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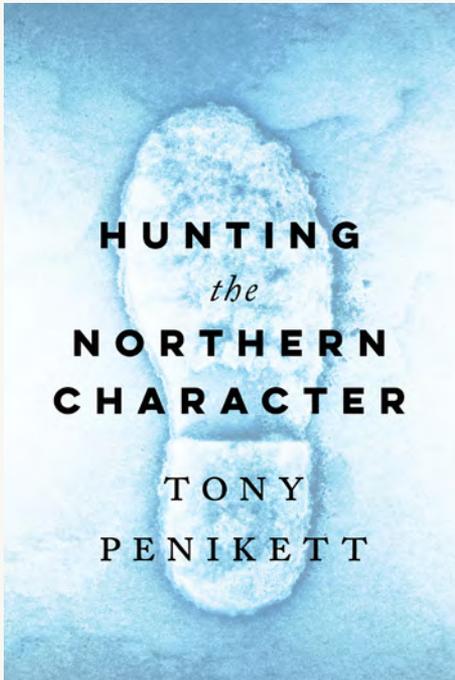
In the fall of 2017, Purich Books will publish Tony Penikett's *Hunting the Northern Character*, an insightful exploration of the new Northern consciousness, based on the author's decades of experience as a legislator, mediator, and negotiator in the North. And in the spring of 2018, watch for four new titles from Purich Books: a much-needed up-to-date overview of Aboriginal law from Jim Reynolds, who for over 40 years served as counsel for the Musqueam Band; an insider account of the promise and struggles of the Indian Specific Claims Commission by Jane Dickson, a former ISCC commissioner; a collected volume about undertaking ethical and engaged community-based participatory research, edited by Shauna MacKinnon of the Manitoba Research Alliance; and the much-anticipated updated and revised edition of *A Healthy Society: How a Focus on Health can Revive Canadian Democracy* by physician and current MLA for Saskatoon Meewasin, Ryan Meili.

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Hunting the Northern Character

Tony Penikett

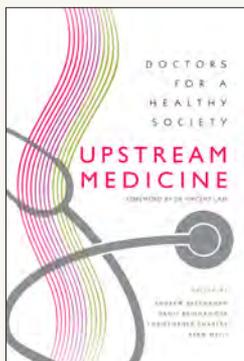
“ With characteristic humour and humanity, Tony Penikett brings the modern Arctic and its challenges to life, not only as a region of great power competition and economic opportunity but also, first and foremost, as a place that millions call home. He offers unique insight into the way the Arctic really works. ”

Charles Emmerson, author of *The Future History of the Arctic*

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We often hear world leaders, environmentalists, and the media invoke “the northern character” and “Arctic identity,” but what do these terms mean, exactly? Stereotypes abound, from Dudley Do-Right to *Northern Exposure*, but these southern perspectives fail to capture northern realities. During decades of service as a legislator, mediator, and negotiator, Tony Penikett witnessed a new northern consciousness grow out of the challenges of the Cold War, climate change, land rights struggles, and the boom and bust of resource megaprojects. His lively account of clashes and accommodations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders not only tracks his footsteps in his hunt for a northern identity but tells the story of an Arctic that the world does not yet know.

Tony Penikett spent twenty-five years in public life, including two years in the House of Commons as chief of staff to federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent, five terms in the Yukon Legislative Assembly, and two terms as premier of the Yukon Territory. He is the author of one book, *Reconciliation: First Nations Treaty Making*, and two films, *The Mad Trapper* and *La Patrouille Perdue*.



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Upstream Medicine

Doctors for a Healthy Society

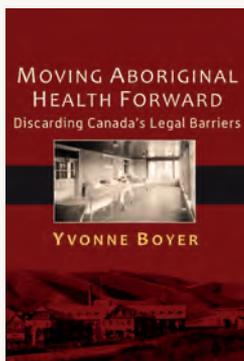
Edited by Andrew Bresnahan, Mahli Brindamour, Christopher Charles, and Ryan Meili, with a foreword by Dr. Vincent Lam

When patients visit a clinic or hospital, they bring stories of the everyday life conditions that made them sick in the first place – stories about where they work, live, and play; stories about income, food security, and housing. Doctors today are listening. Personal stories and patient encounters illuminate the social determinants of health, that is, the upstream source of what too often become complex, painful, and expensive downstream problems. *Upstream Medicine* features interviews by medical students and residents with leading physicians whose practices bring evidence-based, upstream ideas to life. They show how we can change the practice of medicine to build a healthier society.

