

Option A - Plain Language Basics

A key to communication is making sure your audience understands you the first time they read or hear something. Plain Language principles are based on creating a message that is clear for everyone. This workshop will look at the basics of creating plain language pieces that can simplify reading for literacy learners as well as second language learners in the classroom.

Jennifer is currently the Coordinator of the English Language Centre at Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology. She holds a Masters in Adult Education from Yorkville. She has been teaching newcomer adults in the settlement sector in Winnipeg since 2001. In the past she has presented on portfolio based assessment for adult ESL, taking advantage of interactive whiteboards in the classroom, and has been a Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) trainer.

Option B - Management of Mood Disorders and Mental Health in an Adult Learning Environment

This session explores the topic of mood disorders and mental health within the context of the adult learning environment, and also presents key strategies for management. It touches briefly on the vast diversity of learning styles as well mental health concerns within the classroom. The presentation additionally notes particular mental health issues that may be facing immigrants and refugees.

Marian Goldstone works for Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba as an Outreach Manager in the Westman area and also as a MDAM Regional Development Manager. She has worked for MDAM for almost 6 years. Among other academic credentials, Marian has masters degrees in both counseling and special education. Marian is also a graduate of the Age is an Asset program in Brandon Mb. and credits her experiences there as paving the way for her re-entry into the workforce and with Mood Disorders. Currently, as an MDAM staff person, she also regularly presents to the AIAA program on the subject of mood disorders.

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