

BC Museums Association Gathering
September 24-27, 2024

2024 BCMA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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With local partners:

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors
Two Rivers Gallery
The Exploration Place
Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum
Huble Homestead Historic Site

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LOCAL MAP

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TRANSPORTATION & EVENT SHUTTLE



Scan the QR code for local transportation and Thursday event shuttle information.

Thank you to Tourism Prince George for sponsoring our event shuttle!

TAKE THE RESEARCH ACCOUNTABILITY PRACTICES SURVEY!

Increasingly the BCMA is called on by members to take a more active role in addressing systemic racism and toxicity in our sector. As one response, the BCMA will be conducting research on accountability practices.

This research will be integral to assessing how whistleblower, ethics violation, and complaint processes work in other sectors, jurisdictions, and countries. As part of this research, we are looking for your input! Scan the QR code to learn more & to take the survey.



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 11:30 AM Registration, Coffee & Light Refreshments
At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors
- 12:30 PM Welcome and opening ● LIVE
- 1:30 PM Lunch
- 3:00 PM Keynote ● LIVE
- 4:30 PM IBPOC Network Meet and Greet
At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors
- 5:30 PM Dinner on your own
- 7:00 PM Meet & Make: Evening Social
At Two Rivers Gallery

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:30 AM Coffee and Breakfast
At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors
- 10:00 AM Knowledge Exchange
- 12:00 PM Tradeshow, Artist Market & Lunch
- 2:30 PM Concurrent Speaker Sessions:
Professionalizing Your Small Museum on a Budget ● LIVE
At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors
A Carceral State of Mind: Colonial Justice and
Freedom Struggles in Canada & the United States
At Two Rivers Gallery
- 4:30 PM Movement Breaks
- 5:30 PM IBPOC Network Tea & Talk
At Omineca Arts Centre
- 5:30 PM Dinner on your own

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:30 AM Coffee and Breakfast
At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors
- 10:00 AM Knowledge Exchange
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM Closing Panel ● LIVE
- 3:30 PM Tea & Talk (for IBPOC & 2SLGBTQIA+ delegates)
At Omineca Arts Centre
- 4:30 PM Dinner on your own
- 7:00 PM Night at the Museum: Evening Social
At The Exploration Place

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 7:30 AM Early Bird Tea & Talk
Optional activities - see website

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

WELCOME & OPENING (SEP 24) LIVE

At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors

Join the BCMA team and our fantastic local partner organizations as we kick off the 2024 BCMA Annual Gathering. Opening of the Gathering will honour local protocol as deemed appropriate by the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

TEA & TALKS (SEP 24 - 27)

Omineca Arts Centre

IBPOC folks are welcome to join us in this dedicated affinity space to take a breath, get to know each other, and discuss anything that's on your mind. Tea, coffee, and snacks will be provided. This is an informal networking space, and you're welcome to drop in at any time during the session. On September 26, the IBPOC Network and 2SLGBTQIA+ Network are excited to join together for a Tea & Talk for delegates who identify as IBPOC and/or 2SLGBTQIA+. See the website for more details!

MEET & MAKE: EVENING SOCIAL (SEP 24)

At Two Rivers Gallery

We welcome all attendees to Two Rivers Gallery in downtown Prince George for Meet & Make: a casual night of socializing, crafts, light appetizers and drinks. Wander the beautiful gallery space, take in the current exhibition Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration, and join your friends and colleagues to get creative with a hands-on art activity! Cash bar on site.

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE (SEP 25 & 26)

At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors

Attendees will form small groups for this collaborative learning workshop where everyone at the table will share experiences, ideas, and lessons around themes of common interest. Bring your skills, policy documents and examples to share with others!

This session is not about having years of experience to teach others, it's about having an experience to share with others doing or aiming to do similar work. You are an expert on your own experiences! We all can learn from each other in the sector, and sharing information is a way to keep the sector vibrant and moving forward.

