

ASK ME ANYTHING

ASK ME ANYTHING: NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH
HONOURING HISTORY AND HERITAGE



TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021 AT 1:00PM
FEATURING: GARRISON GARROW AND
JACINTHE GRONDIN

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NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

“Implicit biases come from culture. I think of them as the thumbprint of the culture on our minds. Human beings have the ability to learn to associate two things together very quickly - that is innate. What we teach ourselves, what we choose to associate is up to us.”

- Dr. Mahzarin R. Banaji

Join us as we welcome our speakers Garrison Garrow and Jacinthe Grondin to the Ask Me Anything (AMA) stage. This month we will be honouring National Indigenous History Month through learning more about First Nations teachings in Ontario and Quebec.

The Seven Grandfather teachings—also called Seven Sacred Teachings— are a set of Anishinaabe guiding principles passed down from generation to generation to guide the way of life. Almost all First Nation people have adopted and adapted those teachings because they are simple, relatable and provide a moral compass. These teachings offer ways to enrich life while existing in peace and harmony with all of creation. As we apply these teachings or gifts of knowledge our experience of living improves. To incorporate these gifts into our daily lives is an ongoing challenge. It requires attention, discipline and perseverance.

For this month's AMA it is important to highlight that our speakers today are speaking from personal experience of being Algonquin and Kanienkehaka (Mohawk), two of the many Indigenous communities that are part of what are now known as Ontario and Quebec. There are 133 Indigenous communities in what is now known as Ontario and 60 in what is now known as Quebec.

This Resource Guide is a great place to start, but remember it is a starting point to encourage you to seek more knowledge and to better understand the bias in which Indigenous peoples have been presented by governments, institutions, media and entertainment in the past and present.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Garrison Garrow

Garrison is Kanienkehaka (Mohawk) Turtle clan from Akwesasne, a Haudenosaunee community that straddles the Canada, US border. As a child his family moved to the East coast where he grew up in the territory of the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet while living in non-Indigenous communities. Usually he was the only Indigenous person in his school and always the only one in his classes, so this meant he had to understand how to live in the two worlds. Something that can only be possible by being firmly rooted in his culture and learning what it means to be adaptable, balanced and resilient.

He has been a public servant for over 20 years, in many different area but always serving Indigenous peoples. He is also a proud father and an artist.

Jacinthe Grondin

Jacinthe is a woman, daughter, spouse, mother, grand-mother and friend. Born from an Algonquin mother (Lac-des-Deux-Montagnes), yet raised in French-Canadian environment, she was strongly influenced by Anishinabek Indigenous teachings (Abenaki and Algonquin) by the women who cared for her in her early years. Her childhood has shaped her deep-rooted worldviews, which she has struggled to harmonize with Western values. As she became a grand-mother, Jacinthe decided to fully embrace her Indigenous identity through advocating for Indigenous women rights. She is also accepting the role of teaching her grand-daughter the important traditional knowledge she has been taught, continuing this cycle of intergenerational knowledge transmitting.



For a living, Jacinthe has been working as a policy analyst in law-related issues for 15 years; after her initial career in private sector. She is also a Canadian School of Public Service Facilitator for Indigenous awareness Series.

RESOURCES

[How and Why We Do Land Acknowledgments](#)

<http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland/>

Information to guide you in your statement

Numerous resources can help you find whose land you live on and help you give an informed acknowledgment:

- *You can text 1 (855) 917- 5263 followed by the city and province you reside in. (For example, you type in Montreal, Quebec)*
- *You can also visit: <https://native-land.ca/> or <https://www.whose.land/en/>*
- *You can follow the steps in this guide: <https://www.amnesty.ca/blog/activism-skills-land-and-territory-acknowledgement>*

[How To Be an Ally](#)

“Being an ally is about disrupting oppressive spaces by educating others on the realities and histories of marginalized people.” - [Indigenous Ally Toolkit](#)

[Government of Canada Websites](#)

[Indigenous Services Canada](#)

[Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada \(CIRNAC\)](#)

[Kumik Elder Lodge](#)

Canada School of Public Service:

[Course: Job Aids \(csps-efpc.gc.ca\)](#)

[Indigenous Learning Series - CSPA \(csps-efpc.gc.ca\)](#)

ABOUT THE ASK ME ANYTHING



Thank you for attending Ask Me Anything - A Courageous Conversation on Inclusion and Belonging. To access all the resources visit [this folder](#).

Please contact Katie.freer@canada.ca, Samantha.moonsammy@forces.gc.ca or [CCG internal communications team](#) with any questions, comments and suggestions so we can all continue on our journey to become more inclusive and respectful.

Event recording

[A recording of the webcast event](#) will be available for a limited time if you would like to view it again or share it with colleagues who missed the event.

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