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MAHLI BRINDAMOUR is a general pediatrician working in Saskatoon with a special interest in refugee health and Northern health.

CHRISTOPHER CHARLES is a resident physician in anesthesiology in Toronto. **RYAN MEILI** is a family physician in inner-city Saskatoon, founder of Upstream, and author of *A Healthy Society: How a Focus on Health Can Revive Canadian Democracy*.



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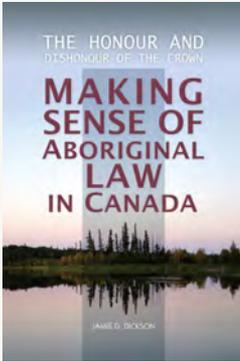
Moving Aboriginal Health Forward

Discarding Canada's Legal Barriers

Yvonne Boyer

There is a clear connection between the health of individuals and the legal regime under which they live, particularly Aboriginal peoples. From the early ban on traditional practices to the constitutional division of powers (including who is responsible for off-reserve Indians under the Constitution), this is a historical examination of Canadian legal regimes and the impact they have had on the health of Aboriginal peoples. With an emphasis on the social determinants of health, Boyer outlines how commitments made regarding Aboriginal rights through treaties and Supreme Court of Canada rulings can be used to advance the health of Aboriginal peoples.

YVONNE BOYER currently holds the Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Health and Wellness at Brandon University and owns Boyer Law Office, where she specializes in providing holistic services that blend mainstream law with Indigenous laws.



The Honour and Dishonour of the Crown

Making Sense of Aboriginal Law in Canada

Jamie D. Dickson

In Canada, the fundamentals of law relating to Aboriginal peoples are unclear and Indigenous communities lack appropriate guidance in terms of efficiently accessing the legal system to address breaches of their rights. This is yet another injustice endured by Aboriginal peoples in Canada. However, the Supreme Court of Canada has begun to place greater emphasis on the honour-of-the-Crown principle and less on the paternalistic, complex notion that governments owe a fiduciary duty to Aboriginal peoples. Dickson explores both theoretical and practical implications of this fundamental shift and possible future outcomes.

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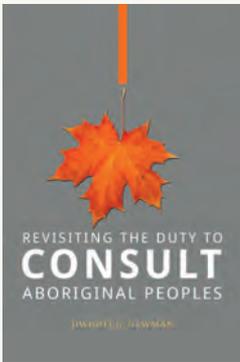
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JAMIE D. DICKSON is vice-president in charge of legal affairs at Des Nedhe Development, which is the economic development organization of English River First Nation in Saskatchewan.



Revisiting the Duty to Consult Aboriginal Peoples

Dwight G. Newman

Since the release of *The Duty to Consult* (Purich, 2009), there have been many important developments on the duty to consult, including three major Supreme Court of Canada decisions. Governments, Aboriginal communities, and industry stakeholders have engaged with the duty to consult in new and probably unexpected ways, developing policy statements or practices that build upon the duty, but often using it only as a starting point for different discussions. Evolving international legal norms have also come into practice that may have future bearing. Newman offers clarification and approaches to understanding the developing case law at a deeper and more principled level, and suggests possible future directions for the duty to consult in Canadian Aboriginal law.

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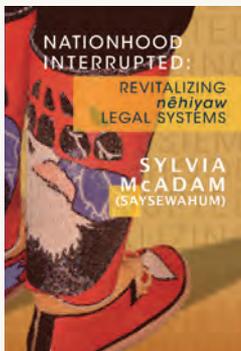
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Nationhood Interrupted

Revitalizing nêhiyaw Legal Systems

Sylvia McAdam (Saysewahum)

Traditionally, *nêhiyaw* (Cree) laws are shared and passed down through oral customs – stories, songs, ceremonies – using lands, waters, animals, land markings and other sacred rites. However, the loss of the languages, customs, and traditions of Indigenous peoples as a direct result of colonization has necessitated this departure from the oral tradition to record the physical laws of the *nêhiyaw*. McAdam, a co-founder of the international movement Idle No More, shares *nêhiyaw* laws so that future generations, both *nêhiyaw* and non-Indigenous people, may understand and live by them to revitalize Indigenous nationhood.