Mentorship (Sep 25)

Featuring: Golmehr Kazari, Richmond Museum & Jazmin Hundal, BC Museums Association

We know that many folks in this sector seek and benefit from mentorship throughout their careers. But what types of mentorship work best? Join Golmehr and Jazmin for a conversation around the different ways we have all benefited from mentorship, and how we can use our collective wisdom to mentor each other.

Community Relations (Sep 25)

Featuring: Sophia Maher, Nanaimo Museum

Engaging the broader community and building relationships at your organization can be complex. Chat with Sophia about strategies you can use to build stronger community connections at your institution.

Tourism & Marketing (Sep 25)

Featuring: Ana Alfieri, Destination BC & Robin Anderson, Aldrich Pears

How does your organization's stories fit into your community's tourism story? How do you connect with tourism partners? Learn more about Destination BC's Iconics Program and chat with interpretive planning specialists at this knowledge exchange.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Educational Programs and Delivery (Sep 25)

Featuring: Sherry Wong, BC Sports Hall of Fame

What steps do you take when you develop a new program, and how do you find funding? Bring a program that you're willing to share and questions you may have!

Navigating and Preventing Burnout - Healthy Workplace Culture (Sep 25)

Featuring: Laura VanZant, Revelstoke Museum & Archives

What is a healthy workplace culture? Bring a policy that supports a healthy workplace culture or a policy that you would like to work on - it can be outdated, in draft format, or non-existent!

Grant Writing & Storytelling (Sep 25)

Featuring: Ryan Hunt, BC Museums Association

Are there projects or initiatives that you need help finding funding for? How do you make grant writing fun? Bring your grant writing questions and troubleshooting!

Communications (Sep 25 & 26)

Featuring: Alyson Gourley-Cramer & Amy Dhanjal, Monogram Communications

Join Monogram Communications to explore creative ways of communicating with diverse audiences and engage in discussions on how different demographics receive information, with a Q&A covering topics including advocacy, crisis communications, media relations, and collaboration with local governments.

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What is AI? AI Listening Table (Sep 25 & 26)

Featuring: Lorenda Calvert, BC Museums Association

Information is power! Join the BC Museums Association's Program Manager Lorenda for a conversation about AI, its uses, and impacts on our sector, communities, and the planet.

Exhibition Development & Design (Sep 26)

Featuring: Michelle Taylor, New Westminster Museum & Archives

What kinds of exhibitions are being designed or do you think are needed in the sector? How does your organization make space for underrepresented voices in the process? At this table we will talk tools, techniques, and recommended strategies for exhibition design.

Community Relations (Sep 26)

Featuring: Quinn Beblow, Heritage Park Museum Terrace

What should museums know or understand about collaborating with Indigenous communities? What support do you need to increase collaboration between the sector and Indigenous communities that you do not have? Bring your repatriation policy to share or update!

Policy Exchange (Sep 26)

Featuring: Kira Westby, Bulkley Valley Museum

Bring two policies to discuss with your colleagues: one that you are proud of and one that you would like to work on - it can be outdated, in draft format, or non-existent.

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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**Outdoor Collections Maintenance (Sep 26)**

Featuring: Katherine Carlson, Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum

At this knowledge exchange, we'll explore the care and maintenance of outdoor collections. We will look at what kinds of outdoor collections and exhibitions your organization has, what maintenance it receives or needs, and tips and tricks for management.

Emergency Preparedness (Sep 26)

Featuring: Kate Cox, Barkerville Historic Town

Does your organization have an emergency plan in place? How confident do you feel to engage in emergency situations? Bring your policy and procedure documents and (re)build your supportive professional network by connecting with colleagues in your region.

Building Effective Boards (Sep 26)

Featuring: Tammy Bradford, Creston Museum & Ryan Hunt, BC Museums Association

A well functioning board is crucial to organizational success. How do you find board members? What does a good succession plan look like? How do you address issues? Explore these questions and more with Ryan and Tammy.

Developing Sustainable Exhibits (Sep 26)

Featuring: Elia Kirby, Great Northern Way Scene Shop

What are your organization's goals for emission reductions and lowering your carbon footprint? Do you have policies and procedures in place for reusing and repurposing materials from exhibitions? Preview and help shape GNW's new online sustainability calculator and chat to exhibit planning specialists.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS (SEP 25)

Professionalizing Your Small Museum on a Budget

At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors ● LIVE

Panellists: Krystal Leason, Executive Director; Nicole Krizmanich, Program Manager; Christine Reid, Store Manager; Rebecca Campbell, Curator

You're a small museum or heritage place with lots of enthusiasm, but your operation feels disordered and inefficient? Join the staff of Huble Homestead Historic Site for a panel discussion on how they got organized and grew into a respected local institution whose small team makes an outsized impact on a budget. Participants will take away a list of free or low-cost tools that can help them on their own journey.

A Carceral State of Mind: Colonial Justice and Freedom Struggles in Canada & the United States

At Two Rivers Gallery

Panellists: Michaela M. McGuire (MA) Ph.D. candidate at Simon Fraser University; Steven G. Fullwood, coordinator of Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration

Carceral systems are tools of oppression continuously weaponized by colonial states (New Zealand, Australia, the U.S., and Canada). Indigenous peoples have constantly been subjected to dehumanization and targeted for elimination by the state.

The Marking Time project, curated by Dr. Nicole R. Fleetwood, powerfully illuminates the profound impact of the carceral state on American life through the transformative lens of art and visual culture. This innovative, multiplatform initiative includes an award-winning book, a traveling exhibition, and dynamic public programs that spotlight artists dedicated to confronting and dismantling mass incarceration and advocating for the rights of imprisoned individuals, their families, and communities.

Scholar Michaela McGuire will elaborate on colonial justice systems as tools of oppression with a specific focus on the 'Canadian' context, and Marking Time coordinator Steven G Fullwood will highlight specific artists in the show, share insights about his role with the Marking Time project, and archiving MT artists and organizations.

CLOSING PANEL (SEP 26)**Sustaining Change – Work, Self-Care, and Radical Joy
At Uda Dune Baiyoh House of Ancestors** LIVE

Moderated by: Tracy Calogheros

Panellists: Kate Cox, Barkerville Historic Town & Park; Shirley Hogan, Canadian Mental Health Association of Northern BC; Jazmin Hundal, BC Museums Association

To close our 2024 gathering, we want to start a discussion about how to sustain change in a time of crisis. Join this panel for a conversation about burnout, stress, finding ways to support yourself as a human being during a time of constant upheaval and uncertainty, and how we can all embrace radical joy.

After another gruelling summer, it is important that we make space to recognize that many of us are not okay, offer a forum for people to discuss managing stress and self-care, and come together to share the passions that provide sources of joy.

Many of us are experiencing burnout. If we don't take action to protect our mental health and create cultures of care within our organizations, we won't be able to sustain the work needed to transform our sector. Let's combat burnout with radical joy.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: EVENING SOCIAL (SEP 26)
At The Exploration Place

Head to The Exploration Place Museum and Science Centre for our Night at the Museum. Check out their new exhibit Spirit Bear and Children Make History, a partnership with Carrier Sekani Family Service and the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society. Spot the critters and creatures hiding throughout the Biome Natural History Gallery. Join your friends – old and new – to explore, experiment, and taste your way through a selection of dessert stations (and savoury nibbles). Cash bar on-site.

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BCMA inquiries
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Catering
General inquiries
Conference schedule & locations
Prince George recommendations



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Conference schedule & locations
Thursday event transportation
Accessibility needs
General inquiries

Lorenda
Networking
General inquiries



Program Manager



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Jazmin
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General inquiries

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