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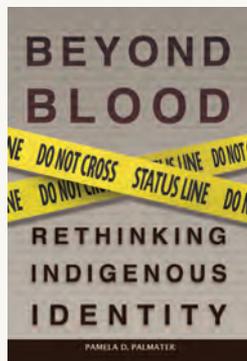
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Beyond Blood

Rethinking Indigenous Identity

Pamela D. Palmater

The current Status criteria of the Indian Act contains descent-based rules akin to blood quantum that are particularly discriminatory against women and their descendants, which author Pamela Palmater argues will lead to the extinguishment of First Nations as legal and constitutional entities. Beginning with an historic overview of legislative enactments defining Indian status and their impact on First Nations, the author examines contemporary court rulings dealing with Indigenous identity, Aboriginal rights, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Palmater also examines band membership codes to determine if their reliance on status criteria perpetuates discrimination. She offers changes for determining Indigenous identity and citizenship and argues that First Nations must determine citizenship themselves.

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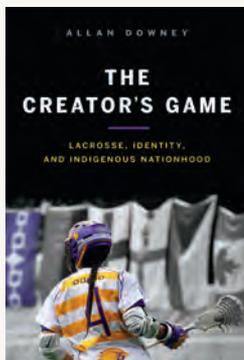
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The Creator's Game

Lacrosse, Identity, and Indigenous Nationhood

Allan Downey

Lacrosse has been a central element of Indigenous cultures for centuries, but once non-Indigenous players entered the sport, it became a site of appropriation - then reclamation - of Indigenous identities. *The Creator's Game* focuses on the history of lacrosse in Indigenous communities from the 1860s to the 1990s, exploring Indigenous-non-Indigenous relations and Indigenous identity formation. While the game was being appropriated in the process of constructing a new identity for the nation-state of Canada, it was also being used by Indigenous peoples to resist residential school experiences, initiate pan-Indigenous political mobilization, and articulate Indigenous sovereignty. This engaging and innovative book provides a unique view of Indigenous self-determination and nationhood in the face of settler-colonialism.

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We Interrupt This Program

Indigenous Media Tactics in Canadian Culture

Miranda J. Brady and John M.H. Kelly

We Interrupt This Program tells the story of how Indigenous people are using media tactics or interventions in art, film, television, and journalism to disrupt Canada's national narratives and rewrite them from Indigenous perspectives. Accounts of strategically chosen moments such as survivor testimonies at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and conversations with CBC reporter Duncan McCue and artists such as Kent Monkman, bring to life Brady and Kelly's powerful argument that media tactics can be employed to change Canadian institutions from within. As articulations of Indigenous sovereignty, these tactics can also spark new forms of political and cultural expression in Indigenous communities.

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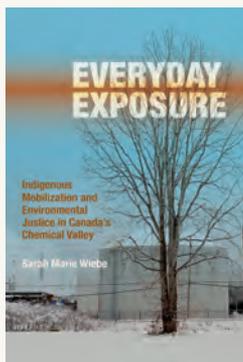
Power through Testimony

Reframing Residential Schools in the Age of Reconciliation

Edited by Brieg Capitaine and Karine Vanthuyne

Power through Testimony documents how survivors are remembering and reframing our understanding of residential schools in the wake of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, which included the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a forum for survivors, families, and communities to share their memories and stories with the Canadian public. The commission closed and reported in 2015, and this timely volume reveals what happened on the ground. Drawing on field research during the commission and in local communities, the contributors reveal how survivors are unsettling colonial narratives about residential schools and how churches and former school staff are receiving or resisting the new “residential school story.”

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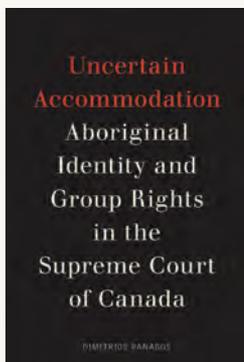
Everyday Exposure

Indigenous Mobilization and Environmental Justice in Canada's Chemical Valley

Sarah Marie Wiebe

Surrounded by Canada's densest concentration of chemical manufacturing plants, members of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation express concern about a declining male birth rate and high incidences of miscarriage, asthma, cancer, and cardiovascular illness. *Everyday Exposure* uncovers the systemic injustices they face as they fight for environmental justice. Exploring the problems that conflicting levels of jurisdiction pose for the creation of effective policy, analyzing clashes between Indigenous and scientific knowledge, and documenting the experiences of Aamjiwnaang residents as they navigate their toxic environment, this book argues that social and political change requires a transformative “sensing policy” approach, one that takes the voices of Indigenous citizens seriously.

SARAH MARIE WIEBE is a SSHRC postdoctoral fellow and assistant teaching professor at the University of Victoria.



Uncertain Accommodation

Aboriginal Identity and Group Rights in the Supreme Court of Canada

Dimitrios Panagos

In 1982, Canada formally recognized Aboriginal rights within its Constitution. The move reflected a consensus that states should and could use group rights to protect and accommodate subnational groups within their borders. Decades later, however, no one is happy. This state of affairs, Panagos argues, is rooted in a failure to define what aboriginality means, which has led to the promotion and protection of a single vision of aboriginality – that of the justices of the Supreme Court. He concludes that there can be no justice so long as the state continues to safeguard a set of values and interests defined by non-Aboriginal people.

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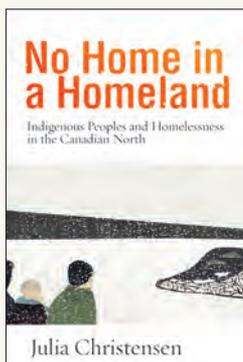
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No Home in a Homeland

Indigenous Peoples and Homelessness in the Canadian North

Julia Christensen

The Dene, a traditionally nomadic people, have no word for homelessness, a rare condition in the Canadian North prior to the 1990s. Julia Christensen documents the rise of Indigenous homelessness and proposes solutions by interweaving analysis of the region's unique history with personal narratives of homeless men and women in two cities – Yellowknife and Inuvik. What emerges is a larger story of displacement and intergenerational trauma, hope and renewal. Understanding what it means to be homeless in the North and how Indigenous people think about home and homemaking is the first step, Christensen argues, on the path to decolonizing existing approaches and practices.

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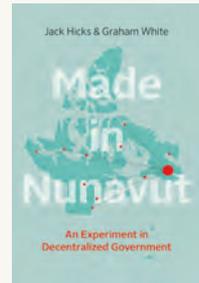
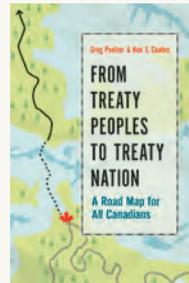
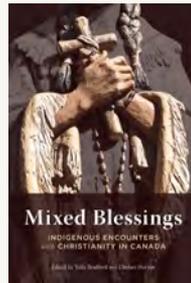
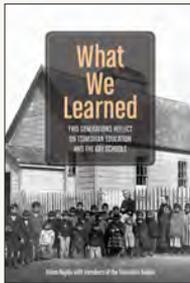
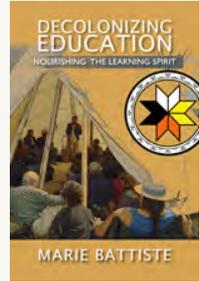
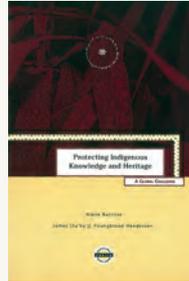
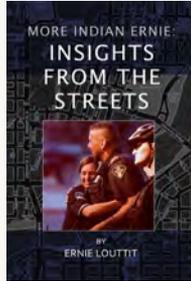
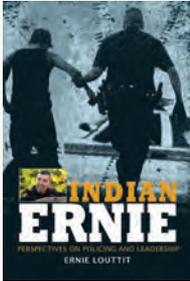
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